
Alcohol Enforcement in Utah

— Team Effort! —

Objectives

- ★ Provide a better understanding of the role of your state's alcohol law enforcement.
 - ★ Share tools for your agency to assist with alcohol enforcement.
 - ★ Gain the knowledge and contact information to help you report alcohol sales in your jurisdictions.
 - ★ Understand the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control's (DABC) role.
 - ★ Be familiar with the Target Responsibility for Alcohol Connected Emergencies (TRACE) program.
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Alcohol Enforcement Team (AET)

- ★ We are a part of the Utah Department of Public Safety, State Bureau of Investigation.
 - ★ One Lieutenant, three Sergeants-3 crews (13 agents)
 - ★ Assigned different areas of the State, office is centralized in Salt Lake County.
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AET Responsibilities

Covert Underage Buyer (CUB) operations:

- 18-19 year olds

- Check licensee establishments (Clubs, restaurants, recreation, liquor stores, and package stores)

Covert Operations:

- Undercover work in clubs and restaurants

- Investigate complaints and use intelligence to inspect problem establishments

AET

Main focus is alcohol violations, however we sometimes investigate gambling, narcotics, and other illegal activity occurring in licensees.

Your agency can contact us if you have problem establishments that need undercover investigations conducted to gather evidence.

We provide education to licensees, local law enforcement agencies, and community groups.

Responsibilities

- ★ SIP Investigations-Service to Intoxicated persons
- ★ Problem establishment complaints
- ★ Basic alcohol violation complaints
- ★ Place of Last Drink intelligence
- ★ Education



Why do we do this?

Prevention and education regarding underage drinking is necessary.

Youth who drink alcohol are more likely to experience:

- School problems
 - Social Problems
 - Changes in brain development
 - Unplanned or unwanted sexual activity
 - Death from alcohol poisoning
 - Higher risk for suicide or homicide
 - Alcohol related accidents (crashes, drowning, falls)
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Why do we do this?

Prevention and education about impaired driving is key.

In 2014, there were 9,967 fatal crashes involving a driver with a BAC of .08 or higher. This was 31% of all fatal crashes in the United States (NHTSA, 2015).

An average of 1 alcohol related fatality occurred every 53 minutes in 2014 (NHTSA, 2015).

Approximately 50% of people arrested for DUI consumed their last drink at a liquor licensee (NHTSA, 2005).

Utah Statistics

2015

2015---1550 CUB Inspections

Restaurants & Clubs

TRACE---11 investigations

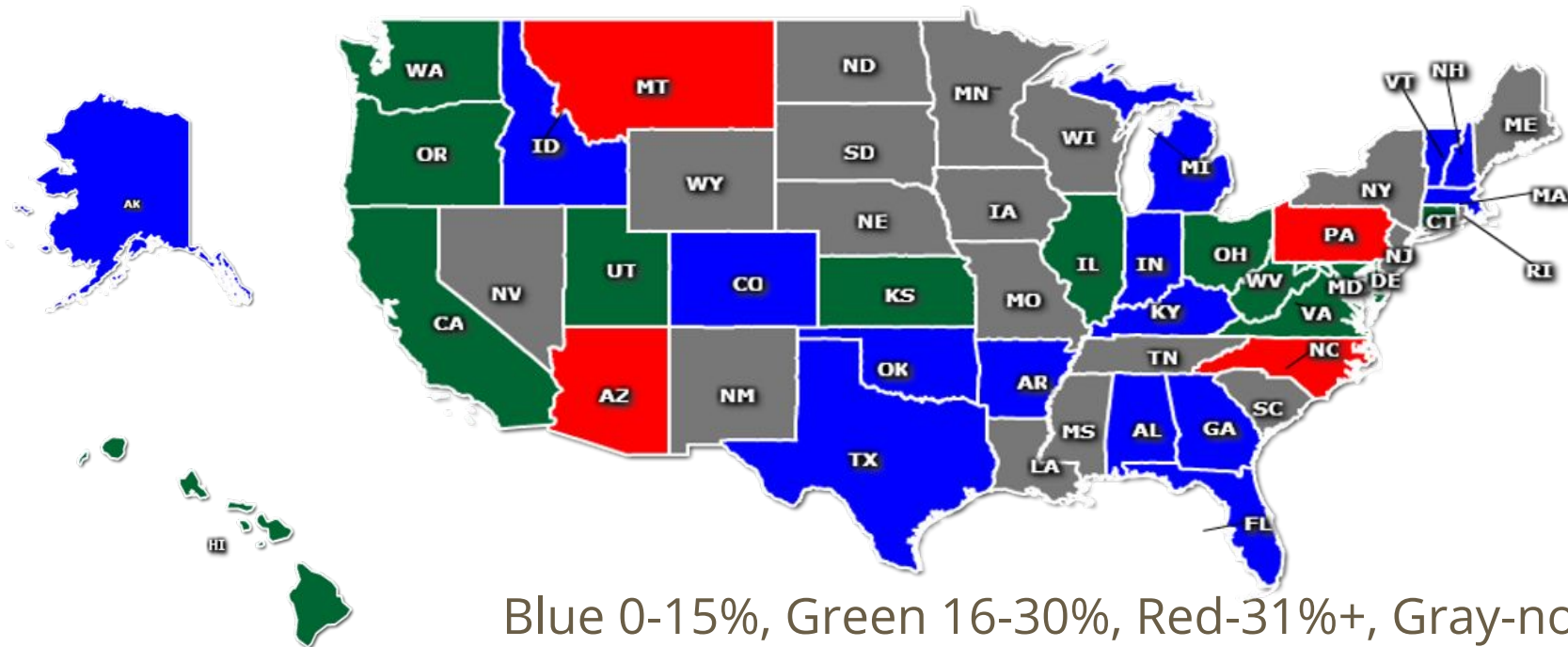
42 Single Event Permits checked

How do we compare?

Percentage of alcohol related fatalities by state:

STATE	BAC=.08+	BAC=.01+
Arizona	26%	32%
Delaware	40%	42%
Idaho	28%	32%
Maine	33%	38%
Oklahoma	23%	27%
Tennessee	28%	32%
Utah	22%	24%
Virginia	30%	36%

Who fails compliance checks?



TRACE

- ★ Targeted Response to Alcohol Connected Emergencies
 - ★ Death or serious bodily injury crash where alcohol is a factor
 - ★ Minors with alcohol use-crashes or other
 - ★ Intoxicated person incidents at establishments

 - ★ Anyone can call and request our help (on scene or during investigation)
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TRACE

Things that we can help with:

- ★ Interviews
- ★ Search warrant affidavits
- ★ Search of vehicles
- ★ Scanner records at clubs/surveillance footage



DABC

Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control

1625 South 900 West
Salt Lake City, Utah 84104
Phone: (801) 977-6800
Fax: (801) 977-6888



After a violation occurs-must be reported within **8 business days** from the end of the investigation of an establishment.

Who has Alcohol Licenses?

Find a statewide list: <http://abc.utah.gov/license/reports.html>

Restaurants (Limited, beer, and full service)

Clubs (Fraternal, social, and dining)

Recreational (Golf courses and bowling alleys)

Catering, liquor stores, package stores, and single event permits.

Total-1845 licenses in Utah

Underage buyer checks

Under the EASY grant that your agency may use from Highway Safety, your agency should not do underage buyer checks at restaurants or bars.

If your agency uses their own funds to do these checks, a plan must be in place to report the sales to DABC and also to the AET.

DABC can not take action against licensees for violations without notification.

How it works?

Properly train the underage buyers and assign them numbers for ID.

Carry their true ID.

Cannot lie about their age.

Collect statements from underage buyers after sale.

Visits to licensees should be up to 4 times per year (once each quarter)

Fax or email a report of the sale to DABC (801) 977-6888 and AET (801) 532-3769. (We track inspections)

Liquor store checks are different (Andrew Hofeling ahofeling@utah.gov)

What's in the report?

Pictures of CUBS on the day of the check, pictures of cub's identification (personal info blanked out)

Picture of alcoholic product sold/provided.

Detailed statement about how the sale occurred-what officers witnessed.

CUB statements (what the server said and did)

Copy of citation issued

Common Violations

32B-4-403 Sale/supply of alcohol to minors

32B-1-407 Failure to verify age

Citations are issued at time of violation

Administrative referral happens later



Questions?

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