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MEMORANDUM

TO: Marijuana Control Board

DATE: Monday, June 1st, 2020

FROM:  James Hoelscher, Enforcement Supervisor

RE: Enforcement Report, Marijuana

To say the past few months has been a challenge would be a huge understatement. We have all experienced an unprecedented change in alcohol and marijuana laws. Enforcement understands and appreciates the reasons for those changes, nevertheless, we have had a fairly steep learning curve. Generally, we are able to make some very decent observations as a result of those changes. We have had to rely on citizen and local law enforcement reports, many of which were reporting what was not allowed prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Enforcement has continued with inspections, most of which have been virtual. We have also conducted a large amount of our investigations via digital means, but have found that this is largely ineffective and have had to conduct investigations in person. We have also had some opportunity to review our policies and are in the process of reviewing what the Director, investigators Johnson, Chiesa and I have compiled and written.

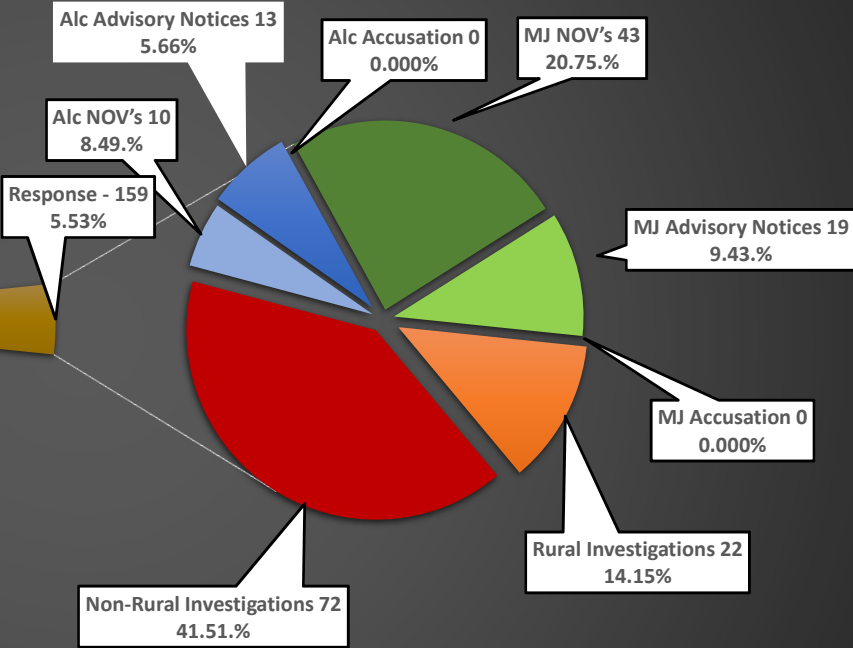
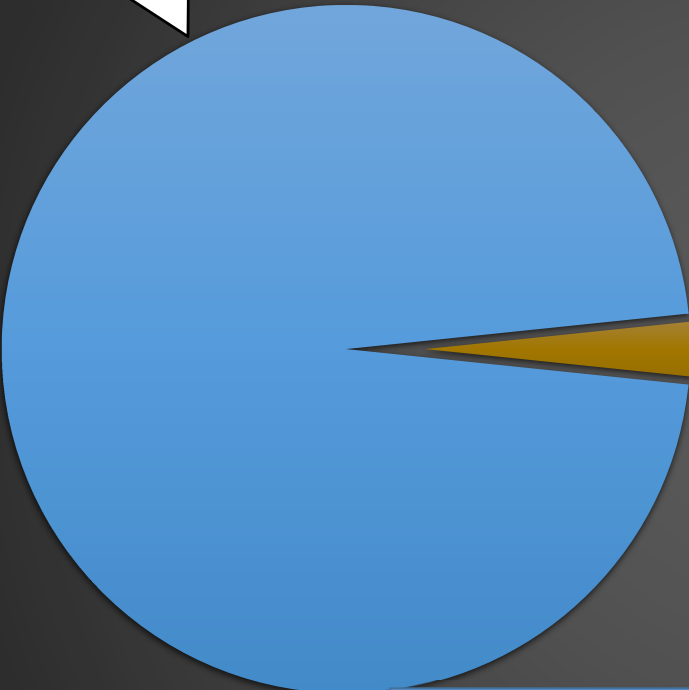
Enforcement has also taken the reins in reviewing applications for curbside and home delivery, this has been spearheaded by our CJT, Jason Davies, who has proven to be an indispensable part of the enforcement team.

What I find most noticeable is the lower stats regarding NOVs. I feel the reason for this is obvious, but I sincerely believe a lot of it had to do with our large number of licensees who just want to be compliant and do the right thing. The nation as a whole has seen quite a bit of similar changes in laws and our counterparts have experienced a high number of violations during these changes. Enforcement is in the process of finding a way to observe compliance and bring the information back to the board to see if we are experiencing similar problems with relaxed laws in alcohol and marijuana.

Enforcement Activity	2017 Total	2018 Total	2019 Total	1/3/20 to 6/1/20
Investigations	240	432	305	94
Alcohol Walk-throughs	410	435	360	159
Alcohol Inspections	608	388	554	39
Alcohol NOVs	102	155	100	10
Alcohol Advisory Notices	31	44	32	13
Alcohol Permits reviewed	953	878	1032	139
Marijuana Walk-throughs	196	169	141	54
Marijuana Inspections	193	180	156	31
Marijuana NOVs	60	74	219	23
Marijuana Advisory Notices	26	48	17	19
Marijuana Background Conducted (MJ-18)	103	29	10	0
Marijuana Handler Cards Issued	2,470	1,867	797	366
Compliance Checks/Shoulder Taps	*	5	0	0
Criminal Charges	*	2	16	0
Training Provided	*	22	1	17
Public Appearance	*	6	1	1
Enforcement Calls/Requests/General Enforcement Email	7,274	11,904	13,868	5270

*Stat not tracked or available for this item

January 3, 2020 to June 1, 2020



Combined Contacts, Calls, and Emails - 5270

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- Rural Investigations 22
- Non-Rural Investigations 72
- Alc NOV's 10
- Alc Advisory Notices 13
- Alc Accusation 0
- MJ NOV's 43
- MJ Advisory Notices 19
- MJ Accusation 0