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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,



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**.

NLLEA Membership Recruitment

The NLLEA encourages you to invite federal, state, local and university police departments, along with sheriff departments to join the NLLEA. Membership Benefits include:

 <p>Training Symposium</p>	 <p>Virtual Training Series</p>	 <p>Chief's Meetings</p>	 <p>Annual Conference</p>	 <p>Best Practice Guidance & Toolkit Resources</p>
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[Click Here for Membership Application](#)

NH-30 DWI arrests in two weeks: Hampton police crack down on impaired drivers

Those planning to drink to excess then get behind the wheel and drive home should reconsider doing that in Hampton, for local police are posting record numbers of DWI arrests this year. According to statistics compiled by Hampton Deputy Police Chief Alex Reno, in the first two weeks of August alone, Hampton police made 30 arrests for driving while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. That's more than similar arrests made in the entire month of August in 2020 or 2019, which had 27 and 28 DWI arrests, respectively. This month's rising DWI arrest numbers follow a trend that started this year, according to Hampton Police Chief David Hobbs. During the first quarter of 2021 (January through March), Hobbs said, Hampton officers made 56 DWI arrests. During 2020, there were 28 similar arrests during the same period. And since the coronavirus pandemic probably affected 2020's numbers, Hobbs added first quarter of 2019 had 45 DWI arrests, 11 fewer than this year. In Hampton, both Hobbs and Reno said, the department works in conjunction with the **New Hampshire Liquor Commission's Enforcement Bureau** to consider over-serving issues at its many bars. "(Over-serving) continues to be a concern for us," Hobbs said. "When we are able to determine patterns or incidents of over-service, we do make sure our partners at New Hampshire Liquor Enforcement are involved for any appropriate follow-ups or any other charges." Hobbs said the department had held a compliance check earlier in the year, in conjunction with NHLC's Enforcement Bureau, to ensure local liquor serving establishments are following the laws.

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13-year-old's Snapchat drinking binge isn't protected by First Amendment, judge rules

A 13-year-old's drinking binge on Snapchat video is not protected by the First Amendment, a judge ruled in

declining to order the girl's school to allow her back on the volleyball team. The eighth-grader's mother had filed a motion seeking an injunction against the 45-day suspension that was imposed by the North Platte School District in Dearborn, Missouri, a small town north of Kansas City. She had contended her daughter's case was analogous to that of a Pennsylvania teen who recently won a **closely watched U.S. Supreme Court case** after she was kicked off her school's cheerleading squad because of a foul-mouthed Snapchat post. The Missouri judge's decision, issued last week in U.S. District Court, rejected the mother's argument, saying that the school district was punishing the girl's actions — underage drinking — rather than her speech or her mother's subsequent statements on Snapchat, a messaging app on which posts disappear after a short time.

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Probe into Wildwood gaming company leads to seizure of 'multiple gambling devices'

A lawsuit by Wildwood-based Torch Electronics against a southwest Missouri prosecutor followed the seizure in June of its "gambling machines" from a Springfield convenience store, according to court documents filed last week. Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson said the Missouri Highway Patrol searched and seized "multiple gambling machines owned or operated" by Torch on June 15 at the AM-PM Food Mart after a Greene County judge signed off on a search warrant for 15 machines.

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Coalition of Attorneys General Calls on FDA to More Effectively Regulating Tobacco Products

Thirty-one state attorneys general are pushing the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to exercise its regulatory authority to eliminate youth-appealing flavors, limit nicotine levels, and restrict marketing of new tobacco products. The plea comes as the agency is reviewing thousands of Premarket Tobacco Product Applications for newly deemed tobacco products, including electronic cigarettes and vapor products.

"Over the past decade, we've seen hundreds of companies skirt the regulatory process in order to cash in on the boom in e-cigarettes and oral nicotine products like nicotine pouches," said California Attorney General Rob Bonta. "The fact is: these products were not reviewed by the FDA and should not be on the market. As it now considers whether to allow these products to continue to be sold, the FDA must condition approval on limiting the amount of nicotine in these products and ending youth marketing — and it must prevent the sale of new flavored tobacco products entirely. Our children's lives may literally depend on it."

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TABC Suspends Permit of San Antonio Night Club Following Deadly Shooting

The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission has suspended the liquor permit of Boom Boom Sports Bar in San Antonio for 90 days following a deadly shooting which claimed the lives of three people early Aug. 15. The move comes as TABC and local police continue their investigation of the events which led to a mass shooting incident at the bar, which also left multiple people injured. So far, one person, 34-year-old Daniel Barragan, has been arrested by San Antonio police in connection with the shooting. Early reports indicate the incident began with a fight inside the bar, which later escalated to a larger fight outside the location. The brawl eventually resulted in gunfire that hit at least five people. Two victims were pronounced deceased at the scene, with a third later dying of their injuries at a hospital. Investigators from TABC's Target Responsibility for Alcohol-Connected Emergencies (TRACE) unit were immediately notified of the shooting and began an investigation within hours of the incident. The investigation seeks to determine whether the sports bar's policies or practices played a role in the shooting.

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Dallas Police Revise Policy After Accidentally Deleting Data

A police employee accidentally deleted 22 terabytes of case files when trying to migrate data between servers. Officials say they're now working to recover what they can and prevent future issues.

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Alcohol consumption linked to nearly 750,000 cancer cases in 2020, new study says

Doctors are sounding the alarm over research showing a link between drinking alcohol and cancer. More

than 700,000 new cancer cases were linked to alcohol consumption in 2020 — a time when many Americans reported drinking more. The research, **published in the July 13 edition of Lancet Oncology**, found that over 4% of all new cancer cases in 2020 were caused by alcohol consumption. While most cancers linked to alcohol use were in people who have more than two drinks a day, more than 100,000 cases worldwide were in people who averaged less than that, the study said.

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Job Opening: Liquor Control Supervising Agent, Hartford CT

The Department is currently accepting applications for a **Liquor Control Supervising Agent** responsible for supervising Liquor Control Special Agents and Liquor Control Agents engaged in work in connection with the administration and enforcement of the Liquor Control Act and regulations of the Department and/or the Liquor Control Commission. Includes but not limited to: all functions related to the proper licensing of all credentials for permittees and applicants in the Liquor Control division; the investigation of alleged violations of the State Liquor Control Act, including sale of alcohol to minors and intoxicated persons, improper pricing and labeling, trade practice violations, and purchases of alcoholic liquor from prohibited entities; collaboration with state and municipal law enforcement to conduct joint actions and provide strategies to enhance enforcement of underage drinking laws; and trainings or other education related to Connecticut liquor laws and regulations to police groups, federal agencies, civic and industry groups.

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