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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

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:

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](#)

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**.

NC-Fraudulent Real Identification Driver's Licenses Being Produced and Sold

The North Carolina Division of Alcohol Law Enforcement (ALE) has reported a sharp increase in the number and quality of fraudulent driver's licenses being recovered during criminal investigations. On Friday, May 21, 2021, at the Raleigh-Durham International Airport, a test of security screening measures was conducted by scanning ten separate fraudulent driver's licenses recovered by ALE displaying the "Real ID" star symbol. Seven of the 10 fraudulent driver's licenses passed the screening protocols that would have allowed a person to board a plane. The fraudulent driver's licenses that passed the screening process imitated the appearance and security features of legitimate licenses issued by the states of North Carolina, Maryland, and Georgia.

[Link to Information Bulletin](#)

AR-Costco's permit request a concern for many local liquor stores

Costco is a little more than a month away from opening, but there's been a small setback. The Alcohol Beverage Control director has denied its liquor permit. Not just any permit. This one would allow the business to have their own liquor store within the building. Costco has requested two permits. The first would give the company the ability to sell alcohol to customers. The second would allow Costco to have its own liquor store.

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PA-Undercover agents raid Pittsburgh restaurant for second time within year

Pennsylvania State Police Liquor Control Enforcement agents raided a Strip District restaurant on Friday, saying the location was illegally selling alcohol without a liquor license. The search warrant was executed on **Savoy Sports Bar**, on Penn Avenue in the Strip District after numerous complaints that the location was operating without a valid liquor license.

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MA-Police Say Lawrence Liquor Store Had 61 Underage Customers In 3 Days

Lawrence Police **have charged a liquor store** with selling alcohol to minors on as part of an investigation. "Operation Fireball" was drawn up after Lawrence Police received complaints about underage customers at Mt. Vernon Liquors, on Broadway and Mt. Vernon Streets. Police said the investigation, run in partnership with the **Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission**, found that 61 minors had tried to buy alcohol over the course of three days. Law enforcement did not specify when the operation happened, but did say they **seized 16 fake IDs and 37 cases of liquor** bound for minors.

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COVID-19 lockdowns cause increase in alcohol intake: OECD

People drank more alcohol both in terms of amount and how often it was consumed during the initial coronavirus lockdowns across the world last year, according to an Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development survey. Of about 60,000 individuals from 11 countries surveyed for seven weeks from May to June 2020, 43 percent said they drank more often than before the first wave of COVID-19, 26 percent said less often and 31 percent saw no change.

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More Southern bars to allow to-go booze post-pandemic

As states lift restrictions and return to normal, lawmakers across the country have decided that to-go drinks should remain on the menu. Even some traditionally conservative states in the South will now let people take their booze back home. Today, according to the National Restaurant Association, 39 states, including Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, Arkansas, Florida, Kentucky, Oklahoma, Texas and West Virginia permit to-go cocktails. Some states made the change temporary, like Tennessee where the new law that allows carryout and delivery of alcohol expires in 2023.

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Editorial: State's cannabis industry needs fair, focused rules

Now nearing a decade since Washington voters approved the initiative in 2012 that made possession of recreational marijuana legal as of 2013 and allowed for legal production, processing and retail sales as of 2014, the industry has grown to support scores of businesses, thousands of employees and has provided millions in revenue to state coffers in excise taxes and license fees. In revenue alone, the industry-wide figure has grown from nearly \$67.5 million dollars in its first year in 2014 to projected revenue for the 2021-23 biennium of \$541.2 million, according to figures from the Washington Cannabis Association. Compare that to the \$327 million in **tax revenue from the sale of spirits** in Washington state in 2020.

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NHTSA Impaired Driving Update June 2021

The graphic is a vertical layout for an NHTSA update. At the top is the NHTSA logo and the title 'Impaired Driving Update'. Below that, it says 'Issue: June 2021' and '4th of July Impaired Driving Social Norming and Enforcement Campaigns'. A 'Highlights' section lists: 'LE Philosophy Funding - pg 2', 'Judicial Resources - pg 3 & 4', and 'TSSP Webinar - pg 7'. A text block states: 'Next month, on Independence Day, NHTSA will remind all drivers to drive alcohol and drug free. In 2019, 518 people died in motor vehicle crashes over the July 4th holiday period (6:00pm July 3 through 8:59am July 5). Thirty-eight percent (198) of these fatalities were due to alcohol-impaired-driving. In an effort to reduce impaired-driving and save lives, NHTSA extends *Buzzed Driving is Drunk Driving* and *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* marketing materials for use by partners and traffic safety advocates.' Below this is a box for 'Please help us welcome our new Chief of the Impaired Driving Division, Dr. Tom Kirby-Baker' with a 'More info...' link. At the bottom right is a photo of a police car at night with a red light bar. The NHTSA logo is at the bottom left.

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