

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

## **Department of Revenue Announces New Alcohol and Tobacco Director**

The Georgia Department of Revenue is pleased to announce James Beveridge has been selected as DOR's new Director of the Alcohol & Tobacco Division.

James Beveridge has worked in law enforcement since 1986. Prior to that, he honorably served in our nation's Armed Forces with the 1st Ranger Battalion in Savannah, Georgia. After leaving the Army, he worked for the Clayton County Police Department for the next twenty-one years, nineteen of which were assigned to the Narcotics/Drug Gang Task Force. Throughout his time with the narcotics task force, he held the positions of group supervisor over the canine/interdiction unit, the street level narcotics enforcement unit, the major case unit, and the airport interdiction unit which consisted of local, State, and Federal agents. James eventually became the assistant agent in charge supervising day to day operations of 40 personnel.

James left Clayton County in October 2005 to become the Chief of the Office of Special Investigations (OSI) for the Georgia Department of Revenue. As Chief of OSI, James was responsible for the criminal investigation, auto crimes, and fraud detection units. In November 2008, James left DOR to serve as a law enforcement subject matter expert to Brigade Commanders for the U.S. Army and Marines in Iraq and Afghanistan, completing extended tours in both theaters. He held this position for three years. Upon his return from overseas, he rejoined the DOR Office of Special Investigations as a Task Force Officer assigned to Homeland Security Investigations at the Atlanta Hartsfield International Airport. In this role, he supervised all task force officers assigned to this group.

James has a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice with a minor in Management. He is currently set to graduate from the Georgia Command College program with a Master's Degree in Public Safety Administration in January 2018.

In his new role as Director of ATD, James will oversee the operation and administration of the Alcohol & Tobacco Division (ATD) where he will lead a diverse group of sworn and non-sworn personnel that provides law enforcement services and alcohol and tobacco licensing functions. James will report to Deputy Commissioner Scott Graham. James' extensive experience in law enforcement and proven leadership in the public sector will serve him well in his new position.

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A national, non-profit corporation founded in 1934, in Chicago, Illinois, NCSLA is composed of state regulators as active members, and associate members consisting of manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers, law firms, associations, and other service-related organizations in the alcoholic beverages sector. Currently, regulatory agencies from 41 of 50 states and the District of Columbia are active NCSLA members. The primary focus of NCSLA is education on historical and current issues related to the regulation of alcoholic beverages. Visit <a href="https://www.ncsla.org">www.ncsla.org</a> for more information.