

Cops arrest 10 during sweep of Medford bars

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Ten people were arrested last Friday evening during a multi-agency saturation patrol of 19 liquor premises in Medford, Oregon -- the fifth in a series of similar sweeps in Jackson County in recent months.

Eight were arrested for violating custody release terms at these licensed premises: the Office Gentlemen's Club (2 persons), 3 S. Riverside; Time Out Sports Restaurant & Lounge (1), 1213 Stewart Ave.; Trophy Club Bar & Grill (1), 812 S. Central Ave.; Shiki/Four Season/Rumors (1), 1206 N. Riverside; OK Market (1), 1202 N. Riverside; The Boneyard (1), 404 E. Main St.; Ground Zero (1), 123 S. Front.

Another person was arrested at Ground Zero for disorderly conduct.

The team made an arrest for assault at the corner of 9th and Central Ave. and issued a misdemeanor citation on north Riverside for child endangerment.

The saturation patrol was requested by Jackson County Parole/Probation officers and included inspectors from the Oregon Liquor Control Commission and Medford Police officers, said Inspector Jon Rhodes, OLCC's minor intervention specialist in Medford.

More patrols are slated this summer for Medford.

“During these saturation patrols, each agency has a specific objective and the team is very careful to stay within those objectives to successfully complete the operation,” Rhodes explained. “Most of all, the participating agencies enjoy working together, which can only strengthen our relationship and help keep the public safe as we go about our duties.”

“This was another successful operation in which we continue to get positive feedback from the staff and patrons of the licensed premises during our visits,” the inspector said. “The Medford OLCC office has received many calls from owners and bar staff inviting us back in the future.”

During the five Jackson County saturation patrols, law enforcement officials visited 113 alcoholic beverage premises in Medford, Ashland, Phoenix and Talent, resulting in 43 arrests and several citations for liquor law violations and other unlawful activity. Another 16 premises were visited in Klamath Falls, with four arrests, said Rhodes.

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