

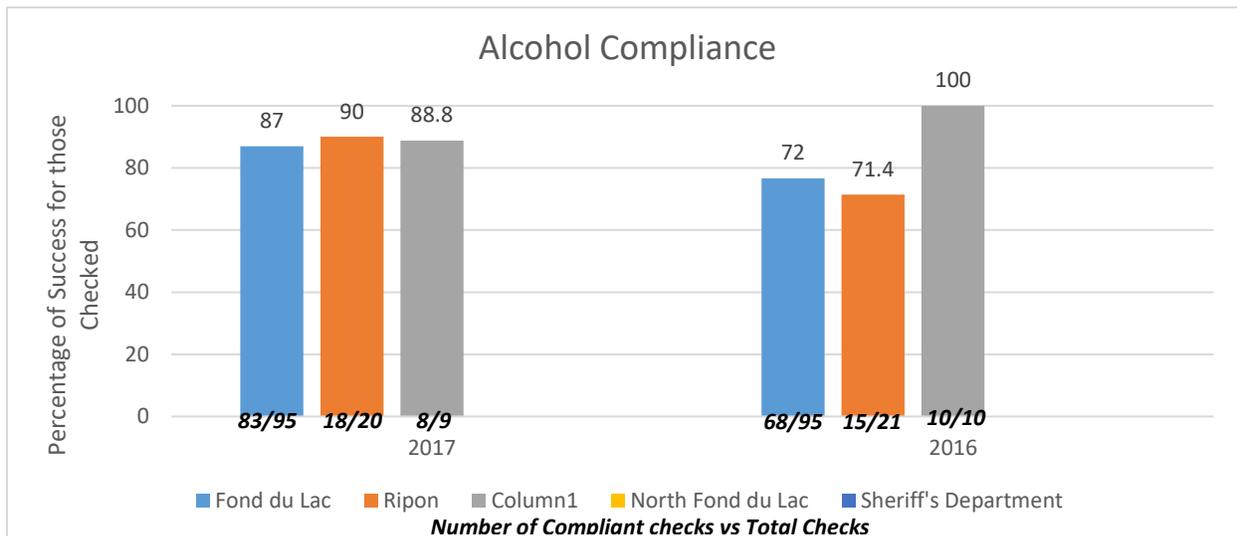
## Fond du Lac County Alcohol Compliance Checks 2016/2017 Annual Summary

One of the primary objectives of Drug Free Communities of Fond du Lac County (DFC) is to reduce the prevalence of underage drinking by monitoring the sale of alcohol to underage persons. As you can see from the graph below the cities of Fond du Lac and Ripon have had an increase in success from 2016 to 2017. Both cities have done compliance checks for three consecutive years.

DFC is unique from other programs as it focuses on the prevention of our youth initiating alcohol and drug use. It is also the only group collaborating with multiple organizations such as School Districts, law enforcement agencies, healthcare agencies, youth-serving organizations, and government agencies on substance abuse prevention issues to make the important environmental changes. DFC provides support for the law enforcement agencies of: Fond du Lac County Sheriff, cities of Fond du Lac, Ripon and Waupun as well as the Village of North Fond du Lac in doing alcohol compliance checks.

Research from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism indicates that if a youth begins drinking before the age of 15, they are five times more likely to develop alcohol dependence than if they abstain from alcohol use until age 21. We know that when we stop or delay youth from initiating alcohol or drug use, we reduce their chances of becoming addicted to these drugs. We also reduce future problems, not only for them as they become adults, but also for our communities and the issues that drug abuse causes such as violence, fights, sexual assaults, theft, accidents, and even death.

Below is each community's percentage of success from no sales to youth during alcohol compliance checks for 2016 and 2017:



**Fond du Lac:** The City of Fond du Lac has the largest number of alcohol outlets in the county, with 123 licenses total for 2017-18. The City of Fond du Lac Police Department successfully completed 95 compliance checks, with only 28 establishments not checked because they are either private, no longer in business, banquet facilities or establishments with limited hours.

**Ripon:** The City of Ripon has 29 alcohol licenses that have been issued, and 20 of those establishments were checked in 2017. The City of Ripon had nine establishments not checked because they are either private, no longer in business, banquet facilities or establishments with limited hours.

**Waupun:** The City of Waupun has 28 alcohol licenses that have been issued, and nine of those establishments have been checked. Compliance checks in Waupun have been done at retail outlets including convenience stores.

**North Fond du Lac:** The Village of North Fond du Lac has a total of seven liquor licenses. North Fond du Lac has not done compliance checks since 2015.

**Sheriff's Office:** The Sheriff's Office did not do alcohol compliance checks since 2014.