



Meeting Minutes

Friday, November 15th, 2024

The November meeting was held in-person and virtually. The in-person location was at the Colorado State Patrol Training Academy – 15055 South Golden Road, Building 100, Golden, CO 80401

Mission

The mission of the Colorado Task Force on Drunk and Impaired Driving (CTFDID) is to support the prevention, awareness, enforcement, and treatment of drunk and impaired driving in Colorado through strong partnerships with public, private, and non-profit organizations.

The CTFDID brings people together, creating a forum for victims and advocates to access many experts and resources in one place. It provides a formal mechanism to leverage resources in order to create a multi-faceted approach to solving a problem, which is often minimized and understated in our community. The CTFDID acts as a resource for the legislature, enabling it to consider more cohesive, well-thought-out proposals.

Welcome, Introductions, and Mission Statement:

- Lt. Colonel Josh Downing, Colorado State Patrol/ CTFDID Chair reads Mission Statement
- Tuesday Black, CDOT takes attendance.
 - Present: Josh Downing; Tuesday Black, CDOT; Abe Hutt; Crystal Soderman; Heather Krug; Stephanie Miller; Paul Aylmer; Webster Hendricks; Michelle Stone-Principato; Stacey Haveman; Stephanie Miller; Rachel; Williamson, Sheri; Allman, Abigail; Wyckoff, Robert J. - DPD Lieutenant ; Grinsteiner, John; Perdomo, Andre; Michelle Stone-Principato; Tim Kitchens (CAAP); Don Potter - CDOT HSO ; Tuesday Black, CDOT HSO; Major A. Ansari; Teri Vogel; Lauren Turpin-CPW; Mark Ashby-DRE/SFST; Melodie Clayton - CDOT; Reagan Chiaverini (CDPHE); Sam Stavish; Chris Poirier - Marijuana Enforcement Division; Cueva, Teri - DCC; Ed Wood; Greg Daly; Nicholas Hazlett ; Carr, Nathan ; Allison Rosenthal; Shayna Kefalas; Heather Krug; Nicholas Hazlett; Andy Klosterman; Shelly Schultz; Mark Hunt ; Trish laquinta; Holladay, Bonnie; Webster T. Hendricks; Jennifer Yates; Caitlyn Libby; Davis, Kristina; Green, Rebecca; Gabi Gamily - CDOT; Miller; Michelle Staley-BHA ; Ed Wood; Thomas, Glenn E.; Ed Wood; Andrew Ho ; Paliwoda, Sarah; Nicholas Hazlett ; Heather Krug; Nicholas Hazlett;
- Lt. Colonel Josh Downing, Colorado State Patrol/ CTFDID Chair
 - Play video of one of our members Dana Waldbaum—in 2015 Dana Waldbaum survived a hit-and-run crash with a 7-time DUI offender.
 - <https://www.facebook.com/NoDUILarimer/videos/341145875693231/?rvid=uIT52cxQa1FlwCMi>
 - September Meeting Minutes Approval Vote
 - Motion Made and Second received. Vote taken with no opposition.

Statistics, State Fatality Numbers:

- Tuesday Black, CDOT
 - 184 Suspected Impairment last year this time we had 203.
 - Year-to-date 660 serious bodily injuries
 - Year-to-date Bike Fatalities where impairment was involved is 0, in 2023 there was 7.
- Reagan Chiaverini, CDPHE
 - Updates are from October 2024 (month behind)
 - 479 total fatal crashes and 148 of those were suspected impaired, 31%.
 - 517 Total fatalities in which 31% had suspected impairment.
 - 89 speeding related fatalities which goes to 22% suspected impairment.
 - And there were 292 occupant vehicle fatalities and 156 unrestrained occupant fatalities, in which 51% had suspected impairment and then 53% of those total occupant vehicle fatalities were unrestrained.
 - Occupant vehicle data there were 292 fatalities in which 94 were suspected impaired. 32% suspected impairment, 107 motorcycle fatalities with 16% suspected impairment. Pedestrians there were 86 in which zero had suspected impairment. Bicyclist that 17 number of fatalities with four suspected impaired drivers and then all the vehicles there were 15 fatalities.
 - When looking at suspected impairment by age range, the highest number were that 21 to 24 and 25 to 34 age range.
 - Time of fatal crash, there were 252 daytime crashes and 227 nighttime crashes. However, 46% of the nighttime crashes had suspected impairment as opposed to only 17% of the daytime crashes. Nighttime by hour, fatal crashes, the highest counts were at 9:00 PM, but the suspected impairment that was highest were not necessarily surprising, 1:00 AM and 2:00 AM with 87% of the two to 3:00 AM. crashes having suspected impairment.
 - Counties with the highest number of fatalities. We have Denver at the highest number, followed by El Paso and Arapahoe and the highest number of suspected impairments being in Jefferson and Douglas for this year to date.
 - We use the population of the county and then divide that by the number to see how many per 100,000 in their population. And this is the highest number of suspected impaired or in Weld County with 5.01 suspected impaired drivers per 100,000 in their population, followed by Adams County in El Paso.
 - The highest number of fatalities per 100,000 Pueblo had 17.12. per 100,000 in their population, followed by Weld and Adams County
- Crystal Soderman, DOR (refusals)
 - Data finalized through July of 2024.
 - We are still waiting for a lot of blood toxicology test results to come back to finalize August, September and October.
 - July--we ended the month with 1135 expressed consent documents coming to the DMV. Of those, 512 were refusals, 45% roughly.
 - August--still waiting to finalize all the data, but we're currently sitting at 57.19% in refusals.
 - September--at 51.03% of refusals.
 - October--at 52.06%, we are still getting express consents in for the month of October. We still don't have all the Halloween due yet. And then with the toxicology for the blood test, it is taking about 3 months for that data to come through.
- Rachel Reinhardt, CSP
 - This is year to year comparison between January and October saw a 20% decrease.

- Impaired property crashes seen a 20% decrease between January and October 2024, compared to 2023.
- For entry crashes, see a 21% decrease as well, and for fatal crashes this was at the time data was pulled, which was about a week ago.
- 1.4 decrease in fatal crashes in fatal crashes. No change between 2024 and 2023.
- 2022% of all CSP fatal crashes were caused by impaired drivers compared to 2020.
- Of all CSP, fatal crashes were caused by impaired drivers. Overall, there was about a 1 1/2 percent increase in fatal crashes in 2024 compared to the same time period last year.

Legislative Updates:

- Tuesday Black, HSO
 - No Updates
- Brandon Nathlich, CSP
 - With election, waiting to see changes with committees.
- Rebecca Green, MADD
 - Bar Hour Extension, email me about your opinion as we prepare for session.

Media Relations and Upcoming Events:

- Sam Cole, CDOT, Office of Communications
 - Great meeting around our express consent campaign, officially launched a lot of stakeholders, some folks from the task force were on that call. A campaign and awareness campaign that CDOT is doing, funded by the Governor's Office Safety Association too. Get more people to stop refusing toxicology tests, so that's often rolling as far as DUI enforcement periods.
 - Great efforts over Halloween with UBER to get out 1000 ride credits to people over Halloween. That went really well and so glad that Dor was a collaborator around that to actually lead that effort.
 - Thanksgiving is the next DUI enforcement period begins. On 21st we have a press release ready to go on that, we're going to be digging in deep around the holidays to try to prevent driving. Instances through the enforcement periods and letting people know that law enforcement is out on our roads, we are going to kind of dig into this whole issue around combining substances.

Presentations:

- The Honorable Scott Pearson, ABA Regional Judicial Outreach Liaison—Region 8
 - Court Sentencing Best Practices on DUI cases.

Action Items for Task Force:

- Lt. Colonel Josh Downing, Colorado State Patrol/ CTFDID Chair
 - Vote on CTFDID Executive Task Force committee
 - Vote for Secretary Katie Contos being reinstated.
 - Motion Made and Second received. Vote taken with no opposition.
 - Vote for Co-Chair Rebecca Green being reinstated.
 - Motion Made and Second received. Vote taken with no opposition.
- Rebecca Green, MADD/CTFDID Co-Chair
 - Vote on CTFDID Executive Task Force committee continued.
 - Vote for Chair Josh Downing being reinstated.
 - Motion Made and Second received. Vote taken with no opposition.
- Lt. Colonel Josh Downing, Colorado State Patrol/ CTFDID Chair
 - Vote on updated Bylaws
 - Motion Made and Second received. Vote taken with no opposition.

- 2024 CTFDID Annual Report
 - Victim Dedication
 - Discussion 2024 Annual Report
 - Decision to Vote moved to Special Meeting November 22nd at 9:30am MST.
 - Motion Made and Second received. Vote taken with no opposition.

Lighting Round (Open to Public for comments):

- Lt. Colonel Josh Downing, Colorado State Patrol/ CTFDID Chair
- Candlelight Vigils being held around Colorado.