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**For Immediate Release**

**Retailer Certification Class**

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## **TOBACCO CLASS OFFERED TO LOCAL RETAILERS**

**SCOTT COUNTY, Iowa January 5, 2009** – In cooperation with the Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Division, the **Scott County Sheriff's Office** is offering a training class to local tobacco retailers on how to effectively refuse tobacco sales to minors.

The *Iowa Pledge Retailer Certification Class*, which will be held on **January 27, 2009 from 5:00 – 7:00 PM** at **The Genesis Heart Institute** (North of the Genesis East Hospital) in the Adler Auditorium (downstairs) **1236 East Rusholme Street, Davenport, Iowa** will teach clerks the basics of Iowa's tobacco laws as well as fundamentals of driver's license evaluation, age verification and situational evaluation. Registration for the free two-hour class is available exclusively at the Iowa ABD's Web site, [www.IowaABD.com](http://www.IowaABD.com).

Clerks who attend the two-hour class and pass an online test will receive a certificate valid for two years. Retailers may use the certification program as an affirmative defense from a civil penalty once in a four-year period if a certified clerk slips up and sells tobacco to a minor. In order to assert the affirmative defense, the clerk that made the illegal sale must have been certified through the Iowa ABD's training program.

For more information on the *Iowa Pledge Program*, visit [www.IowaABD.com](http://www.IowaABD.com).