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**There is still time to register!**  
**2021 NLLEA Training Symposium Registration**

You can choose to attend one or more of the following webinars.

Time shows in EST

**Day 1 - May 11, 2021 12:45 pm Opening Remarks - 1-5 pm Workshops**

**Day 2 - May 18, 2021 12:45 pm Opening Remarks - 1-5 pm Workshops**

**Day 3 - May 25, 2021 12:45 pm Opening Remarks - 1-5 pm Workshops**



**NLLEA 2021 Virtual Training Symposium  
ENFORCEMENT & LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS**

*Enforcement workshops will run from 1pm to 3pm each day*

*Leadership workshops will run from 3pm to 5pm each day*

*These webinars are available free to NLLEA members, please register at:*

[https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/WN\\_SZAGZEobSq20A\\_zh46Aayv](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/WN_SZAGZEobSq20A_zh46Aayv)

**Day 1 - May 11, 2021 12:45 pm – Opening Remarks**

**Enforcement**

**1:00 – 2:00 pm**

**Warrantless Administrative Search Authority**

*Chief Ted 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 along with guidelines and operational plans for agents to assist them in remaining within the court parameters when conducting searches of licensed premises.



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 ABC 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 ABC 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.

The 2021 NLLEA Training Symposium will be held May 11th, 18th and 25th from 1pm to 5pm EST in a webinar format, and is **FREE** to all paid NLLEA memberships. Click on the agenda for more information on the specific enforcement and leadership workshop dates and times along with trainer bios.

If you are not yet a member please visit

<https://nllea.org/Registration>

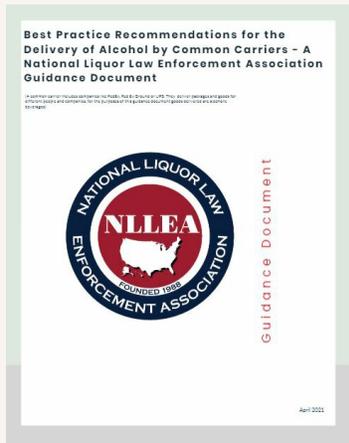
to create an account or contact Carrie Christofes at [carrie.christofes@nllea.org](mailto:carrie.christofes@nllea.org). We encourage all law enforcement and regulatory agencies to take advantage of this training, so please share with your partner agencies and encourage them to sign up for a membership.

**Workshops will be made available on demand in June for NLLEA members**

**The 2021 Annual Conference, will be held November 15-17 in Montgomery, Alabama at the Renaissance Montgomery Hotel & Spa at the Convention Center, in collaboration with the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) State Bureau**

Click here to  
**Register Online**

## Best Practice Recommendations for the Delivery of Alcohol by Common Carriers



This document is intended to provide guidance on best practices for the delivery of alcohol by Common Carriers in order to ensure that alcohol is being delivered in compliance with specific state laws and statutes. The NLLEA encourages Common Carriers to not become complacent in their responsibility to keep alcohol from being delivered to minors and to those overly intoxicated. The NLLEA advocates for high standards of responsible alcohol delivery by Common Carriers through training and education of their employees and the understanding of laws and penalties associated with a violation. A contactless delivery or leaving a package that contains alcohol on the doorstep of a residence or place of business is not an acceptable means of delivery.

## WV-City of Huntington taking steps to stop illegal bars

City attorney Scott Damron says they've seen a surge in businesses opening as game rooms under a general business license, and it's believed they're trying to circumvent the West Virginia Alcohol Beverage Control Administration and city requirements for bars. "What's occurred from at least three of those places is active violence and shootings," Damron said. Under the ordinance, it would be illegal to operate an adult game room without a business license from the city, and all adult game rooms would be forced to get a license to serve alcohol from the West Virginia ABCA and the city.

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## California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control Goes Live with New Statewide Licensing Platform

HHS Technology Group, LLC™ (HTG) announced today that the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) has gone live with the **Responsible Beverage Service (RBS) portal**, an application that enables alcoholic beverage servers, licensees, and training providers to ensure compliance with mandatory training requirements. The RBS portal provides customized access based on user roles and was established with the goal of providing alcohol servers the necessary skills to responsibly serve alcoholic beverages and mitigate alcohol-related harm in California communities.

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## OH-Booze at your door: New law permitting home alcohol deliveries goes into effect

Ohioans can have alcohol delivered to their front doors seven days a week and during holidays thanks to a new law that went into effect Monday. Alcohol deliveries are one of several amendments to the state's liquor laws under **H.B. 674**, which Gov. Mike DeWine signed in January. The bill grants the Division of Liquor Control the authority to create a process for alcohol delivery as long as the alcohol is in a sealed and original container.

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## This Alcohol Change at Restaurants Could Become Permanent, Experts Worry

Home alcohol deliveries became a widespread trend after COVID-19 left most Americans suddenly bound to their own kitchens. With restaurant closures happening almost daily, the relaxed rules that made alcoholic

beverage deliveries possible were wholeheartedly embraced by the alcohol and restaurant industries. But keeping this level of access to alcohol beyond the pandemic could have detrimental consequences to public health, advocacy groups say.

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## **UMC TO ALLOW ON-CAMPUS DRINKING THROUGH ALCOHOL EDUCATION PROGRAM AND POLICY**

The new UMC alcohol guidelines will enable students of a legal drinking age (21 or older) to earn privileges to drink on campus by participating in educational programs shortly before turning 21 and by abiding by the rest of the UMC's campus policies for responsible drinking. The intent of the policy is to target educational programming at the most critical moments for students, namely when they first arrive on campus and as they turn 21. Educational content aims to foster a healthy and responsible culture of drinking in on-campus residence halls among students of a legal age. In the past, students were not able to consume alcohol on campus, which led them to go to bars and restaurants and off-campus locations where they are in a minimally structured environment.

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## **Cities that slashed police funding inundated by spike in homicides**

Last year's hefty spike in homicides is extending into 2021, with cities that slashed police budgets seeing some of the largest upticks, according to an analysis of data by The Washington Times. A review of police data and public reporting found that in the first three months of 2021, the homicide rate in 20 major cities across the country rose by 28% from the same period last year. In nine of the cities that made the most dramatic cuts to police department budgets, homicides rose by nearly 68%. Some of those cities are now backtracking, seeking ways to boost departments' coffers.

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## **Hugging the Cactus Police Supporting Civilian 911 Responders**

In every U.S. city, patrol officers spend most of the day responding to calls for service that are social issues rather than crimes. Some officers complain about having to do the job of social workers but are resigned as public servants to handle these calls. But there is a better way: police in Eugene, Oregon, where I spent most of my career, have been handing off these calls for service to civilian responders since the 1980s. I saw the need for other cities to follow suit when I became chief of the Olympia, Washington, Police Department. Chiefs need to know that they can free their departments from calls for service that their officers may be ill-equipped to handle while improving long-term safety outcomes for the community. To accomplish this, chiefs need to "hug the cactus"—face up to something uncomfortable—and bring in civilian responders.

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## **Field Sobriety Tests and THC Levels Unreliable Indicators of Marijuana Intoxication**

Laws regarding driving under the influence of marijuana vary from state to state, with a growing trend toward "per se" laws that use a level of delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol (THC, one of the psychoactive substances in marijuana) in the blood, urine, or oral fluid as a determinant of intoxication. However, there is little evidence correlating a specific THC level with impaired driving, making marijuana per se laws controversial and difficult to prosecute. In an effort to better understand marijuana intoxication and, ultimately, improve marijuana intoxication legislation, National Institute of Justice-supported researchers from RTI International studied how specific cannabis doses and administration methods (eaten or vaped) affect THC levels in the body and how that correlates with performance on impairment tests.

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# NHTSA Impaired Driving Update April 2021

**Impaired Driving Update**

Issue: April 2021

**4/20 If You Feel Different, You Drive Different**

Drug-impaired driving is an increasing danger on our nation's roads. In recent years, states across the country have passed laws legalizing recreational and/or medical marijuana, which has exacerbated the impaired-driving issue. NHTSA wants all marijuana users to know that it is illegal to drive impaired by marijuana. Drivers who are found to be under the influence of marijuana behind the wheel can get a DUI.

The 20th of April falls between 4/20 in a date that has long-standing connections to marijuana use. NHTSA wants to remind all drivers of *If You Feel Different, You Drive Different and Drive High, One a DUI*. It is dangerous and illegal to drive impaired. Read on for more information about the dangers of drug-impaired driving.

Visit [TrafficSafetyMarketing.gov](https://TrafficSafetyMarketing.gov) to find more materials to support your own campaign to prevent marijuana-impaired driving.

**IF YOU FEEL DIFFERENT YOU DRIVE DIFFERENT**

# Virtual Training Series

## A new training has been added, log in at [nllea.org](https://nllea.org)

# The Fundamentals of Creating and Conducting Alcohol Delivery Decoy Operations

**NLLEA Virtual Training Series**

**Mark Baxter**  
Director, Bureau of County Police Department  
**Fake ID Trends and Detection Methods**

The training session will go through to review the driver's new considerations when checking the validity of an identity document in the alcohol beverage trade. It is the current 19-year-old age 21 driver's license process, and it is the document process. The session will review required ID changes, photo ID features, comparisons, and behaviors exhibited by counterfeit passports of fake IDs. Focus will be placed on identifying specific features of counterfeit, unapproved third-party driver's licenses and emphasize those features that are quality verified. Additionally, the session will include hands-on examples of appropriate and inappropriate behavior to report those quality verified.

**Mark Baxter**  
The for the State, LLC  
**High in the Cloud: Fake IDs, Online Sales, and Delivery of Cannabis and Alcohol**

Just when you thought you had a handle on fake IDs, cannabis and alcohol are now available. This new era will see apps and websites offering online services. Tonight's are reportedly causing the concern to rise, using the ID's to get into the store and get around the line of delivery. Access can be provided when buying groceries, and the revenue that goes to the retailer's pocket. The training program will address the legal implications of using such an online driver license or ID of drivers, licenses, and the laws. This presentation explains in detail high-tech online technologies and how they are used and how they can be used to get around the law. It also includes an overview of the current and future of the industry and other technologies can also be used to get around the law. The session will also cover the current and future of the industry and other technologies can also be used to get around the law. The session will also cover the current and future of the industry and other technologies can also be used to get around the law.

**Todd Mertes**  
Chief, State Department of Education, Division of Alcohol Education, Division of Alcohol Education  
**Source Investigations/Tests to Intoxicated Persons (SIP)/Place of Last Drink (POLD)**

Source investigations, also known as "back investigations," are initiated when there has been an alcohol-related fatality and there is the possibility that the alcohol beverages were not lawfully purchased or consumed through other sales channels or through private, source investigations are critical and administrative investigative techniques to determine the original source of the alcohol.

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