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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](#)

Interested in getting 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**.

iPourIt, Inc. Aids in Passing of Bill Allowing Self-Serve Alcohol in Connecticut

After more than four years of consideration, Governor Ned Lamont has signed Senate Bill 265, allowing the operation of self-serve alcohol technology in the state of Connecticut. The bill had strong support from iPourIt, Inc., North America's leader in self-pour alcohol dispense technology. Along with other advocates, Darren Nicholson, VP Sales & Marketing at iPourIt, has been working to present the legislation to local government representatives since 2017. Nicholson shared, "With over 270 iPourIt locations in operation, and a total of roughly 540 self-pour locations throughout the U.S. alone, self-serve has proven to be a game-changer in the delivery of alcohol and other highly controlled beverages. We're extremely excited to be able to partner with new operators to bring the self-pour experience to the great state of Connecticut."

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FL-List | Putnam County businesses busted for selling alcohol to minors

An investigation into underage alcohol sales in Putnam County led to the arrest of store clerks at five local businesses, the sheriff's office announced Friday. Last month, the Putnam County Sheriff's Office along with special agents of the state Department of Alcohol, Beverages and Tobacco, conducted an operation targeting businesses selling alcoholic beverages to underage customers.

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SD-Community expresses concern over beer and wine licenses to big box stores

The prospect of more malt beverage and farm wine licenses in Watertown has some folks who provide local addiction services concerned. It came up at a special city council meeting Thursday at which approval of licenses was on the agenda. Those are commonly passed without concern, but the council heard from several community members who oppose the passing of a malt beverage and farm wine license for County Fair Foods of Watertown Corp. The concern was not about County Fair participating in beer and wine sales per se, rather the prospect of another outlet for alcohol within the city. Kelly Rumpza, a prevention specialist at the Human Services Agency, addressed the council about underage alcohol consumption. "Part of our role is to look at what the data is telling us and being proactive with our efforts," she said. "We look at alcohol outlet density and how much that impacts our youth consumption rates. Recently, with the 2020 data, we have seen an increase in adult consumption as well as underage consumption. With more and more of these applications coming through the council, we felt it was our due diligence to do some education and look at some different strategies among the council and our community to address underage drinking and problem drinking in our community."

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How Your Car Watches Everything You Do And Everywhere You Go

When police came across a crashed Honda Accord in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park in Tennessee, they noticed some opened containers of alcohol. They suspected intoxication may have played a part in the single-vehicle accident that had led to the death of one of the two passengers. The driver was asked by a National Park Service investigator whether or not he'd been drinking, to which he said he had not.

But the sister of the surviving passenger told law enforcement that all three of those inside the car had been consuming alcohol on the evening of the crash. To try to determine what state the driver was in, the Tennessee Highway Patrol stepped in and determined that they should look at data from the airbag control module (ACM). This hidden part of the car records the approximate speed, the braking and the amount of throttle used by the driver. The police wanted to know what was happening before and during impact.

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Virginia is Going Up in Smoke: Marijuana Legalization Coming to Fruition

On February 27, 2021, the Virginia General Assembly passed Senate Bill 1406, which eliminates criminal penalties for the simple possession of marijuana for persons 21 years of age. The bill passed the house 47 – 44 and by an even narrower margin, 20 – 19 in the Senate. The bill also creates the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority (“CCA”) to establish a regulatory and licensing structure for the manufacture, distribution, and retail sale of cannabis in Virginia – mirroring Virginia’s Alcohol Beverage Control Authority (the “ABC”), which controls alcohol in the state. The original text of the bill proposed legalizing simple possession of marijuana in 2024, but due to pressure from citizens across the Commonwealth, the final version allows possession and use beginning July 1, 2021. Governor, Ralph Northam, signed the bill into law on April 21, 2021.

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To-go drinks, here to stay in Vermont for at least 2 more years

Drinks to go are here to stay. As of July 1st, a new law will allow retailers to serve alcohol to Vermonters to enjoy in the comfort of their home. It extends a provision in Governor Scott’s COVID-19 executive order that let establishments sell drinks for off-premise consumption. “There was strong agreement between the legislature and administration that this is an economic recovery initiative really,” said Wendy Knight, Deputy Commissioner with the Vt Dept of Liquor. Containers must be fully sealed, and your takeout order must include alcohol and a food item. Knight says to-go cocktails can be purchased between 10 am and 11 pm.

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Laws Protecting Police Should Equal Laws Protecting Judges and Prosecutors

A recent, encouraging piece of legislation out of Minnesota has increased penalties for assaults on police officers. Included in the law are corrections officers (an often overlooked group), judges, and prosecutors. The bill, named after injured officer Arik Matson, amended state law to make penalties harsher for offenses of assault on the named government officials.

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Novel Psychoactive Substances (NPS)

Novel psychoactive substances (NPS), also referred to as designer drugs and synthetic drugs, are an emerging or re-emerging type of illicit substance. NPS are similar in structure and effect to common drugs of abuse, but differ enough that they evade detection with traditional tests and require new scheduling laws. NPS pose serious complications for both consumers and forensic scientists because their use may be linked to severe health problems and their chemical modifications makes them difficult to identify.

Read about research on NPS in the NIJ Journal article, [Identifying New Illicit Drugs and Sounding the Alarm in Real Time](#), and in an article written by NIJ scientist Frances Scott [NPS Discovery and the Hunt for New Drugs of Abuse](#).

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Let the USPS ship alcohol. It will help post office finances and raise spirits nationwide.

For decades, winemakers have been legally allowed to ship bottles of wine directly to customers via [private shipping companies](#). This has enabled vineyards from Napa to the Finger Lakes to sign up tourists for lucrative mail-order clubs and send bottles purchased on-site directly to the customer’s home. It has also generated revenue for the carriers without any notable problems. Despite this proof of concept, the struggling U.S. Postal Service is forbidden by Congress to accept [alcohol shipments](#) of any kind. But that may soon change.

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