

O'FALLON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Press Release

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The O'Fallon Police Department announces tobacco compliance check results

Tobacco retailers were inspected for the third of three rounds of the 2010 compliance checks to be conducted on all tobacco retailers within the community. A total of 14 tobacco retailers were inspected and zero were found to be in violation of the law by selling tobacco to a minor.

THE 14 COMPLIANT RETAILERS INCLUDED:

Motomart 8401 E. Hwy 50	Motomart 970 W. Hwy 50	Casey's General Store 504 Hartman Lane	CC Food Mart 1011 W. Hwy 50
Wal-Mart 1530 W. Hwy 50	Sam's Club 1350 W. Hwy 50	Scott Gate Quick Mart 821 Seibert Road	Schnucks 907 E. Hwy 50
BP Amoco 720 S. Lincoln	Circle K 826 W. Hwy 50	Plaza Wine & Liquor 500 Southview Plaza	Gas Mart 320 W. State St.
CVS Pharmacy 753 W. Hwy 50	Walgreens 704 Cambridge Blvd.		

The compliance checks are performed to determine if local tobacco retailers are complying with state minimum-age tobacco laws which prohibit the sale of tobacco to persons under the age of 18. With the help from a grant awarded by the Illinois Liquor Control Commission's "Kids Can't Buy 'Em Here" Tobacco Enforcement Program, the O'Fallon Police Department educates local tobacco retailers on minimum-age tobacco laws and the importance of verifying the age of customers before selling age-restrictive products such as tobacco.

"We are pleased with the attention provided by the O'Fallon retailers and their continued efforts to assist in reducing youth access to tobacco products. The health of the children in our community is very important," said Chief John Betten.

For additional information, contact Officer Jamie Smith at (618) 622-1552 or write to the Illinois Liquor Control Commission at 100 W. Randolph Street, Suite 7-801, Chicago, IL 60601, or visit their website at www.state.il.us/lcc.