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IFPD and BYDC Partner Up for Zero Tolerance Campaign

The old adage is “kids will be kids” when it comes to underage drinking. But, are these kids ready to face the consequences that come with underage drinking that could last a lifetime?

According to statistics, teens who drink are more likely to engage in high-risk sexual behaviors, contract sexually transmitted disease, suffer from depression, commit violent or criminal acts, drop out of school or become an alcoholic.

Alcohol is also common a contributing factor in the four leading causes of death – car crashes, unintentional injuries, homicide and suicide – in people ages 10 to 24.

The Idaho Falls Police Department and the Bonneville Youth Development Council believe our local youth deserve better. Therefore, the IFPD and the BYDC are partnering in a Zero Tolerance Underage Drinking Enforcement Campaign.

“We recognize the harmful effects of underage drinking and want to keep our kids safe,” IFPD Capt. Mark McBride said. “Teens who begin drinking before the age of 15 are five times more likely to have alcohol problems when they are adults.”

In this campaign, the IFPD and BYDC will work to educate and enforce laws to ensure that local youth are making better and smarter decisions when it comes to underage drinking.

The public is also encouraged to assist in these efforts in helping report underage drinking in our community by calling the IFPD at (208) 529-1200 or Crimestoppers at (208) 522-1983.

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