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News Release

79 Tobacco Retailers Recognized For Compliance Awards

(Farmington, Utah) – The Davis County Health Department and local law enforcement

agencies have been running a program to reduce underage access to tobacco in some cities since 1989.

The following Davis County retailers have been awarded certificates of recognition for not selling tobacco products to minors. Stores that have been in compliance for 15 years include: Albertsons of **Centerville** and Sinclair Main Street Service of **Layton**. Stores in compliance for ten years or more include: 7-Eleven (Main) and Albertsons of **Kaysville**, Hill Stop of **Layton**, and Saigon Market of **Sunset**. Five-year compliance awards went to Rite Aid, Smith's Marketplace, and Walgreens of **Bountiful**; Albertsons of **Clinton**; Smiths of **Farmington**; Maverik (1000 N) and Albertson's (Fairfield) of **Layton**; and Pappas Steak House of **Woods Cross**.

Stores that were checked for tobacco compliance from July 2008 - June 2009 and did not sell to an underage buyer received a one-year award:

- **Bountiful:** Albertsons, Corner 22, Hardy Enterprises (500 S), Hardy Enterprises (Main), Maverik (Main), Smith's, and Smith's Fuel Center.

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- **Centerville:** Maverik, RB's, Top Stop Chevron, and Wal-Mart.
- **Clearfield:** Circle K, Super Stop, Maverik (700 S), Maverik (State), Maverik (1700 S), RB's, Super Stop Texaco, Winegar's, and Smoke & More.
- **Clinton:** Albertsons Express and Maverik.
- **Farmington:** Maverik, Smith's Fuel Center, Top Stop Chevron, and Park Lane Chevron.
- **Kaysville:** Top Stop, RB's, and Walgreens.
- **Layton:** 2M, 7-Eleven (Main), Circle K, East Layton Chevron, Hardy Enterprises, Maverik (Gordon), RB's, Rite Aid, Reams, Short Stop Speedee Mart, Smith's, Smith's Fuel Center, Tobacco Save Smoke Shop, Smokey's, and Wal-Mart Neighborhood Mart.
- **North Salt Lake:** Maverik, Neighbors Market, Top Stop, and Winegar's.
- **South Weber:** Rays Valley Service.
- **Sunset:** 7-Eleven, Sunrise Enterprise, Smith's, and Smith's Fuel Center.
- **Syracuse:** Smith's, Smith's Fuel Center, Maverik, Walgreens, and Wal-Mart.
- **West Bountiful:** Sun-mart Chevron, Circle K, Sinclair, and Super Stop Texaco.
- **Woods Cross:** Slim Olsons, Apple Foodstores, and 7-Eleven.

From July 2008 - June 2009, 445 attempts were made by underage buyers supervised by local law enforcement to purchase tobacco products, according to Davis County Health Department director Lewis Garrett. "Of those 445 attempts, 37 resulted in an illegal sale of tobacco to a minor for a county buy rate of 8%," he said.

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“I’m a little concerned that the county’s rate increased 2% from the previous period but it’s still well below the high of 14% we saw for the July 2006 – June 2007 timeframe,” he said.

“We conduct a very robust program aimed at educating tobacco retailers how to train their clerks to identify underage buyers and it’s still showing good results,” Garrett said.

“I extend my congratulations and appreciation to the management and staff of those retailers who work hard to keep tobacco products away from underage teens,” he said.

Sale of tobacco products to a person under 19 is a Class C Misdemeanor on the first offense. Clerks are issued citations at the time of the violation. In addition, storeowners are subject to civil penalties for sale of tobacco to an underage buyer. Stores receive fines for the first two violations and a 30-day tobacco license suspension on the third violation. Upon the fourth violation within a 12-month period, the store’s license to sale tobacco will be revoked. A store’s fine may be reduced if they have a documented training program and proof that their employee was trained.

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