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John Eckhart named OLCC Director of Enforcement and Field Operations

PORTLAND, Ore. – John Eckhart has been appointed as the Director of Enforcement and Field Operations for the Oregon Liquor Control Commission. Eckhart was hired as a temporary employee with the OLCC in May, 2013.



“John brings a wealth of senior leadership experience to the table,” says OLCC Interim Executive Director, Merle Lindsey. “Over the years, he has developed many valuable connections in the public safety world and most importantly John is well respected in those circles. Over the last six months, he has done an excellent job stepping in and providing leadership, oversight and consistency that is critical to the division.”

Eckhart has more than 29 years of law enforcement experience, including former Assistant Chief of Police with the Portland Police Bureau. His experience also includes Security Representative for the National Basketball Association and Detection Dog Trainer for Washington County Sheriff’s Office.

Portland Police Bureau Chief Mike Reese commented, “We congratulate retired Assistant Chief John Eckhart on his appointment as the OLCC Director of Enforcement. John served the Bureau and our community well in his career at the Portland Police Bureau and we look forward to working with him in his role at the OLCC.”

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*Did you know that in the last two years, the OLCC distributed more than **\$397 million** to Oregon's General Fund, Cities, Counties, and Drug and Alcohol Abuse Programs? [See the distribution of dollars on OLCC's Website.](#)*