



## **Department of Liquor Control**

# **Report to the General Assembly on Law Enforcement Services, Coordination between Agencies H441 Section E.214 (a), (b) of 2009**

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To: Senate Appropriations Committee  
House Appropriations Committee

Re:H441: Section E.214.1(a) & (b) Law Enforcement Services, Coordination Between Agencies

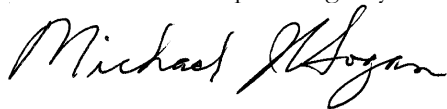
On February 20, 2009 Public Safety Strategies Group issued a report to the General Assembly that looked at the issue of duplication of services in the law enforcement community.

The study looked at all aspects of Law Enforcement in Vermont and it did reveal overlapping and duplication of services among various law enforcement agencies in Vermont. Examples of such are the Commercial Truck Enforcement teams in the Department of Motor Vehicles and a separate unit within the Vermont State Police. There was also the duplication of recreation enforcement between the Vermont Game Wardens and the Vermont State Police. There are others examples. However, the respective agencies are working to eliminate the duplication of services through Memorandums of Understanding or MOU's.

Notably, the study concluded that there were no duplication's of or overlapping of services between any Vermont Law Enforcement Agency and the Vermont Department of Liquor Control. The Vermont Department of Liquor Control remains committed to work and readily assist any law enforcement agency in Vermont when our help is needed. Our Investigators are positioned throughout Vermont and they have excellent working relationships with the various state, county and municipal agencies. We are also a unique agency in that we specialize in all aspects of alcohol and tobacco laws. No other Vermont law enforcement agency has the specific expertise as those of our own Investigators.

As of January 15, 2010 no areas of duplication have been identified by either the study or any members on the Vermont law enforcement community and the Department of Liquor Control. We currently have no MOU's in place.

However, the department and the other various agencies have been meeting this past year and have authored a collective memorandum of agreement that will be presented to the legislature as part of the requirements of H441. Specifically, these agencies recognize the need to maximize our collective resources by improving efficiencies, reducing redundancies and implementing a methodology that will enhance coordination and communication, while recognizing the importance of providing direct law enforcement services to support the mission of their parent agency.



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