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*****PRESS RELEASE*****

The Lawrence County Treasurers Office recently attended a meeting pertaining to the Small Games of Chance (SGOC) with the speaker being Lt. James Jones, of the Pennsylvania State Police, Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement.

There were no changes to the current SGOC Guidelines, but we would like to inform the public of a few of the rules to help educate and better understand some of the guidelines that are commonly misunderstood.

***Pulltabs and punchboards:** Winner cannot be determined by using the daily number, winner must be determined by the Seal Card and the prize must be equal to at least the prize amount printed on the ticket if used for other than a monetary prize.

***Raffle tickets:** All tickets must state what the procedure will be if all tickets, based on the PA lottery are not sold by the date of the drawing. The prize amount stated on the ticket is what must be awarded to the winner. EX: Put all stubs into a hand drawing or use the next day's Night or Day lottery number. Unsold tickets **cannot** "become the property of the organization." (All prizes to be awarded must be awarded to the individual that purchased the ticket).

***50/50 drawings** are legal and can be sold by a specific amount EX: 5 for \$1.00 or an arms length. But, as per Lt. Jones "In reference to the 50/50 drawings, although the selling of "arms length" is technically permitted, I discourage organizations from selling in that fashion as it hampers their ability to maintain accountability."

***Sports betting pools are still illegal.**

***Texas Hold Em games are still illegal.**

*Race Nights are legal in Pennsylvania under the stipulations that the organization or club must purchase the games and supplies from a licensed SGOC Distributor and a member of the club or organization MUST be the person actually running the operations of the game.

*Special Raffle Permits can be purchased (up to 10 per year) for:

1. A single prize drawing greater than \$3,000.00 or a prize valued at \$3,000.00
2. Prize shall not be greater than \$15,000 per calendar month.
3. An Organization's total weekly pay out shall not exceed \$35,000.

*Any Permit or License issued from the Lawrence County Treasurers Office must be displayed.

DID YOU KNOW....

Violation of the PA Gambling Laws can cost your organization thousands of dollars and your gambling license?

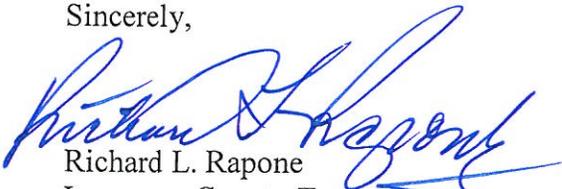
Lawrence County Drug & Alcohol Commission will be holding a workshop with Lt. James Jones as the speaker for the public to attend on October 18, 2016 at Gallo's Italian Villa, beginning at 6:00pm. The County Treasurers Office encourages all those with additional questions to attend. Registration is required. Information and Contact is on the attached flyer.

You are able to get more information at: <http://www.pacode.com>

- Select "BROWSE" from the left column
- Select "61 REVENUE"
- Scroll down to "Chapter 901 Small Games of Chance"
- Click on Small Games of Chance

Please follow the SGOC Guidelines and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to direct your calls to the Lawrence County Treasurer Office 724-656-2124 or Pennsylvania State Police Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement District Office Lt. James Jones 412-548-2050.

Sincerely,



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