

Webinar Presenters – January 23, 2014

Steve Schmidt

Steven Schmidt is Sr. Vice President of Public Policy and Communications for the National Alcohol Beverage Control Association (NABCA). Presently he is overseeing the research and development of policy, best practices, and communication strategies to assist states to manage control of their regulatory systems and prevent alcohol related harm. Previously he was Director of Alcohol Education for the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board where he was responsible for the vision and development of statewide initiatives to reduce underage drinking and high risk college drinking; creation of innovative education/prevention programs for local communities; establishment of grant programs that funded college and community prevention efforts; and a comprehensive Responsible Alcohol Management Program. Steve has consulted with state and national organizations; authored several articles; and presented at numerous national and state conferences on a variety of alcohol related issues. He has been professionally employed for over 31 years in positions responsible for addressing alcohol related issues at local, state and national levels.

Jim Wilson

James M. Wilson is Director of the New Hampshire State Liquor Commission's Division of Enforcement and Licensing. A law enforcement veteran of over 21 years with progressive experience and responsibility with documented success in the areas of security and investigations at various organizational levels. James has been a regular presenter at the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's (OJJDP) National Leadership Conferences in topic areas such as fraudulent identification, managing media campaigns and coalition building. James is a Training Consultant with the Underage Drinking Enforcement Training Center (UDETC). He also serves on the Executive Board of the National Liquor Law Enforcement Association (NLLEA). Prior to joining the Division of Liquor Enforcement in 2002, he served the NH Department of Corrections for 10 years where he reached the rank of sergeant and was assigned to the Department's Training Bureau as well as the Special Investigations Unit.

Wes Kuhl

Wes Kuhl has been an officer of the Arizona Department of Liquor for approximately fourteen years starting his tenure as a Special Investigator on the Community Interaction Unit. During this time he has interacted with neighborhood representatives, elected officials and law enforcement agencies to resolve liquor concerns throughout the state. In 2004 he was promoted to sergeant and now supervises the investigations unit in the Phoenix Office. Wes also serves part time as the public information officer for the Department of Liquor. A graduate of the Phoenix Police academy in 1996, he was a patrol and a bicycle officer before joining the

Department of Liquor in 2000. In 2012 Wes was elected to the National Liquor Law Enforcement Association (NLEEA) board and currently serves as the Secretary/Treasurer. Wes grew up in Iowa where he graduated high school and then from the University of Iowa in 1995 where he studied Spanish and Sociology. In 2002 he graduated from Western International University where he received his Master's Degree in Public Administration. Wes has two boys who keep him very busy. He likes to watch and play various types of sports and travel with his family.