



Jackson Police Department
Todd Smith Chief of Police

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Wyoming Department of Health
2300 Capital Avenue
Cheyenne, WY 82002

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in support of the great work that our local PMO has been doing in Teton County to help bring attention to the highly important topic of substance abuse prevention and suicide prevention for the youth in our community.

According to recent studies, Teton County ranks amongst the counties (in Wyoming) with the highest rates of alcohol binge-use by high school teens. Given the propensity of our youth to abuse alcohol, the work the PMO is doing in our County has never been more important to the safety and vitality of our teen population.

I personally have found the staff of the Teton County PMO to be more than willing to collaborate on projects with the police department, such as; free gun locks for our community, suicide prevention training for our officers, and promoting ordinance changes to prevent alcohol from falling into the hands of minors that can lead to tragedy.

I fully support the work that is being done by our local PMO and would encourage the Wyoming Department of Health to continue to support grant request so that their work can continue to make a difference in our community.

Respectfully

Chief Smith

"We enhance the quality of life and provide for the safety and security of residents and visitors through professional police services."