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## **MEDIA RELEASE – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Ohio Executive to Lead National Liquor Law Enforcement Association**

**Calverton, Maryland – September 1, 2011** – Liquor law enforcement leaders throughout the United States and Canada have elected Richard Cologie of the Ohio Investigative Unit to the Executive Board as President of the National Liquor Law Enforcement Association.

The National Liquor Law Enforcement Association is an association of law enforcement agents dedicated to the enforcement of liquor laws throughout the United States and Canada. They are committed to improving the standards and practices of liquor law enforcement, the professional development of its member agents, and to protecting public safety while improving the quality of life in our communities.

Richard Cologie is the Deputy Director in charge of Administration with the Ohio Investigative Unit (OIU) of the Ohio Department of Public Safety. He previously served OIU as an Agent-In-Charge of both the Athens office and Administration. Prior to those positions, as an Assistant Agent-In-Charge he oversaw the unit's statewide educational program and served as the unit's public information officer. Richard began working as an agent for the state in 1992 when he joined the Department of Liquor Control. He has also served as a municipal police officer and a county deputy sheriff in Ohio.

President Cologie has served as an instructor for the NLLEA's Training Academy and represented OIU when it received the NLLEA's award for Most Innovative Liquor Law Enforcement Program in 2001. He is also a past recipient of the Ohio Department of Public Safety's Excellence in Service Award. Cologie graduated from Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command and holds an Associate's degree in Police Science from Hocking College.

With his extensive experience and knowledge in liquor law enforcement, the National Liquor Law Enforcement Association welcomes Richard Cologie as President.