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San Francisco Police Department Receives the ABC Significant Achievement Award
Agency is recognized for grant project aimed at reducing alcohol-related harm

San Francisco - ABC Acting Director Ramona Prieto announced today that the San Francisco Police Department has been selected to receive the Significant Achievement Award from the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) for their work in promoting education of alcoholic beverage laws and also battling alcohol-related harm.

During the grant year, the San Francisco Police Department went far beyond their project goals. They visited over 300 ABC licensed premises and attended over 160 community outreach meetings forging a stronger working relationship between the alcoholic beverage industry, citizens in the community and law enforcement.

ABC Acting Director Ramona Prieto said “The San Francisco Police Department did important work addressing concerns brought to them from the community and sending a message to problem locations that they need to do a better job of complying with alcoholic beverage laws”.

“ABC is proud to work with all allied agencies throughout the State to provide education about alcohol-related laws and also the enforcement of those laws,” said Acting Director Prieto. “The ABC GAP program helps to improve the quality of life in neighborhoods and there can be a real positive impact on the communities where the grant program resources have been invested.”

The GAP Program was created to strengthen partnerships between ABC and local law enforcement agencies. The program is also designed to educate licensees and communities about the need for compliance with alcoholic beverage laws and also help with enforcement in order to increase public safety.

Program funds are used to try to reduce the number of alcoholic beverage sales to minors, obviously intoxicated patrons, illegal solicitations of alcohol, and other criminal activities such as the sale and possession of illegal drugs.

Since 1995, the GAP Program has distributed over \$46 million to local law enforcement to help increase compliance with alcoholic beverage laws. ABC is a Department of the Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency.

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