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The National Liquor Law Enforcement Association Announces: *2020 Alcohol Law Enforcement Award Recipients*

November 18, 2020 – The National Liquor Law Enforcement Association (NLLEA) is pleased to announce the recipients of the Annual NLLEA awards given in 4 categories: ***Alcohol Law Enforcement Agency of the Year, Alcohol Law Enforcement Agent of the Year, Innovative Alcohol Law Enforcement Program of the Year, John W. Britt Community Service Award and the Meritorious Service Award.***

Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority, Bureau of Law Enforcement, was selected for this year's ***Alcohol Law Enforcement Agency of the Year*** award. The NLLEA Alcohol Law Enforcement Agency of the Year award is given to an agency that has demonstrated agency effectiveness through the implementation of innovative programs, community and media recognition, and model training programs, practices and strategies. The Virginia ABC, Bureau of Law Enforcement agency has demonstrated this through a myriad of unprecedented challenges that has brought about good governance, bold leadership, innovation, resourcefulness, and community partnerships.

Corporal Kaitlyn Corder of the Delaware Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement Agency was selected for this year's ***Alcohol Law Enforcement Agent of the Year*** award. The NLLEA Alcohol Law Enforcement Agent of the Year award is given to an agent that demonstrates outstanding and exemplary performance through hard work, dedication, heroism and bravery. Corporal Corder's willingness and determination to go above and beyond addressing illegal activity in regards to the sale, transportation, and storage of alcohol conveys that she is an exemplary officer to the Delaware Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement agency. Corporal Corder's successful investigations and her positive impact on the community working with the youth police academy and other community initiatives makes her the ideal recipient of this award.

District of Columbia Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA) was selected for this year's ***Innovative Alcohol Law Enforcement Program of the Year*** award. The NLLEA Innovative Alcohol Law Enforcement Program of the Year award is given to an agency that demonstrates program effectiveness through exemplary practices and enforcement.

DC ABRA's forward and innovative assessment to develop comprehensive outreach initiatives that leverages all communication channels to keep staff, licensees, and the public informed and educated during the fluent COVID-19 pandemic makes their agency the ideal recipient of this award. Their multi-pronged enforcement program encompassing 4 central tenants; education, innovation, safety and nimbleness to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19 is a model program that other alcohol law enforcement agencies can replicate supporting the mission of the NLLEA.

The Southern New Castle County Communities Coalition (SN4C) of Delaware was selected for this year's *John W. Britt Community Service* award. The NLLEA John W. Britt Community Service award is given to a non-law enforcement agency/entity that makes a significant contribution to the efforts of liquor and/or tobacco enforcement and demonstrates program effectiveness through underlying efforts and practices. The SN4C is an exemplary example of programming and partnerships that have made and continue to make contributions to enhance the efforts of liquor and tobacco enforcement and raise awareness in the prevention of underage drinking and tobacco use through environmental strategies. SN4C's dedication in building relationships with alcohol and tobacco law enforcement and their partnership with the Delaware Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement Agency makes SN4C the ideal recipient of this award.

NLLEA 2019-2020 President, Greg A. Croft, received the *Meritorious Service Award* for his four-year dedication to the association. Agent-in-Charge Croft began his liquor law enforcement career in early 2000, after serving two years as a law enforcement officer at both the county and city level in Medina County, Ohio. He attended Ashland University, where he received a Bachelor's of Science in both Criminal Justice and Sociology. During his career as an enforcement agent with the Ohio Investigative Unit, he has served in three different district offices: Toledo, Cleveland and Akron. AIC Croft's primary assignment has been the enforcement of liquor laws and investigations of other crimes involving permit premises. AIC Croft's exemplary leadership and guidance has had a significant and positive impact on the advancement of the NLLEA.

Award recipients were honored at the 2020 NLLEA Annual Business Meeting, held virtually on November 18, 2020. The NLLEA Executive Board congratulates all of the award recipients for their hard work and dedication to the field of alcohol law enforcement, and looks forward to celebrating their accomplishments in-person at the 2021 Annual Conference to be held in Montgomery, Alabama.

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