



#### **CTFDID Meeting Dates**

November 20, 2020  
December – no meeting  
January 15, 2021  
February 19, 2021  
March 19, 2021

## **Meeting Notes**

October 16, 2020

### **Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

9:00 am – 11:00 am

*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:
  - Self-Introductions: Name; Agency, Entity or Interest Represented
  - Glenn Davis, Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), CTFDID Vice-Chair
    - Attendees introduced themselves and identified the organization they represent
    - Quorum present: 16 members
- Minutes of Previous Meeting:
  - Glenn Davis, (CDOT)
    - Minutes were approved
- Statistics, State Fatality Numbers:
  - Glenn Davis (CDOT)/Christine Demont, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE)
    - Detailed fatality statistics were not available for this meeting
    - This time last year, 480 total fatalities. Currently we are at 473. In June and July there were 70 fatalities in each month.
    - Officer opinion – 41% of fatalities were alcohol impaired.
- Legislation:
  - Glenn Davis (CDOT)/Mike Honn, Colorado State Patrol (CSP)
    - There will be discussion on closing time of bars.
    - CDOT will be working to find funds to support DUI programs; there is enough money in LEAF for this year to do a yearly operation.

- CDOT will be looking for more support through legislation.
  - NHTSA – we should get \$540K from transfer funds
  - Tuesday Black – DUI cases are filed under “T” cases (traffic violations); some feel this sends the wrong message and they should instead be filed as “M” (misdemeanor) cases.
    - Not sure who holds that authority.
- Colorado Law Enforcement Recognition Update
  - Robin Rocke, (CDOT) –Rebecca Green/Tuesday Black, Colorado Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD)
    - Event went well. Videos were created to present the winner and awards were sent to the winners on Monday. Winner announcement is available here: <https://www.codot.gov/news/2020/october-2020/madd-awards>. There is a link to the ceremony on this page, as well.
    - Laura Sonderup received the Dr. Robert E. Weltzer award for Outstanding Dedication to Traffic Safety.
- National Transportation Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Update
  - Joe Livingston, NHTSA Region 8
    - Priorities and focus:
      - Partnerships: Non-traditional prevention partnerships, would like to be a resource in connecting partners
      - Data: Data tracking systems, data portal projects, connecting the dots among states in the region who are doing good work that could inform on another, next steps to support NGA data collection.
      - Judicial outreach liaisons. Judge Pearson from Nevada could be used as a resource for this.
      - Looking to recruit a Law Enforcement Liaison.
      - At the national level, NHTSA is working with National Judicial College and American Bar Association to expand judicial knowledge presented in impaired driving cases. Looking at military courts, tribal courts, etc to look at evidence presented to help inform all efforts.
- Impaired Driving Assessment Tool
  - Allison Rosenthal, Colorado Department of Public Safety
    - Focus groups have been held; gathering data and will continue collecting data in November. Will present findings on 5 of 10 sections in January meeting.
- NGA Learning Collaborative on State Strategies to Strengthen and Leverage Data to Address Impaired Driving
  - Glenn Davis (CDOT) Allison Rosenthal-Jack Reed, Colorado Department of Public Safety (CDPS), Ben Mitchell, Colorado Department of Revenue (CDR), Christine Demont (CDPHE)

- CO is one of 10 states. Governor's offices applied to be involved in this. We were asked to put together a team. They give us mentor and governor's rep give us guidelines and timelines. We identify gaps and potential improvements in the state system.
- One of biggest issues is data linkage; it is consistent across all states. Looking at how we can link and surface data to make it publicly and internally available. It will be beneficial in that there are states further along and we can leverage their tools and knowledge.
- Media Relations & Significant Upcoming Events:
  - Sam Cole, CDOT
    - Collaborative campaigns coming up – September 21 was “Slow Down, Move Over” awareness day.
    - There is a big increase in construction zone fatalities so there will be a focus on that.
    - Motorcycle deaths are up. August DUI fatalities were up 15% in the state. Unclear why fatalities are up when traffic is down.
    - We're in Fall Festival HVE then move to Halloween then there is a CIOT enforcement period starting November 16.
    - Colorado Impaired Driving Newsletter from CDOT is a great resource. Link is here
- Public Comment/Lightning Round Update:
  - Glenn Davis, CDOT
    - Kerry Ferguson. National Teen Driver Safety Week is underway. Fall writing skills contest for middle, high school, and college students to come up with PSA idea for this year's theme - managing roundabouts.
    - Tuesday Black. Slight delay in court monitoring annual report due to missing information. Once that is obtained the court monitoring report will be scheduled for review.
    - Rebecca Green. Nov 20<sup>th</sup> is virtual candlelight vigil. Next day is “Tie one on for Safety” campaign. Fundraiser in the same month leading into CO Gives day.
    - Crystal Soderman. 14 minors in September that had expressed content packets sent. 755 DUI packets for month of September – includes breath test or refusal of roadside. Most of stops were refusals instead of breath or blood tests.
    - Webster Hendricks. Concentrating on felony DUI offender. Ramping up efforts to train and provide TA for providers licensed to provide this service. They had started “office hours” during which they are available to provide information and assistance.
    - Sam Cole. DUI hourglass that shows how long you should wait before driving after having an alcoholic beverage is available for use in public space/public event.
    - Paul Aylmer. Traffic is down. Restaurants were closed and are no opening with restrictions. Yet, DUI numbers are the same; this is puzzling. Are

people drinking at home then driving? Media is interested in this. People who are prone to driving impaired will continue to do so. Marijuana sales break records successively each month.

- Ed Wood. In 1980s we were at about 3 deaths per 100 million miles traveled. Dropped from 3 to about 1. During COVID-19 we are now up to about 1.42 deaths per 100 million miles traveled (data for Q2 2020). DMV is updating guidelines for driving school curriculum. Glenn Davis: CO is at 1.21 fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles traveled.
- Brian Turner. Starting minor operative program again to test liquor operations with minors. Looking for 15-20.5 years old at \$19/hour to test liquor store compliance. Will be working with CSP to share data to speed up response time in areas where they know there is non-compliance with liquor sales.
- Jack Reed. Looking at alcohol vs marijuana impairment – CSP has seen decrease in impairment. However, increase in marijuana involved citations, especially those involving marijuana and alcohol – went from 303 in 2019 to 548 to date. This is based on trooper perception impairment.
- Jared Toursney. Working with CDOT on in-person courses. Have wait-list because restricted on class size. Lost most of marijuana tax fund budget. Colorado has 33 law enforcement academies; looking at adding two more. Also looks at mental health of officers and substance abuse as a result. Robert Weltzer is working on curriculum for the two new schools

Meeting adjourned at 10:32 am

Next Meeting: November 20, 2020