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### INVESTIGATIVE UNIT'S COLOGIE ELECTED TO LEAD NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

**(Columbus)** – Perry County resident and Ohio Investigative Unit (OIU) Deputy Director Richard Cologie has been elected to the Executive Board as President of the National Liquor Law Enforcement Association (NLLEA).

“Having Rich in this position is a big win for Ohio,” said OIU Executive Director Robert Booker. “It speaks volumes that liquor law enforcement leaders across the United States and Canada thought enough of Rich to elect him to this post.”

Cologie is currently in charge of the Administration section of OIU. He has previously served as an Agent-in-Charge of both the Athens office and Administration. Cologie also served as an assistant agent-in-charge acting as the agency’s public information officer and overseeing OIU’s statewide educational programs – the Sober Truth and Alcohol Server Knowledge program. He began working as an agent for the state in 1992 when he joined the then Department of Liquor Control. In 1995, the enforcement agents were moved to the Department of Public Safety and later renamed the Ohio Investigative Unit.

Cologie has also served as a municipal police officer and a county deputy sheriff in Perry County. He is a graduate of the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command and holds an Associate’s degree in Police Science from Hocking College.

Through the years, Cologie has been very active with NLLEA, serving as an instructor for the association’s training academy.

NLLEA 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 quality of life in our communities.

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*The Ohio Investigative Unit is a division of the Ohio Department of Public Safety. Agents are undercover sworn peace officers who enforce the state’s liquor and tobacco laws, as well as food stamp fraud. Individuals who believe food stamp fraud is being committed are encouraged to contact OIU toll-free at 1-877-4MINORS. All complaints will remain anonymous.*