A major police operation targeting problem drinkers and anti-social behaviour is currently underway in Katherine.

Operation Zora started on Wednesday and will run though until Sunday.

Twelve extra Police Officers have been dispatched from Darwin to support frontline Katherine Police Officers.

Mr Giles said the operation was important for maintaining the Katherine community’s social standards and reinforcing the message that anti-social behaviour will not be tolerated.

“Operation Zora will see an increased patrol presence targeting identified Katherine trouble spots,” Mr Giles said.

“The operation will send a clear message to those who think it is acceptable to drink alcohol in Katherine’s CBD – we will not tolerate your behaviour.”

Local Member for Katherine, Willem Westra van Holthe, said Operation Zora was important for reminding locals and visitors to Katherine that a binge drinking culture is unacceptable.

“Katherine is a regional hub for many communities so there is always a transient population of people in the CBD,” Mr Westra van Holthe said.

“Anti-social behaviour is unacceptable, especially when 73 percent of assaults in Katherine are confirmed as having alcohol as a significant contributing factor.

“The Country Liberals are standing up to protect the Territory lifestyle and will not tolerate those who put our community at risk.”

In the first two days of the operation (17 and 18 of April), Police have taken a total of 63 protective custodies, tipped out 90 litres of alcohol, given 18 infringements and made five arrests.

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