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From the Desk of the SRO

How Teens Smuggle Booze Under Your Nose—October Trend of the Month

It's one of the most popular candies on the market and a favorite of young children and teens -- gummy bears.

"Drunk Gummies"



Now a lot of teens are using them to get a buzz. In a YouTube video, a woman is seen mixing gummy bears with vodka,

and teens are using the recipe.

The gummies are soaked in vodka in a refrigerator for several days so the candies absorb the liquor. While you may think the teen is having a sweet treat, they may very well be getting drunk.

David Burkett is a drug counselor and was shocked to learn about the trend. "The problem with teens and alcohol today is that it seems to be more accessible to them. There doesn't seem to be as much parental controls as there once

were or was so it seems to be escalating more and more", Burkett said.

Police departments are now warning parents of the danger. Mothers Against Drunk Drivers of North Texas released this statement saying they are "concerned to hear about any alcohol consumption by those under age 21. MADD urges parents to use this opportunity to talk with their kids about the dangers of underage drinking

DARE in our School

Last year we kicked off the DARE program in the Atlantic County Special Services School and the Atlantic County Institute of Technology for the first time. The program was well received, and with the help of the administration and staff, we look to make the program an even bigger success this year. In addition to the core curriculum,

we will also be introducing the "Keepin' it REAL" curriculum, which is geared toward middle and high school students and goes a lot more into making decisions that have significant affects.

I will begin teaching all of the programs starting in January with the graduation ceremony in April.

If you would like any additional information about the DARE program, contact one of the SRO's listed at the right.

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Quote of the month:

Nothing can stop the man with the right mental attitude from achieving his goal; nothing on earth can help the man with the wrong mental attitude.
Thomas Jefferson-