

Free TIPS server training offered to local businesses

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The Stark County Sherrif's Office, Esber Beverage, the Anti-Drug Coalition, the Ohio Investigative Unit and Stark County Safe communities have collaborated for a certified training program for businesses who serve alcohol.

The training will be on Friday, Sept. 21, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Stark County Sheriff's Office, located at 4500 Atlantic Blvd. NE. Canton, Ohio, 44705.

Stark County'd recent statistics show a large number of fatal crashes within the county have been alcohol or drug related. It has been a trend that has continued for several years. The training being offered may do the following:

Help protect from DUI/OVI liability, help lower insurance premiums, help prevent liquor sales to minors, increase respect for your professional standards.

TIPS trains servers, sellers, and consumers of alcohol how to prevent intoxication, drunk driving, and underage drinking. Businesses such as restaurants and bars training their staff to recognize the signs of intoxication can reduce the chance of an alcohol-related incident.

TIPS trained servers should be able to show customers that they care about them and want to make their visits to their establishment as pleasant as possible.

This free training comes courtesy of the Esber Beverage Company, which will also provide information on the safe sale of alcohol. SCIBParticipants must be present for the full three hour session. Space is limited and reservations are required. For more information or to register, call Sharon George at 330-430-3835 or by e-mail at 207@starksheriff.org. Be sure to provide the names of all employees who will attend.