

City of Fontana
POLICE DEPARTMENT
Special Operations Division

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Sworn Personnel, via Chain of Command
FROM: Wendy Ratcliffe, Community Policing Technician
DATE: September 29, 2019

SUBJECT: Roll Call Training – ABC licensed locations and inspections

As part of our ABC grant, we periodically provide roll-call trainings pertaining to alcohol-related topics.

Inspections during business hours:

All sworn law enforcement officers (peace officers) with powers of arrest, whether in plain clothes or uniform, have the legal right to visit and inspect any licensed premises at any time during business hours without a search warrant. This includes inspecting the bar and back bar, store room, office, closed or locked cabinets, safes, kitchen, or any other area within the licensed premises. It is legal and reasonable for licensees to exclude the public from some areas of the premises. However, licensees cannot and must not deny entry to, resist, delay, obstruct, or assault a peace officer.

(Sections B&P 25616, 25753 and 25755; Sections 148 and 242 Penal Code)

If an ABC agent is included during a site inspection, or search warrant, and criminal activity is confirmed on-site, ABC has the authority to permanently revoke the alcohol license. If an ABC agent is not included during an inspection or a search warrant, and criminal activity is located, ABC is required to wait for a criminal filing before taking any disciplinary action against the licensee. If the District Attorney does not file criminal charges, then no disciplinary action is taken by ABC.