



## NLLEA 2018 Training Symposium Agenda and Session Descriptions

### Monday, March 26

**0700-0800**

**Breakfast**

**0800-0850**

**Opening Remarks**

*Representative James L. Boyles, Jr., North Carolina General Assembly*

*Branch Head Terrance Merriweather, North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation, Alcohol Law Enforcement Branch*

**State Introductions and Overview of NLLEA**

*Executive Director Rebecca Ramirez, NLLEA*

This presentation will outline NLLEA's mission, goals, and membership benefits. Additionally, it will review recent projects undertaken by the NLLEA, focused on preventing impaired driving and other alcohol-related crimes and the current initiative to create and use a national Place of Last Drink system for local and state law enforcement agencies.

**0900-0950**

**Warrantless Administrative Search Authority**

*Chief Frederick Mahony, Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission*

This training session will cover the history of warrantless administrative searches as it has developed through the United States Supreme Court and various Appeals Courts; including the current court ruling status, parameters and constraints of conducting a warrantless administrative search as a state alcohol enforcement agency. This session will also provide guidelines and operational plans for agents to assist them in remaining within the court parameters when conducting searches of licensed premises.

**1000-1050**

**The 3-Tier System**

*Lieutenant James Jones, Pennsylvania State Police, Bureau of Liquor Enforcement*

*CAGE Unit Supervisor Todd Merlina, Pennsylvania State Police, Bureau of Liquor Enforcement*

This session will outline the three-tier system in the world of alcohol beverage control, how it functions, why it is important, and what approaches are currently being taken to blur or erase the distinctions between each of the three tiers. A discussion will ensue about the importance of understanding the three-tier system for the enforcement of alcohol laws.

**1100-1150****Illegal Trade Practices**

*Chief Frederick Mahony, Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission*

Trade practice violations are a common concern for alcohol law enforcement agents, often requiring investigations that reach every level of the three-tiered system. Wholesalers and producers have been found to use incentives to buy space for their product in bars and paying large sums of money to secure business with retail locations. This session will explore how to conduct an investigation of trade practices and how to enforce the laws and prosecute individuals and organizations violating trade practice laws.

**1200-1300****Lunch****1300-1350****Sales to Intoxicated Persons (SIP) and Place of Last Drink (POLD)**

*Chief Frederick Mahony, Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission*

The overall objective of SIP enforcement operations is to prevent impaired driving at the most common source: licensed premises regulated through alcohol enforcement agencies. This training will cover policy and procedure recommendations for SIP enforcement operations, including officer safety; undercover operations; signs of intoxication; statutory requirements and report writing. The session will also provide an overview of how POLD data can be collected and utilized to maximize enforcement and training resources with establishments who may have a history of over service.

**1400-1550****Underage Drinking Enforcement**

*Deputy Director Rob Kracyla, Delaware Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement*

*Lieutenant James Jones, Pennsylvania State Police, Bureau of Liquor Enforcement*

With underage alcohol consumption common in today's society, law enforcement officers need tools to enforce underage alcohol laws. This class covers multiple aspects of underage drinking enforcement, including compliance checks, shoulder taps, party patrols and public relations. Case studies from real cases will be presented and analyzed.

**1700-1900****Networking Reception**

**Beacon Ridge Country Club**

**Tuesday, March 27**

**0700-0800**

**Breakfast**

**0800-0950**

**Illegal Gambling**

*Lieutenant James Jones, Pennsylvania State Police, Bureau of Liquor Enforcement*

*CAGE Unit Supervisor Todd Merlina, Pennsylvania State Police, Bureau of Liquor Enforcement*

*Special Agent in Charge Chris Poole, North Carolina Alcohol Law Enforcement Branch*

Illegal gambling devices in licensed establishments have been on the rise nationwide, requiring a nuanced understanding of the electronic games and how to identify games of skill versus games of chance. Despite methodic efforts, the industry continually challenges law enforcement by attempting to disguise the real purpose of gambling machines – to make money, contending they are games of skill. This session will look at investigative procedures used to address illegal gambling devices and the case laws that have assisted or hampered prosecutions. A variety of devices and their features and the terminology used by vendors to mislead business owners and the public into believing the machines are legal will also be discussed.

**1000-1050**

**Special Events Enforcement**

*Deputy Director Robert Kracyla, Delaware Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement*

Special events, both small and large in scale, require enforcement efforts that are tailored to the unique nature of the events. This training will look at the trends and culture of all types of special events. The importance of preventative education; working with local police departments; utilizing plain clothed and uniformed officers; and understanding the role social media will be discussed. Whether covering a small event or one with as many as 50,000 attendees, this session will prepare agents to proactively approach special events enforcement.

**1100-1150**

**Source Investigations**

*Agent in Charge Greg Croft, Ohio Department of Public Safety, Investigative Unit*

Source investigations, also known as trace-back investigations, are initiated when there has been an alcohol-related fatality and there is the possibility that the alcoholic beverages were not lawfully purchased or consumed, through either sales to underage or intoxicated persons. Source investigations use criminal and administrative investigative techniques to determine the original source of the alcohol. This session will walk participants through the steps of conducting a source investigation, from opening the case to filing administrative, civil or criminal charges.

**1200-1300**

**Lunch**

**1300-1350**

**Source Investigations continued**

**1400-1550****Human Trafficking and Licensed Establishments**

*Special Agent Bryan Irwin, North Carolina Alcohol Law Enforcement Branch*

Human trafficking can take place in many locations, including those establishments licensed to sell/serve alcohol. This session will provide an overview of the problem of human trafficking, specifically focusing on human trafficking cases in establishments licensed to sell alcohol. An overview of cases completed in North Carolina will be provided, with examples of how the investigations were conducted, and a discussion of how the multidisciplinary approach, including working with victim service providers, is essential in combatting human trafficking.

**1600-1800**

**Optional:** Use of North Carolina's VirTra 300 Training Simulator, a 5 screen, 300 degrees, immersive training environment

**1700-1800**

**Dinner**

**Wednesday, March 28**

**0700-0800**

**Breakfast**

**0800-1050**

**Undercover Operations & Techniques/ Intelligence Gathering and Sharing Surveillance Techniques & Procedures**

*Lieutenant James Jones, Pennsylvania State Police, Bureau of Liquor Enforcement*

*CAGE Unit Supervisor Todd Merlina, Pennsylvania State Police, Bureau of Liquor Enforcement*

*Special Agent L.E. Shoaf, North Carolina Alcohol Law Enforcement Branch*

Undercover investigations can present law enforcement organizations and officers with unique challenges. This course, targeted at both law enforcement officers and supervisors, provides instruction on undercover role preparation, development of cover stories, use and control of informants as well as note taking and reporting. The session will also include a discussion of an undercover officer's duty to act and protect in various situations and policies and procedures unique to the supervision and management of undercover officers. A significant percentage of criminal activity originates, occurs in, or otherwise involves liquor licensed establishments. The duties of alcohol law enforcement officers place them in a unique position to gather criminal intelligence relating to various crimes. This training explores policies, procedures and techniques designed to enhance the abilities of officers and agencies to effectively gather and share criminal intelligence.

**1100-1150**

**Tobacco Enforcement**

*Special Agent Susan Day, Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority, Bureau of Law Enforcement*

*Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Israel Morrow, North Carolina Alcohol Law Enforcement Branch*

This session will provide an overview of the types of tobacco enforcement that can be conducted, including regularly scheduled premise inspections, conducting surveillance, providing online and in-person training, and conducting underage compliance checks. There will also be a discussion of the overlap between the alcohol and tobacco enforcement for some licensees and establishments.

**1200-1300**

**Lunch**

**1300-1450**

**Fake ID Trends and Detection Methods**

*Detective Mark Baxter, Howard County Police Department*

This training session will go in-depth to cover the three core considerations when checking the validity of an identity document in the alcoholic beverage trade: 1) Is the person 21 years of age, 2) Does the photo match the presenter, and 3) Is the document genuine? This session will review suggested dialogues, physical feature comparisons, and behaviors exhibited by suspected possessors of fake IDs. Focus will be placed on identifying security features of commonly

counterfeited United States driver's licenses and emphasize those features that can be quickly verified. Additionally, this session will include hands-on examples of genuine and counterfeit IDs to demonstrate how to discover these security features.

**1500-1530**

**Presentation of Certificates/Closing Remarks**

**1700-1800**

**Dinner (for anyone staying Wednesday night)**