

GOVERNOR'S MONTHLY REPORT

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STATE OF ARIZONA

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The information reported in this document is used to keep the Governor and staff apprised of accomplishments, key issues, and upcoming events as they relate to the Department of Liquor Licenses and Control, and its three divisions (Licensing, Administration, and Investigations) on a monthly basis.

GRANTS & FUNDING
LIQUOR ENFORCEMENT & EDUCATION OUTREACH GRANT
CUB (COVERT UNDERAGE BUYER) PROGRAM

In an effort to curb the sale of liquor to underage persons, the Covert Underage Buyer (CUB) program was instituted in May of 2003. This program provides the resources necessary for the department to investigate reported complaints of liquor licensed businesses suspected of one or more underage liquor law violations. When there is reasonable suspicion to believe that a liquor-licensed establishment is selling liquor to underage customers, the department will send in a CUB to attempt to purchase liquor. CUBs are between the ages of sixteen (16) and nineteen (19) who are carefully trained by DLLC investigators to understand and follow state laws, including DLLC's CUB investigations guidelines and personal and public safety measures. Currently there are two (2) officers and a total of seven (7) trained CUBs performing CUB operations for the department. DLLC provides CUB program training to all Arizona law enforcement agencies, allowing the program to operate statewide.

In December 2015, DLLC conducted investigations of four (4) liquor-licensed establishments in Phoenix, Avondale, Glendale, and Apache Junction. Two (2) CUBs were used. Two (2), or fifty (50.0%) percent, of these establishments sold alcohol to a CUB resulting in five (5) administrative violations and four (4) criminal violations. All four (4) locations were investigated in response to complaints received by DLLC.

Since the inception of the program, three thousand eight hundred sixty (3,860) establishments have been investigated and one thousand two hundred twenty-one (1,221) or thirty-two (31.6%) percent have sold to CUB buyers resulting in two thousand nine hundred thirty-five (2,935) administrative violations and two thousand three hundred forty-nine (2,349) criminal violations.

CUB Program Statistics

Calendar Year	Locations Investigated	# Sold to CUB	% of Locations that Sold to CUB	Administrative Violations	Criminal Violations
2003	122	33	29	70	71
2004	217	55	25	122	136
2005	337	108	32	342	283
2006	475	148	31	409	317
2007	450	108	24	200	201
2008	572	172	30	416	349
2009	392	115	29	234	229
2010	169	96	57	207	129
2011	234	62	26	143	69
2012	215	82	38	225	193
2013	310	98	32	220	143
2014	181	76	42	179	122
2015	186	68	37	168	107

An Underage Drinking Hotline is in operation for concerned citizens to call when underage drinking, service, or sales are suspected. With each complaint DLLC launches an investigation. The Underage Drinking Hotline number is 1-877-NOT-LEGL or 1-877-668-5345.

OUTREACH

Community & Agency Outreach

Community and agency outreach meetings and presentations create opportunities to increase DLLC's efficiency and relevancy, encourage agency collaborative efforts, and promote safe and legal alcohol distribution, sales, and consumption.

Community and agency outreach during the month:

- Chief Ryff retirement celebration – director attended
- Meeting with Scottsdale Police Department – director attended
- Mothers Awareness on School-age Kids (MASK) executive board meeting – director attended
- Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership meeting – director attended
- Meeting with Governor's Office of Youth Faith and Family – director attended
- Meeting with Wine Institute – director attended
- West Valley Chiefs meeting – director attended
- Meeting with Chandler Police Department – director attended
- Meeting with Beer and Wine Distributors of Arizona – director and deputy director attended
- Craft Brewers Q and A meeting – director and deputy director attended
- Southern Arizona Law Enforcement Managers (SALEM) meeting – director and deputy director attended
- Southern Arizona DUI Task Force Kick-off – deputy director attended
- Meeting with Indian Country Intelligence Network – deputy director attended
- Meeting with Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training Board (AZPOST) – deputy director attended
- Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) DUI Task Force press conference – director, deputy director and communications director attended
- Meeting with Arizona Food Marketer's Association (AFMA) – director and communications director attended
- Navajo County Local Governing Body Training – assistant director of licensing attended
- PIO Networking, Training and Best Practices – communications director attended
- Crisis Communication Symposium – communications director attended
- Meeting with Arizona Craft Brewers Guild – communications director attended

Law Enforcement Special Detail:

- CUB – Investigator Palubeskie conducted one and Investigator Swift assisted
- Polo Event – Sergeant Kuhl and Investigator Swift
- Title 4 Training at Avondale Police Department for 9 Officers – Investigator Webb
- New Liquor Law and Rule Review for 45 Tribal Civilians – Investigator Miller
- Wholesaler Liquor Law Training and Update for 248 Civilians – Investigator Miller and Investigator Williams
- Navajo County Local Governing Body Training for 3 Officers and 8 Civilians – Investigator Miller
- Yuma County Local Governing Body Training for 3 Officers and 8 Civilians – Investigator Miller
- Trade Practice, Title 4 Training Management, Stats, Letters to Producers answering requests, and In-House Training – Investigator Miller
- Completed 36 Site Inspections, Title 4 Training Management and Complaint Hotline – Ms. Strickland
- Vehicle and RV maintenance – Investigator Trevizo
- Out-of-area complaints – entire division
- New Year's Eve events – entire division

SUCCESS STATISTICS INVESTIGATIONS

It is the responsibility of the Investigations Division to ensure that all licensees adhere to A.R.S. Title 4 (Arizona liquor law) and all Arizona Administrative Code Rules established by the DLLC.

Investigators completed one hundred ninety-five (195) routine liquor inspections (RLIs) at licensed establishments and events throughout Arizona resulting in thirty-six (36) criminal charges and one hundred thirty-one (131) administrative violations. The following success statistics were completed by a nonsupervisory staff of eleven (11) full time sworn officers who uphold a statewide officer-to-liquor license ratio of 1:1,083.

Total investigative actions taken this month were one thousand two hundred sixty-one (1,261), which is an increase of thirty-three (32.9%) percent when compared to the nine hundred forty-nine (949) investigative actions taken in December 2014.

Achievements:	Current Month	Total FY 2016	1 Year Ago This Month	Total FY 2015
Routine Liquor Inspections Completed	195	1,316	141	2,710
Criminal Citations Issued	19	146	30	660
Criminal Counts Charged	36	246	65	1,300
Administrative Counts Charged	131	528	108	1,140
Hidden Ownerships Completed	1	14	1	16
Site Inspections Completed	45	193	27	272
Non-Actioned (Criminal) Complaints	47	206	29	423
Actioned (Administrative) Complaints	10	55	5	96
Compliance Case Reports Submitted	39	197	29	423
On-view Violation Case Reports	23	123	17	256
Law Enforcement Liaison Completed	64	370	55	786
Tax Deficiency Charges	120	200	47	374
MVD Affidavit/Suspension	6	16	15	140
Underage Investigations Statistics:				
Citations Issued to Underage Persons	13	107	23	505
Total Underage Violations	34	228	55	1087
Total Achievements: (including police report reviews and completed protests not listed above)	1,261	6,952	949	13,373

Compared to December 2014, the number of citations DLLC investigators issued to underage persons decreased forty-four (43.5%) percent and the total number of underage violations decreased thirty-eight (38.2%) percent.

SUCCESS STATISTICS
Investigations (continued)

Current Month	Younger than Age 15	Age					
		15	16	17	18	19	20
Age of minor cited	0	0	0	0	4	5	4

Of the citations issued to underage persons, thirty-one (30.8%) percent were within one year and thirty-nine (38.5%) percent were within two years of the legal drinking age.

Statute/ Definition	Number of Counts Charged This Month	Number of Counts Charged in FY 2016	1 Year Ago This Month	Number of Counts Charged in FY 2015
A.R.S. § 4-241(A) Failure to request ID from underage; accepting unauthorized forms of ID	2	28	4	77
A.R.S. § 4-241(L) Underage who uses false ID to buy alcohol	1	5	14	128
A.R.S. § 4-241(M) Underage who solicits another person for alcohol	1	9	0	30
A.R.S. § 4-241(N) Underage who uses of false ID to gain entry to a liquor business	4	20	1	12
A.R.S. § 4-241(P) Person purchasing alcohol for underage	0	0	0	6
A.R.S. § 4-244(9) Furnishing alcohol to an underage; underage in possession/consumption	12	82	25	499
A.R.S. § 4-244(20) Consuming spirituous liquor in public place, thoroughfare or gathering	0	6	0	24
A.R.S. § 4-244(41) Underage with alcohol in system	8	45	11	291
A.R.S. § 13-2907.01 False reporting to law enforcement agencies	0	0	0	5
A.R.S. § 13-3613 Contributing to delinquency and dependency of a child	0	0	0	4
A.R.S. § 28-3478.1 Unlawful use of driver license	4	20	9	75
A.R.S. § 28-3478.3 Using another person's driver license	2	12	0	24

The number of underage violations issued in December 2015 decreased forty-seven (46.9%) percent compared with December 2014.

SUCCESS STATISTICS LIQUOR LICENSE AUDITS

Currently there are one hundred sixty-nine (169) active Series 11 (hotel/motel) licenses and three thousand five hundred twenty-nine (3,529) active Series 12 (restaurant) licenses statewide. Compared to December 2014, the number of hotel/motel with restaurant licenses increased by two (2) or one (1.2%) percent, and the number of restaurant licenses increased by one hundred ten (110) or three (3.2%) percent.

DLLC employs two (2) full time auditors. With a total of three thousand six hundred ninety-eight (3,698) restaurant-type licenses combined, the statewide auditor-to-liquor license ratio is: 1:1,849

Audit Status	Current Month	This Month Last Year
Audits closed	5	4
Audits initiated	5	6
Audits in progress	16	16
Open cases w/projected ratio of >37%	11	11
Open cases w/projected ratio between 30 to 37%	3	5
Open cases w/projected ratio of <30%	2	0
Locations granted 1 year to continue operation	0	0
Locations being monitored	100	58

During December 2015, five (5) audits were completed in Maricopa and Mohave Counties, which resulted in actionable violations in four (4) of those cases. On December 31, 2015, there were sixteen (16) audits in progress and one hundred (100) locations being monitored.

Audit Action	Current Month	Total FY 2016	This Month Last Year	Total FY 2015	Total 2003 To Present
Audits completed	5	43	4	91	853
Audits passed	5	33	4	56	472
Audits failed	0	8	0	25	297
Inconclusive	0	2	0	10	78
Other charges only	0	0	0	0	6

In December 2015, audit fines assessed from violations totaled two hundred fifty (\$250) dollars. Compared to December 2014, total audit fines assessed from violations decreased by one thousand seventy-five (\$1,075) dollars.

SUCCESS STATISTICS
Liquor License Audits (continued)

Audit Revenue 2-year Comparison

Audit Action	Current Month	Total FY 2016	1 Year Ago This Month	Total FY 2015
Fines Assessed	\$250	\$14,075	\$1,325	\$71,350

Audit statistics since FY 2007 are noted below:

Year	Audits Completed	Revenues Collected	Average Fine per Audit
FY 2007	27 audits	\$13,000	\$481
FY 2008	61 audits	\$36,500	\$598
FY 2009	103 audits	\$81,275	\$789
FY 2010	87 audits	\$81,750	\$940
FY 2011	82 audits	\$84,400	\$1,029
FY 2012	90 audits	\$64,355	\$715
FY 2013	84 audits	\$47,625	\$567
FY 2014	92 audits	\$49,625	\$539
FY 2015	91 audits	\$47,725	\$524
FY 2016	43 audits	\$43,200	\$1,005

Online Sampling Requests:

DLLC developed and instituted online sampling requests. After the requesting licensee enters the date, time and location, the system then verifies whether: (1) there are other sampling events at the same location on the same date, (2) the requestor has not exceeded twelve (12) allowed sampling events per location per year, and (3) the location meets the requirements of a sampling location. If the system determines the sampling request meets all of the requirements, the sampling event is booked, an email along with a "Notice of Sampling" credential is instantly emailed to the distributor, and a notification email is sent to the retail location.

During the month of December 2015, there were two hundred fifty (250) sampling requests entered into and approved by the new on-line system. Of these sampling requests five (5) were cancelled. In FY 2016, the online system has saved over seven hundred eighty (780.95) staff hours.

SUCCESS STATISTICS COMPLIANCE

The Compliance Unit governs the dispute-resolution process and imposes disciplinary actions against licensees for violations of State liquor laws. The Compliance Unit is responsible for determining an appropriate course of disciplinary action which may consist of verbal or written warnings, consent agreements, or referral for a full administrative hearing.

Achievements	Current Month	Total FY 2016	1 Year Ago This Month	Total FY 2015
Revocations	0	0	0	0
Suspensions	0	0	0	2
Surrenders	0	7	1	10
Divestitures	1	4	1	7
Administrative Complaints	1	4	0	2
Decisions & Orders	1	1	0	1
Cases Received	140	672	76	843
Cases Completed	24	222	13	198
Cases in Progress	116	450	63	645
Warning Letter Issued	4	15	3	22
Cases Sent to OAH	0	0	0	7

Economic Impact:

Fines collected during the month totaled twenty-nine thousand seventy-five (\$29,075) dollars from forty-one (41) adjudicated compliance actions. Compared to last month, November 2015, this represents a thirty-three (32.6%) percent decrease in collected revenues and a seventeen (17.1%) percent increase in the number of compliance actions processed. Compared to December 2014, this represents a forty-two (41.6%) percent decrease in collected revenues and a twenty-one (21.2%) percent decrease in the number of compliance actions processed.

A penalty payment plan gives licensees the option to pay fines in installments rather than in one lump sum. DLLC and the licensee agree to the terms of the payment plan during the negotiation process. Although the payment plan may reduce DLLC's monthly collection of fine revenues in the short term, the long term outcome is intended to keep establishments in business by easing the financial burden of fines.

Fiscal Year	Compliance Actions	Revenues Collected	Average Fine Per Action
2005-2006	500	\$689,475	\$1,379
2006-2007	429	\$627,975	\$1,464
2007-2008	334	\$582,350	\$1,744
2008-2009	584	\$886,440	\$1,518
2009-2010	415	\$705,725	\$1,701
2010-2011	425	\$598,509	\$1,408
2011-2012	479	\$428,445	\$894
2012-2013	440	\$673,710	\$1,531
2013-2014	500	\$473,910	\$948
2014-2015	561	\$516,365	\$920
2015-2016	284	\$282,500	\$995

SUCCESS STATISTICS
Compliance (continued)

Adjudicated Underage Violations:

Statute	Adjudicated This Month	TOTAL FY 2016	1 Year Ago This Month	TOTAL FY 2015
A.R.S. § 4-241(A) Failure to request ID from underage; accepting unauthorized forms of ID; failure to follow the identification procedure prescribed by statutes	8	36	4	92
A.R.S. § 4-241(L) Underage who uses false ID to buy alcohol	0	0	0	0
A.R.S. § 4-241(M) Underage who solicits another person for alcohol	0	0	0	0
A.R.S. § 4-241(N) Underage who uses of false ID to gain entry to a liquor business	0	0	0	0
A.R.S. § 4-241(P) Person purchasing alcohol for underage	0	0	0	0
A.R.S. § 4-244(1) Unlicensed Resale	1	6	0	20
A.R.S. § 4-244(9) Furnishing alcohol to an underage; underage in possession/consumption	8	34	4	89
A.R.S. § 4-244(16) Knowingly allow furnishing liquor to underage	0	0	0	0
A.R.S. § 4-244(22) Underage on premises without parent (on-sale); consume without permission of premises owner	2	6	0	6
A.R.S. § 4-244(41) Underage with alcohol in system	0	0	0	0
A.R.S. § 13-2907(01) False reporting to law enforcement agencies	0	0	0	0
A.R.S. § 28-3478(1) Unlawful use of driver license	0	0	0	0
A.R.S. § 28-3478(3) Using another person's driver license	0	0	0	0

During FY 2016, fines from adjudicated underage violations total seventy thousand three hundred seventy-five (\$70,375) dollars.

Compliance Statistics Resulting From Underage Violations:

Fiscal Year	Fines Collected	Licenses Suspended	Licenses Revoked
2011	\$214,500	2	0
2012	\$82,265	1	0
2013	\$125,500	4	1
2014	\$80,625	1	2
2015	\$82,375	0	0
2016	\$70,375	0	0

SUCCESS STATISTICS STATE LIQUOR BOARD

The State Liquor Board operates independently from the Director of the Department of Liquor Licenses and Control and is responsible for hearing liquor license applications that have been protested by the public, the governing body of a city, town or county, or the Department Director. Additionally, the Board may hear appeals and overturn or amend decisions of the Director.

Achievements:	Current Month	Total FY 2016	1 Year Ago This Month	Total FY 2015
Hearings Scheduled	2	14	3	57
Licenses Granted	0	1	1	20
Licenses Denied	1	3	1	11
Continuances Granted	0	2	0	11
Continuances Denied	0	0	0	1
Licenses Withdrawn	1	4	2	13
Appeals Heard	0	0	0	0
Rehearings Requested	0	1	0	1
Hearings Cancelled by Director	0	2	0	3

There were two (2) hearings scheduled before the State Liquor Board in December. One (1) Series 12 Restaurant liquor license was withdrawn. One (1) Series 10 Beer and Wine Store liquor license was denied.

STATE LIQUOR BOARD MEMBERS AND TERMS

Cyndy Valdez (R)	Chairman Pima County Wholesaler	Term Expires January 16, 2017
Bill Du Pont (D)	Vice Chairman Pima County Neighborhood Association	Term Expires January 18, 2016
Vikki Scarafiotti (D)	Maricopa County No Financial Interest	Term Expires January 16, 2017
Michael Troyan (I)	Maricopa County Retailer	Term Expires January 15, 2018
Jim Carruthers (R)	Yuma County No Financial Interest	Term Expired January 19, 2015
Vacant	No Financial Interest	Term Expires January 15, 2018
Vacant	No Financial Interest	Term Expires January 18, 2016

SUCCESS STATISTICS LICENSING DIVISION

The Licensing Division is responsible for processing new license applications, permits, renewals, and maintaining up-to-date and accurate information on active licenses. Compared to this month last year, December 2014, the number of new liquor licenses issued in Arizona decreased fourteen (13.6%) percent and the number of active licenses increased one (0.6%) percent. Also, compared with December 2014, monthly licensing revenues have increased fifty-one (51.4%) percent from seven hundred twenty-two thousand seven hundred fifty-six (\$722,756) dollars during this time last year to one million, ninety-four thousand five hundred fifty-four (\$1,094,554) dollars during the current month.

In December 2015, two (2) exempt locations were approved which brings the total active exempt locations in Arizona to eighty-nine (89). An exempt location is an establishment that has: (1) met the criteria established in A.R.S. §4-244.05 and A.A.C. R19-1-324; (2) made application for the exemption; (3) been inspected by a DLLC investigator; and (4) been issued a one-year exemption which allows patrons to bring and consume beer and wine on the premises.

Licensing	Current Month	Total FY 2016	1 Year Ago This Month	Total FY 2015
New Licenses Issued	171	763	198	1,559
Renewed Licenses	2,385	6,860	2,036	11,952
Lottery Licenses Issued	7	9	2	16
Collected Lottery Revenues	\$602,125	\$1,734,700	\$100,000	\$1,208,300
Number of Active Liquor Licenses	11,918*	11,918*	11,842*	12,052*
Exempt Locations Issued	2	48	10	84
Number of Exempt Locations	89**	89**	89**	86**
Collected Licensing Revenues (including lottery revenues)	\$1,094,554	\$4,665,989	\$722,756	\$7,884,153

*This number fluctuates daily depending on renewals, new applications, suspensions and revocations.

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Collected Revenue by Fee Type in December 2015

Fair Market Value	602,125
Applications	16,900
License Fees	247,550
Out-of-State	0
Agent Change	3,600
Fines	22,825
Special Event	5,150
Club	1,525
Penalties	15,300
Copy Fees	7,832
Non-Use Surcharge	18,300
Audit Surcharge	600
Enforcement K Surcharge	73,220
Enforcement L Surcharge	73,220
Miscellaneous	5

TOTAL REVENUES COLLECTED **\$1,088,152**
(fingerprints) **6,402**

TOTAL REPORT **\$1,094,554**

**LEAN TRANSFORMATION
STATEWIDE LICENSING INITIATIVE**

In FY 2015, DLLC issued one thousand five hundred forty-one (1,541) new licenses. Beginning in FY 2016, all DLLC license applications will be included in the continuous improvement process. Customer service representatives (CSRs) have received training and resource materials to ensure that consistent licensing policies and procedures are used when processing applications. A standardized process will help reduce CSR errors, improve processing time, and improve customer satisfaction rates. Process improvement is tracked with the LAG Metric, LEAD Metric, and Touch Time.

DLLC Process Improvement

Monthly Measurement	Timeframe	Results
LAG Metric (Goal: 80 days) (Average number of days to issue a liquor license from the date an application is received)	December 6-31, 2015	98 days
LEAD Metric (Goal: 5 days) (Average number of days from the date an application is received to the date the application is accepted and entered into LCS)	December 6-31, 2015	1 day
Touch Time (Average number of minutes a CSR "touches" an application during the process)	December 6-31, 2015	51 minutes

WHAT'S NEXT AT DLLC? Upcoming Events and Milestones

Retirement

Connie Wagner, Assistant Director of Licensing, will retire after 19 years with the agency.

Grant Award for DUI Enforcement

DLLC was recently awarded a \$41,000 grant from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) to fund overtime for Covert Underage Buyer (CUB) operations, equipment, and training supplies. This grant will also fund increased law enforcement presence at big events like Waste Management Open, Barrett-Jackson, NASCAR, Fiesta Bowl, annual community celebrations, and events that attract underage such as Country Thunder, Spring Break, and homecoming.

Grant funding requires officers to take an "aggressive" approach and make a lasting impression. Standard enforcement doesn't always result in permanent change. This grant allows DLLC officers to facilitate free training about liquor laws and spotting fake IDs. More than 800 officers and business owners have attended DLLC training during the past 12-months. Responsible operators want to be in compliance with Arizona liquor laws. The challenge is in understanding and applying liquor laws to daily business when the laws change each year. Training creates an opportunity for liquor officers and business owners to talk one-on-one.

Upcoming Training Presented by DLLC Investigations

Date: February 11, 2016
Courses: Liquor Law and Licensing Workshop
Location: Lake Havasu City Police Department Council Chambers

Date: February 24, 2016
Courses: Winery and Vineyard Law
Location: Phoenix

END OF DLLC DECEMBER 2015 REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR