



NLLEA 2018 Training Symposium Instructor Bios

Detective Mark Baxter, Alcoholic Beverage Inspector, Maryland, Howard County Police Department

Detective First Class Mark Baxter is a 17-year veteran with the Howard County (MD) Police Department. He has previous employment with both the United States Army Military Police and with the FBI. Currently, Detective Baxter is assigned as the only Alcoholic Beverage Inspector for all of Howard County and is responsible for more than 300 alcoholic beverage licenses. He has held positions within the Patrol Division, SWAT Team, and is a member of the Emergency Services Unit. He instructs police officers and civilians in the detection of fraudulent documents, and serves as a Subject Matter Expert on fraudulent documents for the District Court of Maryland. Pressed by the influx of high-quality counterfeit documents available online, Detective Baxter created the "Fake ID-Real Problem" campaign to battle fraudulent ID use in Howard County, Maryland. To date, this program has helped to prevent more than 1800 sales of alcohol to underage persons.

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

AIC Croft has been with the Ohio Department of Public Safety since 2000 and is currently in charge of the OIU Cleveland District. AIC Croft holds a bachelor's degree in both criminal justice and sociology and has over 20 years of law enforcement experience. During the last 18 years he has been assigned to OIU district operations and has investigated and supervised countless numbers of investigations. In 2013, the Ohio Department of Public Safety placed an emphasis on the Traceback Program, including an interface with state, county, and local law enforcement agencies. In the last 5 years the Ohio Dept. of Public Safety has conducted hundreds of Traceback investigations. AIC Croft supervised dozens of active Traceback investigation cases, including the first Ohio case to be indicted by a grand jury for multiple felony charges stemming from one of those investigations.

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

Special Agent Susan Day has been with the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority Bureau of Law Enforcement for approximately 12.5 years. During her employment she has been awarded the Meritorious Police Conduct Medal as well as several Bureau Citations and Letters of Commendation for various plainclothes and undercover operations. She currently serves as a Firearms Instructor for the Bureau, is the Fredericksburg Region 5 Underage Buyer Program Coordinator, and is a member of the VA ABC Credit Card Task Force.

Special Agent Bryan Irwin, North Carolina Alcohol Law Enforcement Branch

Bryan Irwin has been employed with North Carolina alcohol law enforcement for 18 years. For the past five years he has served as a task force member of the United States Homeland Security Investigations (HSI). During his time with HIS he has investigated numerous international, national and local human trafficking/smuggling investigations. In July 2016 Officer Irwin was selected to serve as the program manager for the development and implementation of North Carolina's first statewide law enforcement effort specifically targeting human trafficking, thus the Human Trafficking Unit (HTU) was formed. HTU

is comprised of federal, state and local human trafficking investigators working to target individuals and organizations which utilize trafficking and/or smuggling as a means to facilitate their illegal operations.

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

Lieutenant Jones, Western Section Commander of the Pennsylvania State Police Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement, has been a member of the Pennsylvania State Police for more than 26 years. He has held numerous positions within the Department including patrol trooper, criminal investigator, vice/narcotics investigator, patrol unit supervisor, crime unit supervisor, vice/narcotics unit supervisor, patrol section supervisor and station commander. In addition to his normal duties, Lieutenant Jones has served as a Department firearms instructor and troop education officer for over 20 years and is employed by Indiana University of Pennsylvania as an instructor in their municipal police training academy. For over 10 years, Lieutenant Jones has been assigned to the Department's Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement, initially as Commander of one of the Bureau's nine District Enforcement Offices and currently as the Western Section Commander. In his current position, he oversees the operations of three District Enforcement Offices covering 22 counties. During his tenure with the Bureau, he has helped to develop and provide training to enforcement officers and other law enforcement personnel across the Commonwealth in all areas of liquor law and gambling enforcement. Additionally, he has been instrumental in developing and refining the curriculum for new enforcement officers.

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

Deputy Director Kracyla currently serves as the Deputy Director of Delaware's Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement, with over 36 years of law enforcement experience. He is the operations manager for 17 sworn law enforcement officers that have statewide jurisdiction and arrest powers to enforce all laws of the State of Delaware. Deputy Director Kracyla is also a commissioned officer in charge of the US Food and Drug Administration Program for the State of Delaware. He supervises the criminal and administrative investigations involving the Delaware Liquor Control Act and the Delaware Alcoholic and Administrative Rules of the Delaware Alcoholic Beverage Control Commissioner. Deputy Director Kracyla retired from the Delaware State Police as a Sergeant after 26 years, where he was a member of the Special Operations Response Team (SORT) for 23 years and a team leader on SORT Team for 15 years. Deputy Director Kracyla has been a certified firearms instructor since 1994. He is a certified Explosive Breacher and certified by The Department of Homeland Security as a SWAT I operator. He is an adjunct instructor with the Government Training Institute teaching SWAT tactics and is an adjunct instructor at Delaware Technical & Community College. He is a TASER instructor, reality based instructor and has extensive training in SWAT team management.

Chief Frederick Mahony, Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission

Frederick Mahony has served as Chief of the Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission since 2001. In 2004 he was named the National Liquor Law Enforcement Association (NLLEA) Agent of the Year for his leadership in ensuring effective liquor law enforcement in Massachusetts and in 2008 the Massachusetts ABCC was recognized as the NLLEA Agency of the Year for its innovative enforcement programs. Chief Mahony has developed strong data driven enforcement programs toward the prevention of impaired driving and underage drinking for both Massachusetts ABCC and the NLLEA. In 2012, Chief Mahony testified before the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) on the role that alcohol law enforcement officers play in preventing impaired driving. He indicated that using "place of last drink" (POLD) data to drive enforcement action led to a reduction in impaired driving arrests associated with establishments that were targeted for intervention, information the NTSB has since included in their recommendations. Chief Mahony served as President of the NLLEA in 2008-2009 and again in 2012-2013.

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

Todd Merlina has been enforcing the liquor laws in Pennsylvania for 30 years. His career has included undercover investigations and prosecution in all parts of Pennsylvania as both an officer and a supervisor. In his career Todd has been involved with developing the Bureau's alcohol education program "CHOICES", assisted in adapting the nationally recognized program "Cops in Shops" to Pennsylvania, and has developed and monitored the Bureau's Age Compliance Program since its inception in 2005. Todd is currently a Special Projects Coordinator for the Bureau's Compliance, Auditing, & Gambling Enforcement (CAGE) Unit. In this position, Todd has been tasked with monitoring and improving the quality of how investigations are conducted and prosecuted. For the last eight years Todd has been traveling the state and country sharing his experiences in this role. Todd's presentations provide an overview of the laws, the reasons for the laws, and the Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement's enforcement and educational efforts to bring the industry and citizens into compliance.

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

Israel Morrow is an Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the North Carolina Alcohol Law Enforcement's Tobacco Enforcement Program (TEP). The TEP partners with the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services to ensure the state's youth tobacco laws are enforced at tobacco retailer outlets by conducting inspections, surveillance, and enforcement at tobacco outlets. ASAC Morrow has been employed with ALE since 2005. During his time with ALE he has worked throughout the state including assignments to the Raleigh-Durham FBI Safe Streets Task Force, FBI JTTF, Southeast Raleigh Redevelopment Area, Cumberland, Harnett, Wake, and Scotland Counties.

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

Chris Poole is the Special Agent in Charge (SAC) of the Gaming Unit for the North Carolina Alcohol Law Enforcement Branch. He holds a degree criminal justice and has served in law enforcement for 27 years. During his law enforcement career, he has had training dealing with video gaming machines, electronic gaming machines, server-based gaming machines, illegal slot machines and gambling devices. His previous investigations have resulted in the seizure of over 4,000 illegal video gaming machines and over \$40 million dollars in U.S. Currency and property in North Carolina and South Carolina. Poole has instructed at the North Carolina Sheriff's Association, North Carolina Chiefs of Police Association and Conference of District Attorney's in North Carolina. He serves as one of North Carolina Alcohol Law Enforcement Branch's experts for video gaming machines and gambling.

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

Special Agent L.E. Shoaf is an 11-year veteran of the North Carolina Alcohol Law Enforcement Branch. Formerly assigned to the Southern Piedmont District as a field agent, he now serves in the department's Training Section. SA Shoaf has received specialized training in technical and covert surveillance and is a member of ALE's Technical Surveillance Unit. He is a squad leader for the State's Special Response Team, as well as a sniper for the team. He served as a full-time sworn drug Task Force Officer with The Department of Homeland Security for five years. SA Shoaf is a Field Training Agent, and a certified instructor for Firearms, Defensive Tactics and Physical Fitness.