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Registration Open!

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 of Investigation. Conference registration and hotel accommodations are now open!

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NLLEA Awards

The **NLLEA Awards** recognize leaders and outstanding programs in the field of alcohol law enforcement. Annual awards are given in the following four categories: **Alcohol Law Enforcement Agency of the Year**, **Alcohol Law Enforcement Agent of the Year**, **Innovative Alcohol Law Enforcement Program of the Year**, and the **John W. Britt Community Service Award**. For more information on each award, visit the awards page at nllea.org. **You may self-nominate or you may nominate someone in your agency or another agency.** Please fill out the form below for the appropriate category in which you wish to nominate yourself, your agency, another agent, or another agency. The deadline for receiving nominations is **August 31, 2021**. Please email this document along with any

supporting documentation to carrie.christofes@nllea.org

[Link to Awards Nomination Form](#)

Get more involved in the NLLEA!!

The Board is accepting self-nominations for the **Sergeant-at-Arms** position,

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and will be holding elections at the annual board meeting at the conference in Montgomery, Alabama **Nov. 15-17**. The NLLEA's Sergeant-at-Arms participates in NLLEA Board meetings, reviews workshop abstracts submitted for the Annual Conference, reviews nominations for the annual NLLEA Law Enforcement Awards and helps with NLLEA publications. The Sergeant-at-Arms position is a first-year position on the Board. In the subsequent four years, the Sergeant-at-Arms will serve as Secretary/Treasurer, Vice President, and President, before serving their final year as Immediate Past President.

If you would like to declare your candidacy for the Sergeant-At-Arms position, please submit:

A picture of yourself for the nominees' bio email.

A brief statement (no more than 500 words) detailing your background and qualifications, why you would like to hold this office, and your vision for the future for the NLLEA.

Candidates for the Sergeant-at-Arms position should submit their information to carrie.christofes@nllea.org by **August 31, 2021**.

DRUNK DRIVING | DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER National Mobilization

The 2021 impaired driving national enforcement mobilization "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" goes into effect across the country from August 18 to September 6, 2021. One of the deadliest and most often committed - yet preventable - of crimes (impaired driving), has become a serious safety epidemic in our country. As law enforcement professionals and highway safety advocates, your efforts will help reduce the number of crashes and fatalities due to impaired driving. By increasing State enforcement efforts, raising public awareness through paid, earned, and social media, and maximizing your local resources, you indeed can make a difference.

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DE-2 shot behind Dover bar during large melee early Saturday morning, police say

Two people were injured in a shooting early Saturday morning during a large melee behind a Dover bar, police said. According to police, Dover officers were stationed near South Bradford and West Lookerman streets in the city's downtown to monitor the area as bars closed for the night. Police said "recent incidents involving large crowds," which have led to violence in the city, prompted the presence. As officers patrolled the area, they heard gunshots and saw a "large crowd" in the parking lot behind Irish Mike's bar.

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WV-Businesses applauded for compliance in underage alcohol sting

A business that serves alcohol to minors could quickly be punished, but those that follow the law are rarely applauded. That's why staff from the Prevention Empowerment Partnership (PEP), an initiative of United Way of the River Cities, three youth from the PEP program and a representative from the Cabell County Sheriff's Department teamed up Thursday to visit eight businesses throughout Cabell County to celebrate their compliance with laws prohibiting the sale of alcohol to underage buyers during a June 12 compliance check.

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NC-Teen Charged After Crash in Lincoln County

ALE has concluded an investigation following a single-vehicle crash involving a juvenile, alcoholic beverages and a fraudulent identification. The investigation began after ALE special agents were contacted by State Highway Patrol regarding a single-vehicle collision involving two underage, intoxicated females. The driver, a 17-year-old juvenile, and passenger, Avery Wishnefskey, 18, of Iron Station, both had alcohol in their system at the time of the crash. Wishnefskey possessed a fraudulent NC driver's license. An open bottle of Absolut Citron spirituous liquor, marijuana and drug paraphernalia were found in the vehicle. Upon further investigation, it was determined Wishnefskey used the fraudulent license to purchase spirituous liquor from an ABC store in Maiden, NC.

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FTC investigating Uber's partnership with Gopuff and its deal for Drizly: report Antitrust regulators reportedly looking into whether deals would stifle competition

A partnership between Uber Technologies Inc. and online-delivery service Gopuff is being investigated by the Federal Trade Commission over potential anti-competitive behavior, **The Information reported Tuesday**. According to the report, antitrust regulators are also conducting a parallel investigation into Uber's **proposed \$1.1 billion acquisition of alcohol-delivery service Drizly**.

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Enforcing vaccine mandates is a new job for bouncers, not the police

Coercion is an unpalatable but necessary public health tool, and the police have long been at the forefront of ensuring compliance. They are the people who stop us from speeding, arrest drunk drivers, issue tickets for not wearing seat belts and bust bar owners who serve alcohol to minors. But if the nation's public law enforcement apparatus — already overburdened with all that Americans ask it to do — is challenging the response to a public health crisis, how can it also enforce it? The answer is that it probably can't, or won't, and in some instances maybe even shouldn't. That leaves private actors, who can play a critical role if coercion is necessary for compliance, but who are now in crucial ways entering uncharted territory.

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ID-Truck driver pleads guilty to aggravated DUI in crash that seriously injured Pocatello woman

A Blackfoot man has pleaded guilty to driving an alcohol delivery truck while drunk when he seriously injured a local woman in a February crash on Interstate 15 in Pocatello. Shane Ray Warr, 58, pleaded guilty to felony aggravated driving under the influence on Aug. 2, after reaching a plea deal with Bannock County Prosecutors, court records say. Warr has agreed to a plea bargain that will place him at the mercy of the court for the wreck that he caused while allegedly driving drunk. The deal won't do anything to reduce the maximum possible sentence he could face for the crime, which is up to 15 years in prison and a fine of up to \$5,000.

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Biden administration targets Big Booze as part of antitrust probe

The North Bay's massive alcoholic beverage industry is bracing for what could be a wave of regulatory overhauls as President Joe Biden seeks to increase competition in a beer, wine and spirits market that is increasingly controlled by a handful of big companies. Noting the past of such trust-busting presidents as Theodore Roosevelt and Franklin D. Roosevelt, Biden said last month it is again time to rein in companies that have gotten too big at the expense of competitors and consumers. While Big Tech companies such as Facebook and Google have drawn plenty of attention, the administration also has its eyes on Big Ag and Big Pharma. "Rather than competing for consumers, they are consuming their competitors," Biden said in a July 9 announcement of an executive order directing a dozen federal agencies to review competitive economic barriers. "Rather than competing for workers, they're finding ways to gain the upper hand on labor. And too often, the government has actually made it harder for new companies to break in and compete."

That regulatory review includes Big Booze.

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College drinking declined during the pandemic

First-year college students are reporting drinking less alcohol and having fewer episodes of binge drinking four months into the coronavirus pandemic than they were before the pandemic started, according to a study by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The study is based on the experiences of 439 Carolina students and reflects how the pandemic affected students' social lives and stress. Researchers from the Carolina Population Center and the UNC School of Medicine published the study findings August 2 in the *Journal of Adolescent Health*.

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White Paper Identifies Legislative Successes in Fight Against Drunk Driving, Finds Challenges Still Exist

The **Center for Alcohol Policy** (the Center) released its **latest report** outlining the legislative history of drunk driving in America, progress made in the fight against it, and present and future challenges that still exist. The white paper was commissioned by the Center and authored by J.T. Griffin, principal of Griffin Strategies, LLC and former Chief Government Affairs Officer for Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD).

[Click here for full report](#)

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