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May identification blitz a success

WHITEHORSE—Yukon liquor inspectors conducted an identification blitz in Yukon bars and hotels last month looking for underage patrons. A total of 88 people were challenged to produce identification to confirm they were 19 years of age or over. Only one person was unable to provide identification when asked, and no underage patrons were found.

"This is a very positive result," Minister responsible for the Yukon Liquor Corporation Stacey Hassard said. "I am pleased that Yukon bar operators and their staff are diligent in ensuring there are no underage people on their premises. We all play a role in promoting social responsibility."

Yukon's liquor laws stipulate that all people, regardless of how old they appear, must be able to produce identification showing they are of legal drinking age when asked by a server, liquor inspector or RCMP member.

In May 2012, Yukon Liquor Corporation implemented the Check 25 program, which is used in many other Canadian jurisdictions. Any customer in Yukon liquor stores or licensed premises who appears to be under the age of 25 is asked to produce appropriate proof-of-age identification.

"The campaign is part of our ongoing commitment to the Substance Abuse Action Plan and is a tool for keeping young people safe," Hassard added. "The initiative is similar to the roadside check-stop program, and complements regular and ongoing inspections to confirm Yukoners are abiding by the law."

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