

# DLLC Tribal Consultation Report for July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021

Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control Mission Statement: "To protect public safety and support economic growth through the responsible sale and consumption of liquor, and to efficiently license qualified applicants."

#### Agency Overview

The Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control (Department) regulates the liquor industry based upon the 3-tier system: production, distribution, and retail sale of alcoholic beverages. According to the Department's FY2021 Annual Report, civilian and sworn staff are responsible for licensing, regulating, and monitoring of over 13,000 liquor licenses. The Department's primary enforcement efforts focus on (a) Eradicating liquor sales to underage persons; (b) Reducing the over-service of alcohol; and (C) Reducing acts of violence from alcohol consumption.

#### <u>Tribal Government Consultation Policy</u>

The Department has jurisdiction over the manufacture, sale, and purchase of alcohol on tribal lands wherein such facilities, such as casinos, are licensed to sell spirituous liquor by the State. The Department also regulates the wholesalers that supply alcohol to State licensed tribal facilities. The illegal use and abuse of alcohol is a statewide concern; thus, we encourage cooperation between the Department and Tribal Nations to address those concerns.

#### <u>Tribal Liaison</u>

Pursuant to A.R.S. 41-2051.C The Department has a Tribal Consultation Policy and has a dedicated tribal liaison. The tribal liaison is responsible for communicating with the 22 Tribal Nations in order to enhance the lines of communication between the Department and the Tribes. In addition, the tribal liaison will coordinate all collaborative initiatives to address the illegal use and potential abuse of alcohol.

## **DLLC-Tribal Objectives, Goals and Related Activities**

Objective	Goal	Activity and Performance Measure
Conduct liquor law training for tribal staff at the request of a tribe.	Provide training and expertise to tribal officers and civilian staff on Title 4 law and fake identifications.	8/16/20, Provided Liquor Law training at the Northern Arizona Regional Training Academy (NARTA) attended by (6) tribal officers.  2/16/21, Provided Liquor Law training at NARTA attended by (15) tribal officers.  5/3/21, Provided Liquor Law training to 48 different tribal officers and casino staff from all around Arizona along with AZ Department of Gaming.
Share at a tribes request appropriate technical data and information related to liquor law enforcement.	Provide expertise and guidance on Arizona liquor laws and regulations to any tribe that requests such information.	No requests from any tribal entity.
Conduct liquor law enforcement on tribal land when asked to do so by Tribal officials.	Provide assistance/support for all requests received from tribes.	Due to COVID-19, no in-person details were conducted due to all events being shut down.
Participate in Tribal community outreach and education activities.	Attend or present at all tribal community events at which DLLC is invited.	Tribal Community events, including Tribal Legislative Day at the Capitol which was cancelled this fiscal year due to COVID-19.

### Challenge facing the Department of Liquor:

As with all State agencies, The Department faced significant challenges to its mission due to the impacts of the COVID-19 situation. In-person training and education is a core service provided by the Department to tribal entities. However, in March 2020, the Department had to stop all in-person training/educational interactions for tribal and other entities. The Department is planning to resume in-person training over the next year.

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