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BASSET TRAINING AVAILABLE FOR ALCOHOL SELLERS AND SERVERS

ROCKFORD, IL - The Illinois Liquor Control Commission (ILCC) has announced all sellers and servers of alcohol in Winnebago County are required by law to be certified through the Beverage Alcohol Sellers and Services Education and Training (BASSET) program by July 1, 2016. Area merchants and their employees can meet this requirement by participating in BASSET training through the Community Action Agency of the City of Rockford Human Services Department.

BASSET is a four-hour training course that offers everything needed to sell and serve alcohol safely and responsibly. The \$25.00 per person fee will cover all training materials and a certificate of completion.

Not only does comprehensive responsible beverage service help reduce sales to underage youth and intoxicated adults, it can also protect businesses legally. Businesses may also qualify for a reduction in Dram Shop Insurance depending upon the insurance carrier. Please also remember that Alcohol Compliance Enforcement checks are conducted randomly and periodically throughout the year.

Two BASSET trainings are scheduled for Thursday, February 4 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. at 555 N. Court Street in Rockford. Advanced registration is required. On-site trainings may also be arranged for larger groups. Please contact Delicia Harris at delicia.harris@rockfordil.gov, 779-348-7573 or Daniel Gonzalez at daniel.gonzalez@rockfordil.gov, 779-348-7568 (habla español) to register for for more information.

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