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Deputy Commissioner uses YouTube to warn of alcohol-fuelled behaviour over summer

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<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AiaYaBAV9lQ>

The New South Police Force has used YouTube to send a strong warning about the consequences of alcohol-fuelled behaviour over summer.

A two-minute broadcast by Deputy Commissioner (Field Operations) Dave Owens tells the story of 'Michael' and how a series of bad decisions whilst intoxicated changed his life forever. One decision he made was refusing to leave a pub when asked.

"I have made it clear to our officers that when we're called to licensed premises because someone refuses to leave, we will be issuing a \$550 penalty notice rather than simply moving people on.

"Those issued with a penalty notice for 'failing to quit' very rarely re-offend.

"The NSW Police Force has conducted a series of campaigns to reduce alcohol-related crime and related anti-social behaviour, and this message via YouTube is another way to inform the community how a few drinks too many can impact on your life – and the lives of others," Deputy Commissioner Owens said.

"I'm appealing for some common sense to be shown - when you go for a drink with friends to celebrate over the summer holiday period, take responsibility for your actions."

"Police don't want to spoil your festivities, but we will be out in force to ensure everyone has a safe and hassle-free summer."

"We need your help – and you can assist police and other emergency services by drinking in moderation and behaving responsibly."

"Don't use alcohol as an excuse to become involved in anti-social or violent behaviour," Deputy Commissioner Owens said.

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