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OC Sheriff's Department Hosts Free Seminar for ABC Licensed Businesses

MISSION VIEJO, California - (February 28, 2014) – The Orange County Sheriff's Department and the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence – Orange County (NCADD-OC), in partnership with the California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC), are hosting a free seminar for ABC licensees and their employees in Mission Viejo.

The LEAD (Licensee Education on Alcohol and Drugs) seminars educate businesses on laws involving the sale and service of alcoholic beverages. The curriculum is designed for licensees, managers, and employees. The LEAD program provides practical information on serving alcoholic beverages safely, responsibly and legally, and preventing illicit drug activity at the licensed establishment. This updated, four-hour training will provide licensees with:

- Information on what is an acceptable form of identification, the best way to check identification, and how to refuse service.
- Updates on California alcohol laws along with alcohol beverage control enforcement acts.
- Informative handouts for you on the laws and regulations for California, a drinking chart guide, and descriptions of blood alcohol concentration levels.
- How to recognize patrons who have already become intoxicated and should no longer be served.

"These seminars help businesses better understand their responsibilities," states Orange County Sheriff Sandra Hutchens. "It provides them with the tools and knowledge they need to promote reasonable consumption and contribute to making communities safer."

The next LEAD seminar will be held at Mission Viejo City Hall on Thursday, March 20, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. ABC licensed businesses and their employees who are interested in attending the seminar can make reservations by calling Deputy Clint Byrd at (949) 283-0388 or Tiffany McCafferty with NCADD at (949) 595-2288, ext. 322.

The Orange County Sheriff's Department is able to provide the LEAD seminars free of charge as part of a grant received from ABC.

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