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OIU Agents Issue a Reminder to Liquor Permits: Don't Give Away Alcohol on New Year's Eve

(Columbus) – As New Year's Eve approaches, Ohio Investigative Unit agents are reminding liquor permit premises that it is against the law to give-away alcohol in connection with your business. Also, patrons cannot pay a flat fee for an "all you can drink" promotion. Many of these free giveaways could lead to a charge of encouraging excessive consumption against the liquor permit holder.

Liquor permit holders who would like more information on and price list rules should contact OIU to schedule an Alcohol Server Knowledge (ASK) course. For more information on the ASK class, log onto <http://www.investigativeunit.ohio.gov/ask.stm>.

We want everyone to have a safe New Year's Eve.

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The 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.