



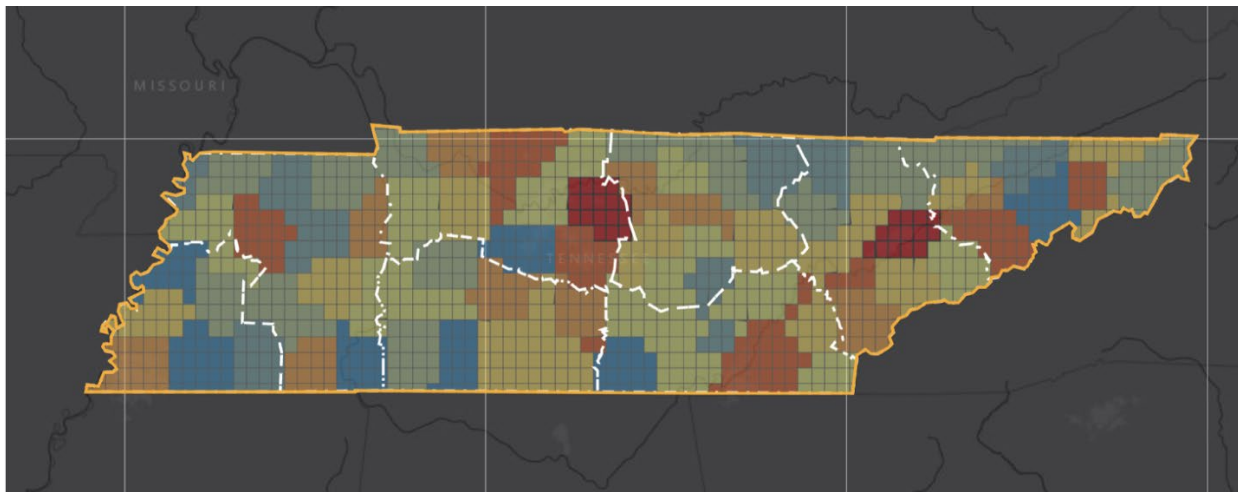
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TABC AWARDED \$125,000 GRANT TO DETER ALCOHOL SALES TO MINORS

The Tennessee Alcoholic Beverage Commission will increase operations in areas with higher concentrations of alcohol-related traffic fatalities through a recent grant.

NASHVILLE, TN – The Tennessee Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC) was awarded a Tennessee Highway Safety Office (THSO) grant of \$125,000 to combat underage drinking in Tennessee. The grant requires additional TABC compliance operations in communities with a higher concentration of alcohol-related traffic fatalities. These areas will be identified using the Tennessee Integrated Traffic Analysis Network (TITAN), which provides up-to-date crash data across Tennessee. TABC agents regularly conduct alcohol compliance operations across Tennessee to ensure state licensees do not sell alcohol to minors. The grant will pay for increased overtime pay associated with the additional operations.



Chief Law Enforcement Officer Bond Tubbs, a 32-year veteran of the TABC, is pleased to receive additional funds for increased enforcement countermeasures in light of recent trends. Alcohol-impaired driving fatalities for both 2019 and 2020 were up compared to previous years, according to the THSO [website](#). “A core mission of the TABC is to prevent underage drinking in Tennessee. These funds will allow us to do more compliance checks in communities with a higher concentration of alcohol-related traffic fatalities with the hope that fatalities decrease, and our roads will be safer,” said Chief Tubbs.

The grant cycle will run from October 2021 through September 2022. The TABC conducts routine minor compliance operations across the state and performs high visibility enforcement operations at heavily attended events. The TABC utilizes a “full circle of responsibility” approach when enforcing state alcohol laws. Licensees, employees who sell, and minors who attempt to purchase alcohol could all be penalized for facilitating an underage alcohol sale.

For more information about the Tennessee Highway Safety Office, please visit <https://tntrafficsafety.org>.

For more information about the Tennessee Alcoholic Beverage Commission, please visit www.tn.gov/abc.

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