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Video filmed for alcohol serving, selling TiPS *By LAURA BUCK*

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It was a situation that probably happens every day: An underage teenager tries to buy alcohol with a fake ID, he or she gets carded and leaves. This time though, the situation was on camera being acted out as a means to instruct people selling and serving alcohol on certain procedures and how to handle difficult situations.

On June 9, actors from FHG Talent Group of Dunkirk and a film crew from CAS Productions of Huntingtown worked with Training for Intervention Procedures, or TiPS , to film a series of scenarios that will be shown to individuals working in any type of business that sells or serves alcohol.

The filming was done at Wemyss Liquors in St. Leonard. TiPS President Adam Chafetz said the videos are designed to teach servers and sellers of alcohol, or even someone throwing a private party, how to recognize symptoms of intoxication, prevent intoxication before it happens and handle minors trying to purchase alcohol.

He said the videos are also meant to reduce risk of lawsuits. "The main component is to really build confidence in a clerk," Chafetz said. "It's a lot harder to do it than say you can do it and who doesn't want to take care of your customers and make sure your customers are safe."

He said his company has filmed several TiPS videos in Calvert County since 1997 or 1998. "The people here are really friendly and it's a convenient location," Chafetz said, adding that people from much further than Washington, D.C., and the surrounding area will be watching these videos. "We just did a class in Antarctica; that's the last continent we haven't been in," he said.

He said each of the scenarios filmed will be critiqued by the classes in which they are shown and so various points of view are filmed. Colin Loveless of Chesapeake Beach portrayed an underage customer who wanted to buy alcohol and had his fake ID checked in an ID book and ultimately rejected.

Loveless, 17, said he got the opportunity to participate in the film through being signed on with FHG Talent Group and said it was his first time on camera. Outside of having a new acting opportunity, Loveless said he also learned that having a fake ID from another state won't outsmart alcohol sellers and bartenders. "I didn't know ID books existed," he said, explaining that a copy of every states ID is displayed in one of said books. "So don't use a fake ID," Loveless said.

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