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**National Liquor Law Enforcement Association
34th Annual Conference**
A New Decade of Alcohol Law Enforcement
Renaissance Montgomery Hotel & Spa at the Convention Center
November 15-17, 2021 - Preliminary Agenda
Topics & timing subject to change

Sunday, November 14, 2021 - Early Registration 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Monday, November 15, 2021 (Day One)

8 a.m. - 9 a.m. Registration - breakfast (registration open all day)

9 a.m. - 10 a.m. - Opening Ceremonies (1 hour)
Alabama Law Enforcement Agency - Honor Guard/Presentation of Colors
Singing of the National Anthem by
Tamara L. Lovelace, ALEA Police Communications Officer II

Opening Remarks:
John Yeomans, NLLEA President
Alabama Dignitaries
Secretary of Law Enforcement, Hal Taylor
Alcoholic Beverage Control Board Administrator, H. Mac Gipson

Break 15 min.

10:15 a.m. - 11:45 p.m. - **Opening Plenary Session (1.5 hours)**
Alex Otte, National President, Mothers Against Drunk
Driving - MADD
Robert Ritter, Director, Office of Impaired Driving and
Occupant Protection, National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration - NHTSA

12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. **Lunch and Awards Ceremony (1.5 hours)**
2020 & 2021 Awards
Fallen Officer Presentation

Register Soon!

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 still available!

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UT-UDOT: 2021 on pace to be one of deadliest years for alcohol-related crashes

The Utah Department of Transportation encouraged drivers to “Summer Safely” over the past several months and are now asking Utahns to avoid falling back into bad habits. The good news about crashes and DUI statistics? Overall, the number of crash fatalities in 2019 versus 30+ years ago is down more than 13% nationwide. The number of people who died in alcohol-related crashes on the roads from 1990 to 2019 is also down – by 43%. So the overall trend spanning decades is way down, according to a study conducted by driver’s education website **Zutobi**. The site also singles out Utah as the state with the lowest amount of drunk driving of any state in the nation. On their ‘DUI Severity’ scale, Utah scored a 28 — about half of what the average state scored, at 53. The metric looks at DUI arrests and fatalities vs. population data to get the score, so Utah can see that as a small success or at least a step in the right direction.

The sobering reality is that this year could be the worst for fatal DUI crashes in Utah in recent memory.

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MO-Illegal gambling devices to be publicly destroyed in Platte City

Five video gaming machines declared to be illegal gambling devices in the **only successful felony prosecution** of a game vendor in Missouri will be destroyed Thursday in Platte City — and the public is invited to watch. The games, previously owned by Integrity Vending LLC, were seized in October 2018 by the Parkville Police Department at two convenience stores. Integrity Vending was convicted of promoting gambling in September 2020, paid a fine of \$7,500 and pulled its other games from other locations in the state. Under a **Missouri law dating to 1951**, any device used for illegal gambling is forfeited to the state and “which has no legitimate use shall be ordered publicly destroyed.”

The conviction is the only one for a felony crime among the approximately two dozen criminal cases pending around the state for the video games that have proliferated in convenience stores and other locations in recent years. The games are called “pre-reveal” or “no chance gaming” because players can view whether they will win or lose if they play the next bet. Promoters of the machine say that feature makes them legal.

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Joint Commitment: Alcohol Producers and Major Agencies Create Standards for Influencer Alcohol Marketing

The International Alliance for Responsible Drinking (IARD), which represents major global alcohol producers, partnered with leading advertising, public relations and influencer agencies to sign an **Influencer Pledge** that sets standards and rules for influencers who market alcohol on social channels. The Pledge is meant to prevent influencer alcohol marketing from reaching minors and to encourage influencers to promote responsible drinking. In addition to the Pledge, the companies created a set of **five safeguards** applicable to influencers that work with alcohol brands.

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MA-Restaurant Temporarily Loses Liquor License After Underage BC Students Are Caught Drinking

A restaurant in downtown Boston will **lose** its liquor license for one week this month after investigators caught underage Boston College students drinking alcohol and not wearing masks at a party in April.

According to a report from the Commonwealth’s Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission, investigators arrived at **Servia**, a modern Eastern Mediterranean restaurant located on State Street, on April 9 and saw approximately 21 “youthful looking individuals,” many with drinks in hand, standing by the bar.

Upon entering the establishment, the students began to “scatter” to the back of the restaurant, the report said. “Investigators then walked to the back of the establishment and entered the dining room where they observed individuals exiting, trying to exit the premises, and/or attempting to hide from the investigators,” the report reads. An investigation by the commission **found** that the restaurant violated four Massachusetts COVID-19 regulations by allowing employees and patrons to remove their masks inside the restaurant. The commission is also charging the restaurant with seven counts of underage drinking, all of which were BC students aged 19 and 20.

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UK studies stricter alcohol limits for drone operation than driving

Backyard barbeque drone fliers in Britain may want to have a designated pilot standing by before long. UK authorities are now studying a proposal to set legal limits on alcohol for drone operation even tighter than the DUI thresholds for drivers. The UK government’s Department of Transport (DfT) is considering the alcohol restrictions on drone operation as part of a broader overhaul of rules regulating airspace. The move anticipates the skies becoming considerably more crowded as the number of leisure drones and commercial craft for deliveries, surveying, inspections, and passenger transport expands in the near future. As part of that, the DfT is studying **proposals** to set stricter blood and breath alcohol limits on private fliers, and tighten those already in place for “specific category” pilots providing services such as wedding photography or real estate evaluations.

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The Alcohol Industry Is Entering a New Golden Age—Here's Why

We are inundated with reports of **wine sales softening and heading for decline**, and even **hard seltzer sales waning** as consumers look to non-alcoholic beverages and recreational cannabis products now legal in most states. I've worked in this industry for over 30 years, the last 25 at **MHW Ltd.**, where we assist new brands entering the U.S. market, and I see a more optimistic future unfolding for the beverage alcohol industry—one fueled by an explosion of new products, consumer demand, increased market access, favorable tax rates, and improved federal and state regulatory efficiencies. For professionals across the ecosystem of beverage alcohol, I believe we are entering a golden era of opportunity and profitability.

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Sharp Increase in Fake Prescription Pills Containing Fentanyl and Meth

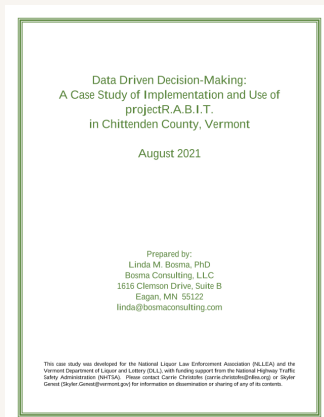
The Drug Enforcement Administration warns the American public of the alarming increase in the lethality and availability of fake prescription pills containing fentanyl and methamphetamine. International and domestic criminal drug networks are mass-producing fake pills, falsely marketing them as legitimate prescription pills, and killing unsuspecting Americans. These counterfeit pills are easy to purchase, widely available, and often contain deadly doses of fentanyl. Pills purchased outside of a licensed pharmacy are illegal, dangerous, and potentially lethal. This alert does not apply to legitimate pharmaceutical medications prescribed by medical professionals and dispensed by pharmacists.

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How State AGs Became a Check on the President

"We're in a new normal of AG activism," says Paul Nolette, a political scientist at Marquette University who tracks state lawsuits against the feds. "We can now expect AGs to litigate even in the first few months of an administration." Nolette predicts that the number of lawsuits will only increase, as the Biden administration finalizes rules and rolls back policies from the Trump administration. Republicans still have a ways to go to catch up with the number of lawsuits Democratic AGs filed against the last administration.

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Data Driven Decision-Making: A Case Study of Implementation and Use of projectR.A.B.I.T. in Chittenden County, Vermont

This case study was developed for the National Liquor Law Enforcement Association (NLLEA) and the Vermont Department of Liquor and Lottery (DLL), with funding support from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

In 2017, the Vermont Department of Liquor and Lottery Office of Compliance and Enforcement developed an online data management system—the Resource Allocation Based on an Intelligence Toolkit (projectR.A.B.I.T.), to ensure its efforts are data-driven, and to increase the

efficiency of its compliance, inspection, and investigation activity. As described in the Department of Liquor Control (DLC) website, projectR.A.B.I.T. is an “interactive dashboard to assist DLC to visualize, interpret, and drive decision-making based on data sources with relationships to alcohol and tobacco use, criminal and civil violations, and compliance programs throughout Vermont.”

(<https://liquorcontrol.vermont.gov/enforcement>) This study examines the use of projectR.A.B.I.T. during the initial years of implementation. The purpose of this case study is to examine how investigators and stakeholders use projectR.A.B.I.T., how it has changed their capacity to use data, the value it adds, and identify areas of potential improvement.

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