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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**  
National Liquor Law Enforcement Association

**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\\_SZAGZEebSq20A\\_zh46Aayv](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/WN_SZAGZEebSq20A_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

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## **Despite Changing Behaviors During Pandemic, America's Attitude Remains the Same: The Alcohol Regulatory System Works and Americans Like It**

A new poll commissioned by the **Center for Alcohol Policy** on public sentiment toward alcohol regulation in the U.S. found that despite some changing behaviors during the COVID-19 pandemic, attitudes among adult Americans remain the same: the long-standing alcohol regulatory system in the U.S. works, and people like it. Although many states have temporarily loosened some alcohol laws in response to the pandemic there is overwhelming consensus throughout the nation that alcohol is a product that needs to be regulated. In fact, a CAP survey record-high 85 percent of Americans are satisfied with the existing system for alcohol regulation in their respective states

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## **NC-Distiller's battle with monopolistic ABC system turns toward online sales**

Jonathan Blitz makes and sells whiskey. He and his team make the whiskey in Durham, at **Mystic Farm & Distillery**. They sell the whiskey from the distillery, and in state-controlled Alcoholic Beverage Control stores. But they can't sell it online, per Chapter 18B of the N.C. General Statutes. Blitz, like most N.C. distillers, wants to change that. And Blitz, also a lawyer, is determined to do so. Blitz last month petitioned the ABC Commission for a **declaratory ruling** that would allow him to sell his products to consumers in states that permit online sales: Florida, Hawaii, Kentucky, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Washington, D.C.

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## **Affected by COVID-19 and 2019 law, Kansas alcohol seeks loosened regulations to help out industry**

As the pandemic subsides and focus turns toward reopening the economy, lobbyists for Kansas alcohol businesses are pitching changes to loosen regulations around when and how alcohol establishments can operate as helpful to the industry's recovery. The state has one of the nation's strictest alcohol laws.

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## **PA-Latest report has Pittsburgh-area businesses leading state in most Covid mitigation warnings from state police**

Pittsburgh-area businesses saw the highest total number of warning notices relating to Covid-19 mitigation efforts throughout the commonwealth during most of the first half of April, according to the latest report from the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Enforcement Bureau. State police also conducted the most amount of licensee checks throughout the Pittsburgh region, placing it as the second-highest region when proportionally ranking total warning notices out of total licensee checks conducted.

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## **IL-Chicago wholesalers settle with TTB for \$850,000**

The Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) has **accepted an \$850,000 compromise** from RN Acquisition (dba Lakeshore Beverage) and City Beverage – Markham of Chicago and Arlington Heights, Ill., to settle tied house allegations.

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## NC bar has ABC permits suspended after 4 people stabbed

The North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission suspended the ABC permits for Tranquilo Bar and Restaurant in Greensboro on Friday, according to a statement released by the ABC Commission. The suspension was issued after a review of sworn statements submitted by officers with the Greensboro Police Department, special agents with the North Carolina Alcohol Law Enforcement and Greensboro civilians. The summary suspension is immediate and is in effect until the case is heard by the Office of Administrative Hearings. After what authorities call a rise in aggravated assaults – coupled with a need for more officers – Greensboro plans to revisit its Entertainment Ordinance.

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## Ex sex industry figure allegedly imported cocaine into NZ in wine bottles

A double bankrupt and former adult entertainment figure allegedly imported 1.5 kilograms of liquid cocaine into New Zealand, hidden in wine bottles. The bottles were imported from Germany. It is unclear why Customs officials were suspicious of the consignment, but testing of the liquid inside the bottles revealed the presence of cocaine. The discovery triggered Operation Vino, a joint Customs and police investigation.

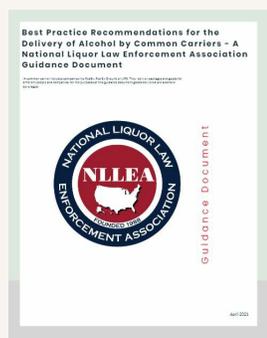
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## What's Behind the Growth in Alcohol Consumption?

American deaths from misuse of substances, including alcohol, have increased over the past two decades, but not uniformly across various demographic groups. Overall rates of alcohol abuse and related deaths have consistently and significantly increased for white non-Hispanic Americans, while Black Americans have experienced a much slower and less significant incline, and some other groups have had declines.

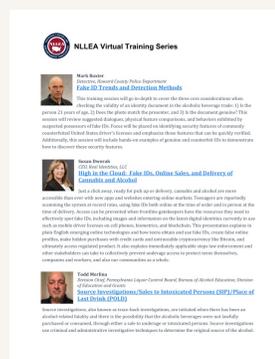
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## Best Practice Recommendations for the Delivery of Alcohol by Common Carriers



## Virtual Training Series

A new training has been added, log in at [nleea.org](http://nleea.org)  
**The Fundamentals of Creating and Conducting Alcohol Delivery Decoy Operations**



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