



BASIC TRACK

NLLEA 2020 Training Symposium Agenda and Session Descriptions (Tentative)

Day 1

Tuesday, May 12th

0700-0800

Breakfast

0800-0850

Opening Remarks

Greg Croft, NLLEA President

Major Miller, Pennsylvania State Police

Presentation of Colors by Pennsylvania State Police Honor Guard

US National Anthem/Pledge of Allegiance

State Introductions and Overview of NLLEA

Executive Director Carrie Christofes, NLLEA

This presentation will outline NLLEA's mission, goals, and membership benefits.

0900-0950

Warrantless Administrative Search Authority/Intelligence Gathering

Captain James Jones, Pennsylvania State Police, Bureau of Liquor Enforcement

Todd Merlina, Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board, Division Chief/NLLEA Secretary/Treasurer

This training session will cover the history of warrantless administrative searches as it has developed through the United States Supreme Court and various Appeals Courts; including the current court ruling status, parameters and constraints of conducting a warrantless administrative search as a state alcohol enforcement agency along with guidelines and operational plans for agents to assist them in remaining within the court parameters when conducting searches of licensed premises. With the authority of a warrantless search, officers have a great opportunity to gather intelligence. A significant percentage of criminal activity originates, occurs in, or otherwise involves liquor licensed establishments. The duties of alcohol law enforcement officers place them in a unique position to gather intelligence relating to various crimes and violations. This training explores the policies, procedures and techniques designed to enhance the abilities of officers and agencies to effectively gather intelligence.

1000-1050

Undercover Operations/Surveillance Techniques

Captain James Jones, Pennsylvania State Police, Bureau of Liquor Enforcement

Todd Merlina, Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board, Division Chief/NLLEA Secretary/Treasurer

Undercover investigations can present law enforcement organizations and officers with unique challenges. This course, targeted at both law enforcement officers and supervisors, provides instruction on undercover role preparation, development of cover stories, use and control of informants as well as note taking and reporting. The session will also include a discussion of an undercover officer's duty to act and protect in various situations and policies and procedures unique to the supervision and management of undercover officers.

1100-1150

Fake ID Trends and Detection Methods

Mark Baxter, Howard County, MD

This training session will go in-depth to cover the three core considerations when checking the validity of an identity document in the alcoholic beverage trade: 1) Is the person 21 years of age, 2) Does the photo match the presenter, and 3) Is the document genuine? This session will review suggested dialogues, physical feature comparisons, and behaviors exhibited by suspected possessors of fake IDs. Focus will be placed on identifying security features of commonly counterfeited United States driver's licenses and emphasize those features that can be quickly verified. Additionally, this session will include hands-on examples of genuine and counterfeit IDs to demonstrate how to discover these security features.

1200-1300

Lunch

1300-1350

Fake ID Trends and Detection Methods-Continued

Mark Baxter, Howard County, MD

1400-1600

Enforcement of Alcohol Laws Around Universities

Leo Sokoloski, Director, Bloomsburg University Police Department

Kevin Jones, Deputy Chief of Police, Delaware Department of Safety and Homeland Security, Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement

This training will review how Bloomsburg University in PA developed local laws to enforce alcohol laws in response to large social gatherings through ordinances and permits. It will also review how the university police work with their student body along with the state and local police departments on prevention measures leading up to a large social gathering and how collaboration among agencies is key to keep the students, community and police safe. This class covers multiple aspects of underage drinking enforcement, including compliance checks, shoulder taps, party patrols and public relations. Special events, both small and large in scale, require enforcement efforts that are tailored to the unique nature of the events. This training will look at the trends and culture of all types of special events. The importance of preventative education; working with local police departments; utilizing plain clothed and uniformed officers; and understanding the role of social media will be discussed.

Day 2

Wednesday, May 13th

0700-0800

Breakfast

0800-0950

Sales to Intoxicated Persons (SIP)/ Source Investigations/Place of Last Drink (POLD)

Agent in Charge Greg Croft, Ohio Department of Public Safety, Investigative Unit, NLLEA President

Todd Merlina, Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board, Division Chief/NLLEA Secretary/Treasurer

The overall objective of SIP enforcement operations is to prevent impaired driving at the most common source: licensed premises regulated through alcohol enforcement agencies. This training will also cover policy and procedure recommendations for SIP enforcement operations, including officer safety; undercover operations; signs of intoxication; statutory requirements and report writing. Source investigations, also known as trace-back investigations, are initiated when there has been an alcohol-related fatality and there is the possibility that the alcoholic beverages were not lawfully purchased or consumed, through either sale to underage or intoxicated persons.

Source investigations use criminal and administrative investigative techniques to determine the original source of the alcohol. This session will walk participants through the steps of conducting a source investigation, from opening the case to filing administrative, civil or criminal charges.

The session will also provide an overview of how POLD data can be collected and utilized to maximize enforcement and training resources with establishments who may have a history of over service.

1000-1150

Illegal Gambling

Captain James Jones, Pennsylvania State Police, Bureau of Liquor Enforcement

Illegal gambling devices in licensed establishments have been on the rise nationwide, requiring a nuanced understanding of the electronic games and how to identify games of skill versus games of chance. Despite methodic efforts, the industry continually challenges law enforcement by attempting to disguise the real purpose of gambling machines – to make money, contending they are games of skill. This session will look at investigative procedures used to address illegal gambling devices and the case laws that have assisted or hampered prosecutions. A variety of devices and their features and the terminology used by vendors to mislead business owners and the public into believing the machines are legal will also be discussed.

1200-1300

Lunch

1300-1450

Human Trafficking and Licensed Establishments

Detective Joshua Rowley Delaware State Police/FBI Child Exploitation and Human Trafficking Task Force Officer

Human trafficking can take place in many locations, including those establishments licensed to sell/serve alcohol. This session will provide an overview of the problem of human trafficking, specifically focusing on human trafficking cases in establishments licensed to sell alcohol.

1500-1700

Licensee Inspections to include Tobacco and Vaping Enforcement

TBD, Virginia

Lieutenant James Diana, Delaware Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement Agency

This session will provide instruction on how to conduct a license inspection, the importance in reviewing licensing applications and the observations of the daily operations of those locations.

This session will also provide an overview of the types of tobacco enforcement that can be conducted, including regularly scheduled premise inspections, conducting surveillance, providing online and in-person training, and conducting underage compliance checks. There will also be a discussion of the overlap between the alcohol and tobacco enforcement for some licensees and establishments.

Day 3

Thursday, May 14th

0700-0800

Breakfast

0800-0950

The 3-Tier System

Steve Schmidt, Sr. VP of Public Policy & Communications, NABCA

Larry “Buddy” Buckner, Alcohol Policy and Legal Research Analyst, NABCA

This session will outline the three-tier system in the world of alcohol beverage control, how it functions, why it is important, and what approaches are currently being taken to blur or erase the distinctions between each of the three tiers. A discussion will ensue about the importance of understanding the three-tier system for the enforcement of alcohol laws.

1000-1150

Trade Practice Investigations

Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau

Trade practice violations are a common concern for alcohol law enforcement agents, often requiring investigations that reach every level of the three-tiered system. Wholesalers and producers have been found to use incentives to buy space for their product in bars and pay large sums of money to secure business with retail locations. This session will explore hands on how to conduct an investigation of trade practices and how to enforce the laws and prosecute individuals and organizations violating trade practice laws.

1200-1300

Lunch

1300-1500

Trade Practice Investigations Continued

1500-1530

Presentation of Certificates/Closing Remarks