

# Ohio Investigative Unit



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**Agents encourage campus area liquor permit establishments to schedule free training**

**(Columbus)** – Over the next several weeks, the stretch of bars and carry outs adjacent to many of Ohio’s colleges and universities will begin seeing students return to campus. Before the students return, agents with the Ohio Investigative Unit (OIU) encourage those liquor permit holders to make sure their staff know Ohio’s liquor laws by scheduling a free Alcohol Server Knowledge (ASK) course.

During an ASK program, OIU agents provide instruction on laws pertaining to the sale and/or consumption of alcohol. Agents also cover topics such as false identification, employment of minors and penalties for those found in violation.

“By educating your staff on the liquor laws and penalties, you are taking steps to protect your customers as well as your establishment,” said Captain Gary Allen, OIU commander.

In 2015, more than 3,000 liquor permit establishment employees throughout the state completed ASK training. At the conclusion of the program, OIU provides the employer with a letter of attendance and completion.

To schedule the free ASK class, liquor permit establishments should contact OIU at (614) 644-2415.

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*The Ohio State Highway Patrol’s Ohio Investigative Unit agents are plain-clothed fully sworn peace officers. OIU is charged with enforcing the state’s liquor laws and is the only state law enforcement agency specifically tasked with investigating food stamp fraud crimes. Agents also investigate tobacco violations. Follow OIU on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Ohio-Investigative-Unit/165782203506269> and on Twitter by logging onto [http://twitter.com/Ohio\\_OIU](http://twitter.com/Ohio_OIU).*