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Member Spotlight: Bloomsburg University Police Department-Pennsylvania

Bloomsburg University Police Department located in northern Pennsylvania along the Susquehanna river is organized as a traditional police department and officers are commissioned with statewide arrest authority.

Leo V. Sokoloski currently holds the position of Director of The Bloomsburg Universities Police Department. Leo was the chief of the Bloomsburg Police Department for 13 years, retiring on June 28, 2013. Sokoloski served as a police officer for the Town of Bloomsburg for more than 25 years, focusing efforts on town gown community policing efforts while curbing underage drinking, combatting nuisance crimes and maintaining the overall safety of 14,500 year-round residents, approximately 10,000 Bloomsburg University students, more than 800,000 guests at the annual Bloomsburg Fair and thousands more at other events held in town and at the Bloomsburg Fairgrounds.

Chief Sokoloski is also a trainer for the National Liquor Law Enforcement Association (NLLEA) and currently the only University Police Department holding a membership with the NLLEA. **Help us to change that and encourage universities in your state to join the NLLEA** and share their knowledge and expertise to improve the standards and practices of liquor law enforcement. Read more below on the great things Bloomsburg University Police Department is doing.

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Center for Alcohol Policy Nominations Open for Eighth Annual Leadership in Alcohol Regulation Award

Nominations are open for the Center for Alcohol Policy's Eighth Annual Leadership in Alcohol Regulation Award. The award recognizes the work of alcohol regulators across the country who oversee the alcohol industry and promote public health and safety. Any governmental agency or its employees working to promote and enforce alcohol laws and regulations are eligible for the award. Potential nominees include programs that have achieved positive results or individuals within an agency going above and beyond the call of duty.

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DIRECT-TO-CONSUMER SPIRIT SALES: WHY SO HARD?

The **convenience** segment is what is currently driving the DtC efforts. Companies like **Drizly**, using local retailers, are at the heart of the market. Basically, a delivery service (fast, reliable, and good at what they do), the focus is on mainstream brands that consumers know and are popular. But, for small brands that consumers want but are hard to find — craft and top shelf alike — Drizly may not be the answer.

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19 new Virginia ABC-related laws to go in effect on July 1

The General Assembly passed the Virginia ABC-related legislative proposals during the 2020 session, and Governor Ralph Northam signed them into law. The ABC License Reform law is a combined bill that modernizes and reforms Virginia ABC's licenses by reducing the total number by approximately 50%.

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Florida Police Embrace Facial Recognition Despite Pushback

Protests over police violence against Black communities put a spotlight on some of the tools law enforcement uses to protect and serve. Most recently, that focus centered on surveillance technology. Lawmakers introduced a **bill Thursday that would ban** federal spending on facial recognition. Boston voted Wednesday to ban facial recognition within the city. Earlier this month, Amazon and Microsoft announced plans to limit police use of their facial recognition technology, while IBM said it will abandon the facial recognition business altogether.

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Michigan Legislature Approves Bill to Create 'Social Districts' for Outdoor Drinking

In addition to giving a thumbs up to [allow bars to sell carryout cocktails](#), the Michigan legislature also forged ahead with a bill allowing for cities and municipalities to establish [new outdoor drinking spaces known as "social districts."](#) On Wednesday, June 24, the state senate voted in favor of the measure, sending it off to the governor's desk for a signature.

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Oklahoma-Lawton businesses caught selling alcohol to minors

Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Law Enforcement Commission (ABLE) and Wichita Mountains Prevention Network (WMPN) with the help of student volunteers — all under the age of 21 — conducted compliance checks June 18 on 18 Lawton businesses licensed to sell alcoholic beverages. Five of the 18 businesses failed the checks by selling alcohol to the underage volunteers. This is an increase from October 2019 when three businesses out of 16 checked sold to minors.

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Delaware-Governor Carney Signs Executive Order on Law Enforcement Policy

Governor John Carney on Thursday signed **Executive Order #41**, which bans the use of chokeholds by State of Delaware law enforcement agencies, including Delaware State Police and Capitol Police; increases community engagement; requires additional de-escalation and implicit bias training; and increases the availability of crisis intervention services for law enforcement officers. Governor Carney's order also will formally prohibit executive branch law enforcement agencies from sharing mugshots of minors, except when public safety is at risk; require transparency around use-of-force protocols; and mandate participation in the national

use-of-force database. Agencies subject to this order include Delaware State Police, Capitol Police, Department of Correction, Natural Resources Police, and Delaware Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement.

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Florida DBPR Issues Emergency Order 2020-09 Restricting Sales of Alcoholic Beverages for Consumption on the Premises

The Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) today suspended the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption at all bars throughout the state. The suspension of alcohol sales directed by DBPR Emergency Order 2020-09 is effective immediately.

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Operation Dry Water Brings Law Enforcement and Education to N.C. Waters

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From July 3–5, the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission’s law enforcement division will focus on boating law compliance on North Carolina’s waterways and spread public awareness for “Operation Dry Water,” a national campaign that promotes sobriety while boating. Over Independence Day weekend, enforcement officers will conduct sobriety checkpoints and promote public education on the dangers of operating a vessel while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

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