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Meet TABC Chief of Staff Earl Pearson



Earl Pearson joined TABC as the Chief of Staff in January 2009, bringing with him over 30 years of management, legislative and law enforcement experience. Pearson attended McMurry University in Abilene

where he was a starting football player. While at McMurry, a friend encouraged him to join the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) which he did, graduating from the Recruit Academy in 1976. He then spent 13 years as a trooper with the Texas Highway Patrol.

In 1989, he joined the ranks of the Texas Rangers. Pearson rose to Lieutenant in 1992, Captain in 1996 and Assistant Chief in 2001. In 2004, he was named Chief of the Texas Ranger Division, becoming the first African-American DPS Division Chief.

Pearson retired from public service in 2005 to start his own security services company, but he re-joined the State of Texas in 2009. He holds a TCLEOSE Master Peace Officer Certification and is a graduate of the Governor's Executive Development Program at the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, University of Texas at Austin.



New OPR Director, Captain Andy Pena Leads Internal Affairs

Captain Andy Pena joined TABC in November 2007, as the Lieutenant of the Office of Professional Responsibility (Internal Affairs). Prior to arriving

at TABC, Captain Pena was employed by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) for 26 years.

He began his law enforcement career with DPS in 1982. Upon graduation from the DPS Academy, he was a State Trooper assigned to the Lake Jackson Highway Patrol office for 10 years. He promoted to

Sergeant in 1992, and was assigned to the DPS Training Academy in Austin. In 1995, he was promoted to Lieutenant and assigned the Internal Affairs Unit at DPS Headquarters for 12 years.

In November 2007, Pena retired from DPS and was hired by TABC. In February 2009, Lieutenant Pena was designated the Acting Director of the Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR). In July 2009, Pena was promoted to Captain as the Director of OPR. He is a graduate of the 205th F.B.I. National Academy in Quantico, Virginia.

81st Legislative Session

Alcoholic Beverage Laws



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This chart summarizes the changes to the Alcoholic Beverage Code and Chapter 501 of the Election Code made during the 81st Legislative Session.

Bill Number Effective Date	Summary
HB1084 9/1/2009	Texas wineries and out of state wineries could ship up to three gallons of wine every 30 days to a consumer in Texas. HB1084 changes the limit to nine gallons within a calendar month OR 36 gallons within a 12-month period.
HB1505 9/1/2009	Exempts a facility owned by a city or county from the independent concessionaire requirements of Section 108.75, if the facility was financed by public securities, the interest on which is tax exempt. Allows a facility to enter into financial arrangements, including profit-sharing, with concessionaires without the risk of being found to be in violation of the subterfuge ownership prohibitions in Section 109.53.
HB1974 5/13/2009	Allows Texas distilleries to serve free samples on their licensed premises of the distilled spirits that they produce. Restrictions are outlined in the bill.
HB2237 9/1/2009	TABC by rule may: (1) allow a wine and beer retailer to possess and use alcoholic beverages in excess of 17 percent by volume on the licensed premises for cooking purposes; and (2) allow a mixed beverage permittee to possess and use alcoholic beverages that are not covered by an invoice on the permitted premises for cooking purposes.
HB2560 5/20/2009	TABC may not accept the voluntary cancellation or voluntary suspension of a permit or allow a permit to be renewed or transferred if the permit holder is delinquent in the payment of an account for liquor. A person whose permit is canceled by TABC or whose permit has expired is not eligible to hold any other TABC permit or license until the person has cured any delinquency of the person under this section.
HB2594 5/5/2009	The holder of a wholesaler's permit may sell, offer for sale, or deliver liquor at any time EXCEPT on Sunday and Christmas Day. A general, local, or branch distributor's license holder may sell, offer for sale, or deliver beer at any time EXCEPT between 1am and noon on Sunday.
HB3413 9/1/2009	Unbranded glassware or glassware that is branded with wine or spirits may be sold by a wholesaler to the retailer on a credit basis (like liquor - in accordance with AB Code 102.32). Glassware that is branded with malt beverages may be sold by a wholesaler or distributor to the retailer on a cash basis (like beer - in accordance with Sec. 61.73 and Sec. 102.31 AB Code). If a distributor sells non-alcoholic beverages which meet certain criteria to a retailer, then beer territorial agreements apply to these sales (Chapter 102, Subchapter C Territorial Limits on the Sale of Beer AND Subchapter D Beer Industry Fair Dealing Law).
HB3829 6/19/2009	Allows TABC to pay per diem to the commissioners as outlined in the General Appropriations Act (\$30/day instead of \$10/day).
HB4498 9/1/2009	Amends the Election Code to provide greater ability to hold prohibitory local option elections. Also, in a municipality that meets certain criteria, the holder of a mixed beverage or caterer's permit whose premises are located on property owned by a municipality that contains a municipally owned conference center and that borders a lake may permit a patron to leave the permitted premises while possessing an alcoholic beverage. Restrictions are outlined in the bill.



New / Amended Legislation

Alcoholic Beverage Laws

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For the full text of bills passed, visit the Texas Legislature Online at www.capitol.state.tx.us

Bill Number
Effective Date

Summary

- SB328**
9/1/2009
Provides that a minor commits an offense if the minor operates a watercraft while having any detectable amount of alcohol in the minor's system. Requires DPS to suspend a person's driver's license for operating a watercraft while intoxicated, or for a minor operating a watercraft while having any detectable amount of alcohol in his/her system. Allows any magistrate licensed to practice law in Texas to issue a warrant to collect a blood specimen from anyone arrested for driving, flying, boating or assembling an amusement ride while intoxicated, or for intoxication assault; and who refuses a breath or blood test.
- SB529**
9/1/2009
Allows Texas wineries to manufacture fruit brandy and use it for fortifying purposes or sell it to other Texas wineries. Allows Texas wineries to import or buy fruit brandy from any permit holder authorized to manufacture fruit brandy, and use the fruit brandy on their premises for fortifying purposes only.
- SB693**
6/19/2009
A person who sells a minor an alcoholic beverage does not commit an offense if the minor falsely represents himself to be 21 years old or older by displaying an apparently valid proof of identification that contains a physical description and photograph consistent with the minor's appearance, purports to establish that the minor is 21 years of age or older, and was issued by a governmental agency. The proof of identification may be a driver's license or identification card issued by the Department of Public Safety, a U.S. passport, a military ID, or any other ID issued by a state or the federal government.
- SB711**
9/1/2009
Creates a Winery Festival Permit which authorizes wineries to sell wine at a civic or wine festival, farmers' market, celebration, or similar event. Restrictions are outlined in the bill.
- SB731**
9/1/2009
Allows the holder of a wholesaler's permit, general class B wholesaler's permit or local class B wholesaler's permit to sell ale and malt liquor to a holder of a private club registration permit.
- SB1016**
9/1/2009
Merges Texas Department of Agriculture's separate advisory committees for wine industry development and wine marketing assistance into a single Wine Industry Development and Marketing Advisory Committee.
- SB1034**
9/1/2009
SB1034 applies only to a municipality:
(1) with a population of at least 112,000 located in a county with a population of not more than 135,000;
(2) in which the sale of one or more types or classifications of alcoholic beverage is legal in the municipality as a result of a local option election held in the municipality; and
(3) that, after the election is held, annexes territory in which the sale of one or more of those types or classifications of alcoholic beverage is not legal.
- After holding a public hearing, the governing body of the municipality may, by resolution, order a local option election to legalize the sale of the same types and classifications of alcoholic beverages previously legalized by the municipality election.
- SB2580**
9/1/2009
The protections provided to beer distributors by Chapter 102, Subchapters C and D (territorial agreements) apply regardless of whether there is a transfer or change of ownership of a brand at the manufacturing level. The statute of limitations for litigation under the Beer Industry Fair Dealing Act is four years.

New ID Law and DL Redesign

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SB693 Creates New Defense for Retailers Selling to Minors

Prior to June 2009, a person who sold a minor an alcoholic beverage had a defense available if the minor provided a fake Texas driver's license or ID card that showed the minor was 21 years old.

As a result, many retail locations in Texas require that young-looking customers provide a Texas driver's license or identification card, and refuse to accept any other form of ID as proof of age.

Senate Bill 693 filed by Senator Leticia Van de Putte extended the defense to any photo ID issued by a state or the federal government, including out-of-state driver's licenses, military ID's or U.S. passports.

Governor Rick Perry signed the bill on June 19, 2009, and the new law went into effect immediately.

Section 106.03 of the Alcoholic Beverage Code now states that a person who sells a minor an alcoholic beverage does not commit an offense if the minor falsely represents himself to be 21 years old or older by displaying an apparently valid proof of identification that contains a physical description and photograph consistent with the minor's appearance, purports to establish that the minor is 21 years of age or older, and was issued by a governmental agency.

The new defense is available to a person regardless of when the offense was committed but only for trials commencing on or after June 19, 2009.

TABC will be notifying retailers of the new law, updating the website and asking seller training schools to update their curriculum.

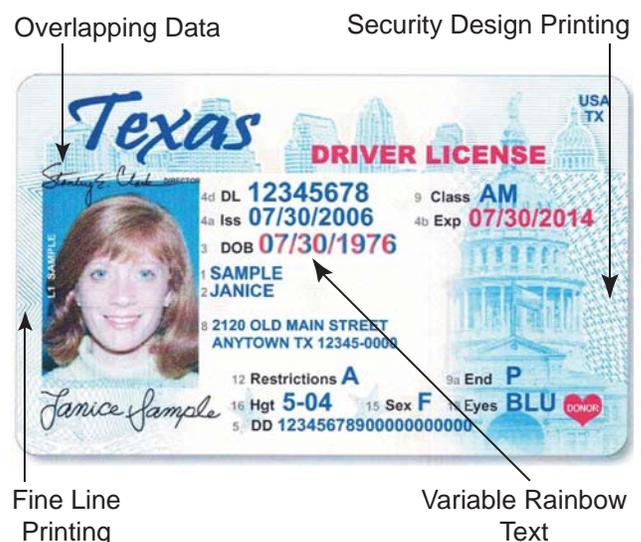
Texas Redesigns Driver License and ID Cards

In April 2009, the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) unveiled a redesigned Texas driver license and identification card with a new look and enhanced security features.

"The changes will give law enforcement improved resources for verifying the authenticity of Texas-issued driver licenses and identification cards, while combating counterfeiting, photo swapping, tampering and other types of fraud," said DPS Director Col. Stanley E. Clark.

Production of the new cards began April 15 for customers receiving new, renewal or duplicate licenses and ID cards. The vertical format for customers under 21 will continue. Current driver licenses and ID cards are still valid and will be phased out as they expire. The last redesign took place in June 2001.

Adult Driver's License - Front of Card



Agency Fights Trafficking & Bootlegging

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Help End Human Trafficking

Human trafficking is the illegal trade in human beings through abduction, use or threat of force, deception, or fraud for purposes of sexual exploitation or forced labor. The victims are usually forced into domestic servitude, some other type of labor, or prostitution. They are forcibly kidnapped, sold by their families, or fraudulently recruited by someone promising them a legitimate job. Unfortunately, human trafficking and sexual exploitation often take place in establishments licensed by TABC to sell alcoholic beverages.

It will be progressively harder for the traffickers to conduct their business as more people become aware of the problem, learn to recognize the signs, and know how to report it to the proper law enforcement agencies.

How to Recognize a Trafficking Victim?



A 14-year-old girl forced into prostitution.

Most of the victims fit a very similar profile: They are typically women and girls who have been forced into prostitution, and have been physically and sexually assaulted numerous times. They appear to be very depressed, for obvious reasons, and show signs of post traumatic stress disorder.

These victims will not maintain eye contact. The female victims in bars usually sit gathered around other victims. They appear to be somewhat separated from the crowd, including the legitimate employees. They will all be dressed in similar inexpensive, often revealing, clothing. The victims will appear uncomfortable wearing this revealing clothing.

Human trafficking victims generally have no idea of where they are, often not even what city they are in.

They have no money of their own. Many of them live in an apartment that was rented by the traffickers, or their owner, and they share this apartment with many other victims. They are usually not allowed out in public and are constantly being monitored.

Cooperation among law enforcement agencies and educating the public are the keys to ending this brutal practice.

**Help End Human Trafficking:
National Human Trafficking Resource Center
1-888-373-7888
Toll-free / 24-hours / 7 days a week / Confidential**

For additional information on human trafficking, visit our website: http://www.tabc.state.tx.us/enforcement/human_trafficking.asp

Bootlegging Bust in the Valley

In May 2009, TABC began receiving complaints about the Jaguar Gold Club in Harlingen, Texas – a bring-your-own-beer, fully-nude sexually oriented business in Harlingen, Texas. Following a joint undercover operation by TABC and the Cameron County Sheriff's Office, five people were charged with selling alcohol without a TABC permit out of the trunk of a car in the parking lot.

TABC Agents Juan I. Ramirez, Jorge Alfaro, Gabriel Ramos and Rick Balli seized the alcoholic beverages. The sale of alcohol without a permit is considered a significant public safety risk because there are no controls preventing sales to minors or intoxicated persons.

Licensing Division Update

Project Evolution

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Agency Enters Phase Two of Re-Engineering Process

As reported in TABC Today, Spring 2009, Project Evolution is the “re-engineering” of the licensing process that will allow the public to apply for (or renew) licenses and permits over the internet. Phase One focused on streamlining the application process. We are happy to report that in addition to reducing paperwork in Phase One, TABC also reduced the number of processing days by ten.

While Phase One dealt with the paper process of filing for a license or permit, in Phase Two we “re-engineer” the people performing the process and focus on the development of regional processing. Regional processing is the decentralized approach to handling all applications filed in one of the five geographical regions across the state. Regional processing moves the processing closer to the applicant and the location being licensed, with the applicant working directly with a regional staff person assigned to the application.

How will regional processing work?

The TABC Licensing Division consists of 83 employees, 37 working in field offices and 46 working at the headquarters in Austin. The existing process was patterned after a manufacturing assembly-line operation, with distinct duties divided between the field and headquarters staff. Many jobs were repetitive and the person performing that job had a narrow scope of responsibility and expertise.

The new model is based on the principle that an organization is a “system,” a series of processes that fit together to produce a result. The system is supported by teams where everyone is part of the outcome, which in this case, is the granting or denying of an application.

In September 2009, the assembly-line operation will convert to six teams: five regional processing teams and one headquarters support team. Staff has been assigned to teams and throughout this summer, regional and headquarter briefings

are being conducted to inform and involve team members and other TABC staff in this transformation. The regional briefings are taking place in the regions and bring local and headquarter staff together. Information is given directly to the team members, so members can get to know each other. Whereas, in the past, staff would interact through emails or phone calls, now a face is matched with the name.

“Building a solid relationship among team members comes through shared work and commitment,” said Amy Harrison, Director of TABC’s Licensing Division.



TABC Licensing Team members assigned to Region 3 in Houston, include (standing from left to right) Jackie Morgan, Cindy Vrabel, Tammy Toney, Jose Pineda, Diana Zambrana, Marc Solomon, Kim Hilton, Colleen Ellis and Jeff Haverlah; and (seated from left to right) Rhonda Flanagan and Ronald Alexander. Not pictured: Carol Wright.

Each phase of the re-engineering project moves TABC closer to building a system to allow applicants to submit their application online. Once submitted online, then the team handles the interactions needed to secure a license or permit. The people part of our process – the applicant– remains our priority.

Licensing Division Update

Imaging and Two-Year Renewals

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Imaging Project Continues

In conjunction with the licensing re-engineering project, TABC continues to scan and image more than 100,000 files. The Imaging Project will soon eliminate a manual filing process involving huge rolling cabinets at headquarters and cabinets housing copies at each district office.

Licensing processors at headquarters are currently viewing and using information from the scanned images as they are completed. By this fall, the district offices will be able to access the scanned images as well. Headquarters and field offices will soon share the benefits of reduced paper files, quick availability of information, easy file access, less real estate dedicated to filing cabinets, and speedier service for our customers.



TABC Licensing Team members assigned to Region 1 in Lubbock, (standing left to right) include Ralph May, Shawn Smith, Lorena Coopwood, Jana Worley, Elizabeth Whited, Julian Pedraza, Mike Horton, James Johnson and (partial front row) Patsy Mitchell, Rosa Duran, Mary McMillon and Carmen Adams. Not pictured: Lila Ware and Roy Touchstone.

Two-Year Renewal Update

TABC will enter the final phase of implementation of two-year licenses/permits on September 1, 2009. All original and renewal applications, along with their subordinates, with an issue date on or after September 1, 2009, will be issued for a two-year period.

A subordinate permit or license expires on the same date as the primary permit or license. The fees for a subordinate permit or license as well as fees for the primary permit or license may not be prorated or refunded. The total amount of fees plus the surcharges to cover the two-year term must be paid at the time of application or at the time of renewal.

A fee chart dated September 1, 2009, is available on TABC's website: <http://www.tabc.state.tx.us/licensing/>

For assistance, contact your local TABC office, the Licensing Division at (512) 206-3360 or via email at: questions@tabc.state.tx.us.

New TABC Website Unveiled

TABC launched a new and improved website on April 15, 2009. Some bookmarks or links to our website may cease to function; however, users will be redirected back to TABC's home page.

The new website was designed for easier navigation and increased accessibility for individuals with disabilities. Some of the key features of our redesign include a search function and Spanish translation.

Additional content includes information related to local option elections, ports of entry, human trafficking, and more.

Thanks to employees, community/industry members and the public for providing input to make the new website a success.

If you have any questions, compliments or concerns about the new website, please send feedback to questions@tabc.state.tx.us.

Preparing for Disaster

Improving Response for Texans

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TABC Forms Special Response Team

The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission has a long history of sending its Enforcement Agents to assist local authorities in times of need. Recent activities have included response to the Space Shuttle Columbia crash, Hurricanes Katrina, Ike, and Rita, flooding and search operations after the "Rain Bomb" in Marble Falls, along with many other natural disaster occurrences.

TABC has organized a Special Response Team in an effort to improve our response to the citizens of Texas in times of extreme emergency. The purpose of the Special Response Team is to provide public protection, search, rescue, and any other duties that will provide stability to the overall health and safety of the general public.

The team is made up of three Sergeants and 30 Agents, all volunteers from across the State. The establishment of the team is truly a testament to our Guiding Principles. It is the result of suggestions brought forward by our Agents and based upon doing "the right thing."

The team began its training in April 2009, with all members attending a Basic First Aid class, followed by a Wide-Area Search course taught by the Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) and helicopter



In June, the TABC Special Response Team prepared by training for natural disasters and terrorist acts by completing a Wide-Area Search course in College Station.

landing zone training for members located regionally near Bryan/College Station and Killeen.

During the Wide-Area Search training, team members were taught the basics of caring for injured persons, search techniques, and planning/logistics for response to disaster incidents. Table-top exercises gave members the opportunity to develop team management, mapping, and search strategy skills.

Team members will continue training to expand their abilities as courses become available. Future team trainings planned include specialized courses led by the Texas Department of Public Safety, and a boat operation course conducted by Game Wardens with the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife.

Agent Receives Vision Award

TABC Lieutenant Jimmy Zuehlke, Honoree Agent Tricia Rutledge and husband, Rick Rutledge (left to right).



Agent Tricia Rutledge with TABC's Austin District Office was recognized at the Texas Women in Law Enforcement (TWLE) Annual Conference held in Houston this May. Rutledge was commended for striving to improve performance, conditions and relationships in the law enforcement community and received the State "Vision" award on May 21, 2009. She was one of eight female officers selected by TWLE to receive an award for exemplifying the ideals of law enforcement.

Allan Shivers, Jr. Award for Excellence

Four TABC Employees Recognized

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Employees Receive Shivers Award for Excellence

The Allan Shivers Award for Excellence recognizes the outstanding performance and accomplishments of agency employees. This year, TABC accepted nominations in four categories using the agency's cornerstones: Courtesy, Service, Integrity and Accountability. A total of 38 nominations were received. Four recipients were recognized at the Administrator's Conference on July 21, 2009, in Austin. Winners received 24 hours of administrative leave, a star plaque, and a \$100 gift card.

Jason Cannaday - Award for Service

Jason Cannaday began his career with TABC in March 2008 as a Network Specialist in the Information Resources Division. Jason has gained a reputation throughout the agency as a person who can be counted on to provide an answer or solve a problem in the role of IT support. His customers continually give feedback on how he provided "the fix" that helped them move forward with their duties, thereby providing an invaluable service to the agency.

Linda McLeod - Award for Courtesy

Linda McLeod began her career with TABC in September 2006 as the agency's Benefits Coordinator in the Human Resources Division. No matter the day or the situation, Ms. McLeod remains calm and positive. As Benefits Coordinator, she often receives phone calls from frustrated employees seeking assistance in navigating processes relating to family medical leave, worker's compensation and benefits administration. Linda always exhibits consideration and patience.

Sgt. Steven Carnes - Award for Accountability

Sergeant Steven Carnes began his career with TABC in February 2002, and has worked in Houston, Lubbock, San Angelo Outpost and Abilene.



Recipients of the 2008 Allan Shivers, Jr. Award (shown from left to right) include Jason Cannaday (IRD), Linda McLeod (HRD), Allan Shivers Jr., Sergeant Steven Carnes (Abilene), and Agent Richard Scaman (Waco).

In 2007, Steven initiated a program working with the Goodfellow Air Force Base and local bar owners to reduce underage drinking and over-consumption of alcohol by military personnel. The alcohol-related incidents around the base were reduced by 50% the first year and is currently at an all time low, and the program has won two national awards.

Agent Richard Scaman - Award for Integrity

Agent Richard Scaman began his employment with TABC in Waco in October 2005. Richard is known for his honesty and ability not to succumb to negative pressure or influence. He looks at the big picture when confronting issues, separates his personal feelings from his work, and affords everyone the same level of consideration. Richard doesn't do something because he has the right to do so; he does what is right.

Collaboration

Supporting Awareness

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POE Bridge Assists State "Click It or Ticket" Campaign



TABC Tax Compliance Officer, Moe Molina at the Port in Brownsville distributes brochures.

TABC partnered with local and state law enforcement agencies in May 2009, to support the "Click It or Ticket" campaign organized by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and Department of Public Safety (DPS). At the request of TxDOT, TABC

was asked to promote the campaign along the Texas-Mexico border. Ports of Entry (POE) personnel at the Brownsville Bridge eagerly came to lend a hand by distributing flyers to travelers coming into Texas.

The campaign, in its eighth year, is an enforcement mobilization operation designed to remind and educate the public on adult and child safety seat belt laws. Under Texas law, every person sitting in the front seat of a vehicle is required to wear a safety belt. The law also states that all children under 17, in the front or back seats, must wear a safety belt.

Starting September 1, a child under eight years of age will be required to be secured in a child passenger safety seat, unless the child is taller than four feet, nine inches. As long as the child is secured by a safety belt, the driver cannot be fined for this violation until after June 1, 2010. After that date, failure to use a seat belt or secure a child in a safety seat can range from \$25 to \$250, plus court costs.

TABC Promotions to Deter Retailers of Minor Sales/Service

The winter holidays have long been associated with good cheer, family gatherings, and parties with friends. Unfortunately, the sale/service of alcoholic beverages to minors is also common.

The 2009 TABC holiday campaign "Are You Aware" will focus on the problems associated with the sale/service of alcohol to minors and the purchasing of alcohol for minors. Promotional items to reinforce this message will be created and distributed to interested retailers. TABC agents will be offering Cops In Shops operations in which TABC agents pose as customers or employees of an establishment and apprehend underage violators as they attempt to purchase alcoholic beverages. TABC agents also have a secondary, educational role, which is to share their expertise with the retailer's employees on such subjects as false or fake ID's, the signs of intoxication, and the physical and behavioral characteristics of minors.

Retailers who are interested in participating in a Cops In Shops operation should contact their local TABC office.

TABC will partner with HEB, the Texas Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association (TPCA) and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in the distribution of informational material. HEB has committed to distributing 25,000 employee fliers to their cashiers and baggers, and the TPCA has committed to publishing the employee flyer and holiday campaign information in their newsletter. TABC and TxDOT are also combining forces to create new Public Service Announcements to support the efforts of the TABC "Are You Aware" and "Don't Drink and Drive" holiday campaigns supported by TxDOT. If you are interested in being a participating retailer or wish to receive additional information contact the TABC Education and Prevention Department at (512) 206-3290.



TABC/Goodfellow AFB Collaboration Wins National Awards

In 2007, TABC Sgt. Steve Carnes began working with Goodfellow Air Force Base Sexual Assault Response Coordinator Paul Buckingham to reduce alcohol-related incidents among base personnel in San Angelo. Their grass-roots, bottom up solution to underage drinking and over-consumption of alcoholic beverages by military personnel was highlighted in the Spring 2009 edition of this newsletter.

Since 2008, TABC has trained thousands of Air Force personnel and has recently instituted training for the Army battalion on base. Alcohol violations reported by the base have reduced by 31%. The rate at which alcohol was involved in sexual assault cases on base dropped from 87.5% to 57.2%.

In June 2009, TABC was awarded a Community Collaboration Best Practices award from the National Conference of State Liquor Administrators (NCSLA) for the agency's partnership with Goodfellow AFB. In a letter to Governor Rick Perry, NCSLA President Eric Honma said, "Best Practices awards are given to only exemplary programs or initiatives deemed... as being the most innovative, pioneering or of unique educational value to the regulated industry."

On August 15, 2009, the Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention designated the program a Success Story which highlights an accomplished



TABC Agent Shuddell Lindsey informs base personnel at Goodfellow AFB about alcoholic beverage laws in Texas.

environmental prevention strategy limiting the access of alcohol to underage youth. The same day, Goodfellow AFB was awarded the National Liquor Law Enforcement Association John C. Britt Community Service Award, an award given to a non-enforcement organization that made a significant contribution to the efforts of liquor law enforcement.

These awards, and the benefits to the community, would not have been possible without the strong commitment by Col. Richard Ayres and Paul Buckingham. Col. David Rearick, the new vice commander at the base, has expressed his support of the continued success of the program.

TABC Revamps 2young2drink.com

TABC has redesigned a website geared toward the prevention of underage drinking. The website www.2young2drink.com includes information about the Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws (EUDL) block grant, how TABC is using grant funding and statistics and fact sheets on alcohol laws. TABC will use the website to provide updates on education programs and initiatives available to schools, alcohol retailers and other groups.

Funding for the redesign was provided through the EUDL grant awarded to the agency through the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

If you have questions or comments, please contact the Education and Prevention Section of TABC at (512) 206-3290 or education@tabc.state.tx.us.



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Questions about alcoholic beverage regulations

Can a non-profit organization serve donated alcoholic beverages at a fundraising event?

If a civic, religious or charitable organization obtains a temporary permit from TABC to sell alcoholic beverages, the organization cannot serve donated alcoholic beverages. The beverages must be purchased from a licensed wholesaler/distributor. However, the non-profit organization may receive a "no strings attached" cash donation from a member of the alcoholic beverage industry and use the funds to purchase alcoholic beverages from a wholesaler/distributor for the event.

It is legal to provide free alcoholic beverages without a permit. However, to be truly "free," it must be available to any adult who requests it.

For more information on fundraising and temporary permits, visit our website: www.tabc.state.tx.us/licensing/

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