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OLCC honored with Eugene Police Department's Partnership Award

PORTLAND, Ore. – The Eugene Police Department has honored the Oregon Liquor Control Commission with the city's Partnership Award. The award was presented April 28.

The OLCC's Eugene regional office has worked cooperatively with Eugene Police Department to address crime in the Washington/Jefferson Street Park area. OLCC Eugene Regional Manager, Pete O'Rourke; OLCC inspector, Mark Jaehnig; and Eugene Police Sergeant, Terry Fitzpatrick found that the criminal behavior seemed to follow the introduction of the sale of inexpensive, high-alcohol content beverages in the area. Together, the two agencies developed a creative solution, which was to ask area businesses to voluntarily stop selling fortified beers for a 90-day trial period. The innovative efforts of the OLCC, the Eugene Police Department and local business owners resulted in a 70 percent drop in crime from the same time period the previous year.

"I am so proud of my team and the good work that we've been able to accomplish in our city," said O'Rourke. "Our goal is to work with licensees to help them be successful, while keeping customers and neighborhoods safe. It is the great relationship we have with the Eugene Police Department and licensees that allow us to accomplish great things together."

Photo caption: Eugene Police Department Partnership Award, presented to the OLCC April 28, 2010

The photo is also available on the OLCC's Flickr page at
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