



Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2017 9:00 am – Noon

Opening Comments: 9:10 Chief Ticer

Quorum 14 of 21 members

Introductions

Legislator Remarks: None in attendance

Presentation to Michael Elliott

Chief Ticer recognized Michael Elliott for his service to CTFDID as a representative of the marijuana industry

Public Comments: None

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion to accept minutes by Alymer, second by Packard. Motion passes

Statistics

State Fatality Numbers (CDOT) – Glenn Davis

To date (Task Force Meeting Date) there have been 14 fatalities this compares to 17 last year at the same time. CDOT current totals for the past year show a total of 599 fatalities. This is not a final number. I expect it to be higher. There were 605 fatalities in 2005, I think the 2015 figure will exceed this. For 2015 fatalities, Adams County had the most with 69, Denver 59. The highest month for fatalities was Sept with 70 fatalities. No matter how many fatalities the amount that are alcohol related is consistently about 30%. In December 2015, 42% of fatalities were alcohol related.

Amend: Why is the data trending up?

Davis: Colorado is a non-primary seat belt state: 50% of vehicle passengers did not have seat belts, 30% of accidents are impaired driving. Also traffic congestion and gas is currently cheap so more miles are traveled.

Alymer: How do road conditions impact the numbers?

Davis: Road conditions also contributes to congestion.

Packard: CSP is seeing an increase in the age of an at-fault driver. Avg. age is now mid-40. In his region all but one of the fatalities (5 total) was someone over the age of 50. He is encouraging a look at cognitive impairment.

Groff: What about cell phone usage?

Packard: It is hard to prove cell phone usage because data is constantly coming into one's phone regardless of whether it is being used or not.

Groff: Older folks are not good at multi-tasking with an electronic device.

Packard: Of the 15 crashes that CSP investigated that killed 17 people only three of those crashes were caused by an impaired driver. So 20% versus the national average of 30%. CSP did a lot of joint operations which have proven successful.

Groff: Maybe we should look at adding another D for distracted.

Casias: Are we were losing federal funding similar to when we had a drinking age under 21? What about without a primary seat belt law?

Davis: We lost \$12M in federal funding already in 2012 for seat belt

Flavia: While there was prior resistance is there an intent to get a bill introduced?

Davis: CDOT can't lobby but can serve in an advisory role. At this time the feeling is it probably won't pass this year.

Elliott: What are the arguments against?

Davis: Resistance from some of the counties in Northern Colorado that this is more government interference. Others believe that law enforcement may use the law to racially profile people.

Casias: Not sure it will ever happen with those views.

Ticer: The states that don't have it have been that way for a long time. With Utah becoming the 38th state it might have opened the door. Law enforcement needs to do a better job of enforcing the law.

Casias: Parking on county roads and no seat belts almost always goes to hearing.

Flavia: Any data from Utah on fatality reduction?

Glenn: The Utah bill sunsets in 5 years allowing them to look at the data.

Casias: How many of our fatalities are out of state drivers?

Davis: He can get those numbers. We also look out of state drivers for motorcycle fatalities.

Elliott: What is up with photo enforcement bills? His understanding is that the big package wasn't passed. Racial profiling isn't a factor in this since the camera goes off regardless.

Davis: He doesn't know the status but studies show they don't change behavior just assess a fine. A citation may change behavior. The person doesn't have to pay it unless personally served, no points and contact with law enforcement.

Flavia: Where are the areas with the higher instance of fatalities?

Davis: We do targeted enforcements efforts already. Not so much the locations but the timing then CDOT leaves it up to agencies to determine where during that time.

Packard: CSP's patrols are data driven both location and timing.

Flavia: Have there been efforts to education motorists about dangerous roadways?

Packard: CSP notifies on hazardous roadways. CDOT uses signs to alert drivers.

Cole: Seat belt messages will be targeted to highest areas with the highest seat belt fatalities.

Davis: Distracted driving bill has been introduced (doesn't restrict using a device to read). Unless it is seen by law enforcement it is tough to prove even though it is part of a lot of accidents. There have been recommendations for a Distracted Driving Task Force but he hasn't seen anything come of it.

Casias: It is always a struggle with age and driving impairment because seniors make up such a large voting bloc.

Packard: There have been successful efforts in Iowa and California. Canada as well. Issue for re exam. A family member can request it. It ultimately brings attention to the driver and the driver's family. Many folks tend to voluntarily surrender their license if the exam is failed.

Media Relations & Significant Upcoming Events – Sam Cole, CDOT

New Year's Enforcement Period: 272 arrests down from 396 last year; 102 participating agencies.

Through all 12 enforcement periods there have been a total of 7272 total DUI arrests. Top cities or

towns with DUI arrests are Aurora then Colorado Springs PD followed by City of Denver. Next enforcement period is the Super Bowl.

Designing felony DUI campaign materials. Interviewed inmates in jail for DUI as well as others not currently incarcerated. People are asked “what did you lose”. Rolling info out in the next month or so.

Task Force Business & Presentations

Ticer: There are expectations that work groups meet quarterly at least by phone with a focus on outcomes for annual report.

Work Group Updates

Program Management & Strategic Planning – Glenn Davis

No report but looking for quarterly meetings that can be by phone if necessary and looking at how to further the mission of CTFDID. He expects to have a report by March.,

Criminal Justice – Deputy Chief Steve Johnson

No Report

Prevention – Ellen Anderson

No report. Alymer: Anderson has sent an email to all members of the work group to determine what the group would focus on this year.

Impaired Driver Intervention & Treatment – Christine Flavia

No new information. She will be scheduling a meeting soon. Level II Four Plus is rolling out but was delayed. There will be a first reading in March with a second reading in April. The earliest it will become effective is June. There will be informational meetings and targeted trainings.

Communication – Sam Cole

No Report

Program Evaluation & Data – Jack Reed

Amend is moving forward to link data from toxicology report. Modifying ADDSCODS database so probation can enter data on more than one drug. Need to finalize list of drugs. There will be changes to crash form which include adding additional boxes for marijuana and other drugs.

Amend: There will be a small group created to provide training statewide on how to use the new form.

Nomination and Election of Officers

Ticer: The CTFDID bylaws require yearly election of officers. Major Packard is stepping back into the CSP representative role as he has additional areas that need his focus.

Chair: Davis nominated Chief Robert Ticer. Amend seconded. Passed

Vice Chair: Packard nominated Glenn Davis. Timkin seconded. Passed

Secretary: Flavia nominated Rebecca Novak. Lanzer seconded. Passed

Annual Report

Ticer: Thank you to the working groups for the information that went into the report.

Packard: Thank you to the Task Force for recognizing the CSP.

Lightning Round Update

Packard: Talked about data already. There is a strong effort on collaboration in regionalized enforcement. Off weekend enforcement as well.

Flavia: There will be a series of informational meetings and targeted trainings regarding Level II Four Plus at OBHs Regional Impaired Driver Treatment Training and a one-day implementation training on June 12th. OBH is hoping to present about this new level of DUI treatment at the upcoming Collaborative Justice Conference and the Judicial Conference. OBH was invited to present about treatment for the felony DUI offender at the NHTSA sponsored conference of Specialized Court Judges in Georgia this March.

Lanzer: Sent out law enforcement recognition award information. Nominations are open to public and there are multiple categories. It is an online form. A bill has been introduced allow individual municipalities to extend bar hours. MADD is opposed because it creates a lack of consistency and has public safety implications. He will get it out to the Task Force when he sees the bill. MADD is working on a bill to create mandatory minimum jail time for felony DUIs. There are other bills establishing marijuana tasting rooms etc... MADD is looking at these proposed establishment the same as bars. Watching the on-site alcohol and marijuana serving issue.

Amend: He will get a copy of the annual report in front of Attorney General. Last year staff was added to the POST team. It is now fully staffed. They created 4 online trainings by end of 16 with more to come. Working with online law enforcement training provider. They are willing to create material at their expense for Colorado.

Timkin: What is the experience from states that have higher limits? He has an observation that even with a higher limit people exceed.

Cole: RU buzzed app. DWAI at .05

Groff: The Teen Driver Alliance master driver class includes it in their curriculum. Not sure if it is part of the official test.

Casias: Not all states have DWAI. Teenager .02

Reed: National data 2016 fatalities up 7% which is the highest since 2007. Colorado at about 9.5%.

Kelly: Denver Social Consumption Working Group concern regarding liquor and marijuana consumption (co-consumption). She shared the marijuana industry PSAs that ran prior to the holidays.

Davis: The TX Dept. of Transportation is working with Texas A&M to study attitudes towards marijuana impaired driving as well as the impacts of marijuana legalization on traffic safety. They are coming to Colorado in April and want to talk with many constituencies including individuals within the marijuana industry. He will be presenting at the National Governors Association and at the Oklahoma DRE conference. He is going to work with legislative liaisons to get information to provide to the group.

Flavia: Please make the edits to the Annual Report and get a Final, Final version out to the committee.

Motion by Packard to adjourn. Seconded by Alymer. Meeting adjourned at 10:40.

Next Meeting: Friday, March 17, 2017 9:00-12:00pm
Location: Colorado State Patrol Academy
15055 S. Golden Road
Carrell Hall, Building 100
Golden, CO

In attendance:

Chief Bob Ticer, Loveland Police Department, Chair
Major Matthew Packard, Colorado State Patrol, Vice Chair
Glenn Davis, Colorado Department of Transportation
Rebecca Novak, Colorado State Patrol, Secretary
Ed Casias, SCAO, Judicial
Cory Amend, POST
Jack Reed, Colorado Department of Public Safety
Dave Timken, CIDRE
Kristi Kelly, Marijuana Industry Group
Laurie Meyers, Probation – Larimer County
Ben Whitney, Weld County District Attorney’s Office, Colorado District Attorneys Council
Jeff Groff, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
Christine Flavia, Colorado Department of Human Services, Office of Behavioral Health
Fran Lanzer, MADD CO
Paul Aylmer, Colorado Restaurant Association
Kim Abbott, Anheuser Busch
Laura Sonderup, Hispanidad
Matt Sonderup, Heinrich Marketing
Gene Giron, Miller Coors
Sam Cole, CDOT
Susan Colling, Judicial
Mike Elliott, MRE Legal Consulting
Jill DeRoehn, Denver County Court Probation
Curtis Hanock, Colorado Department of Human Services, Office of Behavioral Health
Eric Parman, Lifesafer/Guardian