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Alcohol Law Enforcement Agencies, State and Local Police Departments, Sheriff's Departments, and Alcohol Regulatory Agencies,

RE: Alcohol Law Enforcement Record Management Systems Survey

The National Liquor Law Enforcement Association (NLLEA), in collaboration with the National Alcohol Beverage Control Association (NABCA), is conducting an assessment of alcohol law enforcement (ALE) record management systems (RMS) that will improve processes for ALE agencies when updating their RMS programs. The assessment will also be used to inform RMS vendors about the unique RMS needs of ALE as they build new modules and systems. ***Your participation in the assessment is paramount to the assessment's success. The survey should take no longer than 15 minutes to complete.***

To date, little consideration has been given to ALE within the RMS field, and we are at a critical juncture with alcohol regulatory enforcement. Since the 2019 U.S. Supreme Court case, more emphasis has been placed on ALE to improve data collection processes of its compliance and monitoring actions to substantiate the public safety goals of alcohol regulation

(https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/18pdf/18-96_5i36.pdf).

Over the last two decades, national partners have succeeded in creating data collection, standardization, and sharing protocols for law enforcement agencies. These national guidelines paved the way for better systems for data collection and coordination between enforcement and other agency partners at the federal, state and local levels, and we know this can be done for ALE as well. This is a big goal, which is why we need your help.

*We hope you will consider helping by completing the entire survey; it should take no longer than 15 minutes. All responses will be aggregated and featured in a summary report. NLLEA will distribute the report to all participants once complete. **Deadline to complete the survey is October 30, 2020***

Survey Link:

<https://app.surveymethods.com/EndUser.aspx?C8EC809FC88B9A93CB>

Thank you for your time and consideration,
If you have any questions or concerns, please see my contact information below.

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Pandemic's deadly side effect: Global rise in bootleg alcohol poisonings **With a tanking economy and public health woes, Turkey sees a major uptick in the ingestion of methyl alcohol, which can cause severe injury or death.**

On Oct. 9, a Turkish hospital in the seaside city of Izmir reported the death of a man poisoned with methyl alcohol, a cheap industrial chemical. The compound is colorless, has a strong alcohol odor, and is sometimes mixed into illegally produced liquor to cut the cost. Less than a tablespoon can kill a person. In less than two weeks, 63 people died across 10 provinces in Turkey — more than the total number of suspected methyl alcohol poisonings over the two prior years. Those who survive ingesting the dangerous substance are often left with permanent blindness or brain damage. Turkish authorities have jumped into action, raiding warehouses and arresting more than 70 people, according to state media.

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Alaska-Law Enforcement Seizes Alcohol and Drugs Bound for Dry Village

The group was identified by AAIT to be intending to import liquor to the village of Noorvik , which is a dry community. AST and AAIT responded and seized a total of 45 bottles of alcohol, marijuana, and marijuana concentrate. 74 additional bottles were seized at Anchorage airport before the individuals boarded the plane to Nome.

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Last call for COVID-19 restrictions? Bar owners say mandates threaten their future

State liquor agents have handed out more than 200 citations to bars for breaking COVID-19 orders. That number pales in comparison to the almost 20,000 visits that agents have made to bars and restaurants, most leading to no action. “By and large, we’re seeing compliance at the vast majority of locations across Ohio,” Ohio Investigative Unit Enforcement Cmdr. Eric Wolf said. But bar owners say the restrictions aimed at limiting the spread of COVID-19 are instead limiting their chances to survive. “If they’re going to keep this up during the holidays, they’re going to crush a lot of places,” Akron bar owner Ray Nemer said. The first COVID-related citation was handed down March 16, records from the Ohio Investigative Unit show. As of Oct. 14, the unit had written 223 citations, some to repeat offenders, on 19,488 visits to establishments across the state. It had also issued 101 warnings.

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Who regulates social media? Good question!

Social media platforms have repeatedly found themselves in the United States government's crosshairs over the last few years, as it has been progressively revealed just how much power they really wield, and to what purposes they've chosen to wield it. But unlike, say, a firearm or drug manufacturer, there is no designated authority that says what these platforms can and can't do. So who regulates them? You might say everyone and no one.

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What is the Most Common Cause of Boating Accidents?

Boating is a popular recreational activity, and it also provides an income for many families around the world. According to the United States Coast Guard, there were 4,168 boating accidents in the United States in 2019, resulting in 613 deaths, 2,559 people hurt, and around \$55 million in property damage. The Coast Guard also lists the following five contributing factors as the top causes of boating accidents.

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Clear Lake Establishment Ordered to Serve 21-Day Suspension for Violating Iowa's Liquor Laws

The Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Division (ABD) announced today that the Surf District Rock n' Roll Grill* in Clear Lake has been ordered to serve a 21-day suspension for violating Iowa's liquor laws. A hearing **complaint** was filed on July 2, 2020, alleging that the establishment reused and refilled liquor containers in violation of the Iowa Code. "Protecting public health and safety is paramount in our regulation efforts. Reusing and refilling an alcohol container directly puts public health and safety at risk," said ABD Regulatory Compliance Bureau Chief, Josh Happe. On October 19, 2020, an administrative law judge issued a **decision** and agreed, based on the preponderance of the evidence, that cheaper liquor was poured into more expensive bottles, and that the actions of the establishment were serious and did indeed put public health and safety at risk.

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Utah lawmakers eye tougher penalties for 'extreme' DUIs

The bill targets "extreme" DUI offenders, which include drivers with a blood alcohol level of 0.16% or greater; those above 0.05% but with another controlled substance; and others behind the wheel with two or more unprescribed, controlled substances in their system, such as heroin and meth.

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2019 Fatality Data Show Continued Annual Decline in Traffic Deaths

The U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration today released a preview of **2019 data from the Fatality Analysis Reporting System** and preliminary **estimates for the first half of 2020**. Alongside the release of the 2019 preview data and 2020 first-half fatality projections, the agency issued two companion reports, **Special Report: Examination of the Traffic Safety Environment During the Second Quarter of 2020** and **Drug and Alcohol Prevalence in Seriously and Fatally Injured Road Users Before and During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency**.

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NLLEA Announcements:

2020 NLLEA Annual Business Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, November 18th** from 1pm to 3pm EST via Zoom.

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[NHTSA Impaired Driving Update October 2020](#)

Job Announcement:

The Kaua'i County Liquor Control Commission invites qualified, service-oriented individuals of integrity and ethics to submit a comprehensive résumé of their educational and professional qualifications for the position of the Director of the Liquor Control Department for the County of Kaua'i.

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If you have Alcohol Law Enforcement news to share, please send it to Carrie Christofes, Executive Director at carrie.christofes@nllea.org. Thank you,

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