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In this issue, we address a couple of hot topics for Private Patrol Operators (PPOs). Both come from our firm's Private Security Business and Licensing Team. The first is how to lawfully take advantage of the legalization of cannabis in California in providing security services. The second addresses getting ready for routine audits of records from BSIS (which they affectionately call "inspections.") Our goal is to assist you in figuring out the maze of rules, statutes, regulations and case law that can keep you out of trouble and in lawful compliance. Both are areas that our clients are frequently calling us about, and we want to share some best quick assistance.



PREPARING FOR YOUR BSIS AUDIT

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So, you received a letter from the Bureau of Security and Investigative Services advising that they will be conducting "a routine inspection" of your documents. It should take no more than two hours (on the average) and the meeting should include the owner(s), executive principals and/or possibly administrative staff "to assess and discuss key aspects of your daily operations" as a PPO.

ALARMS should be going off for you! There is nothing routine about this. In every instance where our clients have contacted us, they have been out of compliance. This, despite their best intentions. The opportunity to fix your records before you are audited could mean the difference between no citation at all, versus an administrative fine, a cease and desist order, and potential suspension or revocation of your PPO license. This all becomes very public, too. Make no mistake about it: BSIS is here to regulate, not to collaborate.

Areas Of Concern:

As a PPO licensee, you have obligations that will require you to address various areas:

PPO Records, Vehicles and Uniforms:

- Are your PPO license and all branch licenses properly displayed.
- Are your records kept at your principle place of business – as recorded with the Bureau?
- Are your current badges and patches in conformity with the original BSIS approval?
- Are your current badges, patches and insignias in compliance with the Private Security Services Act? Are your Certificates of Insurance for both workers compensation and for General Liability in compliance with Business & Professions Code 7582.39 as well as the California Code of Regulations?

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