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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Alcohol Beverage Control Board FROM: James Hoelscher, Enforcement Supervisor

DATE: September 1, 2017

RE: Enforcement Report, Alcohol

This year marks the first year that we have had alcohol and marijuana licenses operating during the summer and it has proven to have been a continuing challenge for Enforcement regarding a large number of investigations and inspections. Our seasonal alcohol licenses were a priority during the months of May and June, then our priorities shifted to renewal inspections for marijuana licenses from July and will continue until September. A high amount of investigations, during the time we are trying to focus on inspections has created an extremely busy environment for us.

Challenges aside, Enforcement has made a concerted effort in communicating with licensees, the general public and working with other law enforcement.

## Alcohol & Marijuana Stats 2017 (as of 8-25-17)

Investigations – 156 (14 Rural) Alcohol Walk-throughs - 281 Alcohol Inspections – 377 (97 Rural) Alcohol NOV's -45 Alcohol Advisory Notices – 26 Alcohol Permits reviewed - 564 Marijuana Walk-throughs - 110 Marijuana Inspections - 124 Marijuana NOV's - 30 Marijuana Advisory Notices - 18 Marijuana Background Conducted (MJ-18) - 49 Marijuana Handler Cards Issued - 1495 Enforcement Calls/Requests/General Enforcement Email – 5,585

**Hotels – Lobbies/Licensed Premises Minors –** A large number of hotels include their lobbies in their diagrams for a licensed premises. This presents a problem with children, unaccompanied under 16, going from their rooms to the pools and into the buffet areas and in some cases and having the business centers within lobby (licensed premises). None of which are permitted by AS 04.16.049. We have run into numerous issues with licensed premise not being clearly segregated, 3 AAC 304.185(d). Most modern hotels have an open floor plan that causes numerous issues segregating and controlling the licensed premises, we have received quite a bit of push back due to the chain hotels having to follow specific floor plans.