



**Upcoming  
CTFDID Meeting  
Dates**

September 20, 2024\*\*

November 15, 2024

\*\*new meeting date

## **Meeting Minutes**

Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024

The August meeting was held virtually only.

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### **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
  - Mission Statement Read
  - Present: Abe Hutt; Allman, Abigail; Brettnei Jaber; Burrows, Tim; Cafaro, Sasha; Caitlyn Libby; Chris Poirier - Colorado MED; Dan Ostrander; Dave Fisher; Davis, Kristina; Ed Wood; Erin Brannan; Green, Rebecca; Gabi Gamily - CDOT; Glenn Davis CDOT; Gomez, Monica; Greg Daly; Grinsteiner, John; Heather Krug; Holladay, Bonnie; Ian Danielson; Jason Haag; Jennifer Yates; Jordan Nokes; Josh Downing; Judge Pearson; Katherine Striebel; Kathy Young; Lee Birk ;Lisa Pitts ;Logan Hurt - DOR; Mark Hunt; Matt Muir, Coalition 4 Cyclists; Melodie Clayton - CDOT HQ Traffic and Safety; Paliwoda, Sarah; Paul Aylmer; Paul Hofmann, APPA Region 8 Probation Fellow; Rachel Reinhardt; Reagan Chiaverini (CDPHE); Rita Rochelle CDPS - DCJ; Rosa Dimon; Ross Washburn (NHTSA); Sam Cole - CDOT; Sgt. Glenn Thomas; Shayna Kefalas; Shelly Schultz; Stacey Haveman; Stephanie Miller ;Stephanie Turner (MIG); Teri Vogel; Trish Iaquina; Truman Bradley ;Vito - Safe Streets Initiative; Washburn, Ross (NHTSA); Webster Hendricks; Wes Knox

- Lt. Colonel Josh Downing, Colorado State Patrol/ CTFDID Chair
  - May and June Meeting Minutes Approval Vote
  - Motion Made and Second received. Vote taken with no opposition.

#### NHTSA (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration) Region 8 Update:

- Ross Washburn, NHTSA
  - No new updates
  - Paul Hoffman will be joining us.

#### Statistics, State Fatality Numbers:

- Glenn Davis, CDOT
  - As of August 13<sup>th</sup>, we had 381 Fatalities compared to 447 last year. Decline of 15%
  - Last analyzed data we had went through July 21<sup>st</sup>, last year in July we had 91 fatalities, highest number we have any record of, we are trending under that.
  - In 2022, had three months (August, September, and October) that had 80 fatalities each, trending down for 2 years in a row.
- Reagan Chiaverini, CDPHE
  - As of August 14<sup>th</sup>, 360 total fatal crashes, 114 suspected impaired, total fatalities 386, 126 suspected impaired, speeding related fatalities was at 43 with 14% suspected impaired, which is 9% down from last year, 229 occupant vehicle fatalities, which was at 38% suspected impairment. And then with the unrestrained occupant fatalities, there were 113 and that was 50% expected impairment, which is about the same as last year. 49% of total occupant vehicle fatalities were under strained and of those unrestrained 50% or suspected impairment.
  - Motorcycles had 79 and pedestrians had 62, bicyclists had 6 fatalities.
  - The driver at fault in the fatal crash, the 25 to 34 age group has the highest number, that's followed by 55 to 64 and 35 to 54. And then suspected impaired, 47% suspected impaired in that 45 to 54 age group again followed by that 25 to 34 age group.
  - 45% suspected impairment at nighttime which is a 25% difference in comparison to that daytime group. 170 fatal crashes at nighttime and 76 of those were impaired looking specifically at nighttime by hour. Most fatal crashes at 7:00 PM, followed by midnight, and suspected impairment percentage, 11:00 PM and 2:00 AM had the highest impairment.
  - The number of fatalities that were highest by county was Adams County, followed by El Paso and Weld County. Suspected impairment, the highest suspected impairment by county was also Adams, El Paso, and Weld.
  - Questions and Discussion from Group
- Logan Hurt, DOR (refusals)
  - January, we had 1,231 Express Consents to the Department, 510 of those were refusals for a 41% refusal rate.
  - February, we had 1,170 and 470 of those were refusals for 40% refusal rate.
  - March, we had 1,290 Express Consents received, 561 of those were refusals. That was a 43% refusal rate.
  - April, we had 1,065 Express Consents, 496 were refusals, so 46% refusal rate.
  - May, we had 1,025 Express Consents, 532 were refusals for a 52% refusal rate
  - June, we had 920 Express Consents, 536 of those were refusals, to quite a jump there at a 58% refusal rate.
  - July, we've had 520 express consents, 280 refusals, for a 53% refusal rate.
  - It is important to note that for those last few months, there has been a lag in the blood test result.

- Rachel Reinhardt, CSP
  - Percent changes and the impaired crashes from January to July, particularly from 2023 to 2024.
  - Starting with impaired property crashes, we see a 16.17% decrease from 2023 to 2024 crashes and for injury we see a 18.30% decrease and for fatal crashes we see an increase by 2.33%.
  - In 2023, of all the CSP fatal crashes, 22.2% were Impaired and then in 2024, 30% of impaired crashes made up of all fatal crashes.
  - This number did go down over time, it's still relatively high in the end.
  - Impaired fatal crashes are trending upward during the first 7 months of 2024 compared to the same time frame last year.

#### Legislative Updates:

- Glenn Davis, HSO/CDOT
  - Senate Bill 24-079, Lane filter for Motorcycles
    - Working closely with CSP and media get message out
  - Senate Bill 24-065, Hands Free Bill
  - Not created legislative plan for upcoming session
    - Do want to mention some action about Refusals
- Rebecca Green, MADD
  - Nationally: working hard on HALT Act, Sense alcohol impairment in driver technology in all new vehicles, different than interlocke device.
  - Locally: Help with items on with Victim Service Funds
  - Group questions and discussion
- Lt. Colonel Josh Downing, Colorado State Patrol/ CTFDID Chair
  - Focused on presentation to the TLRC later today

#### Media Relations and Upcoming Events:

- Sam Cole, CDOT, Office of Communications
  - The great work that our law enforcement partners have done arresting and removing impaired drivers from our roadways this summer and highlighting that in the media sphere.
  - Labor Day Enforcement begins and alerting public via press release
  - Huge Enforcement Checkpoint happened July 26<sup>th</sup> with Lakewood, Arvada and Denver PD
    - 650 vehicles contacted, 14 arrests
  - Sturgis Enforcement period just wrapped up for motorcycles headed up to Sturgis this past month
  - Press release on where CO is data when it comes to impaired driving and pedestrian deaths and speed on midway through the year, down 16%

#### Strategic Impaired Driving Plan Update:

- Glenn Davis, HSO/CDOT
  - Requirement by NHTSA that is a funding mechanism
  - Good plan that is good for 4 years

## 2025 Strategic Highway Safety Plan:

- Melodie Clayton, CDOT Traffic Safety and Engineering Services
  - The last Strategic Highway safety plan that Colorado did was in 2020 is a five-year plan.
  - This one is planned to be published in April of 2025.
  - The vision for Colorado is zero deaths and serious injuries for anyone using any transportation mode to arrive at their destination safely. While the fatalities in Colorado are declining, serious injuries continue to increase and in 2023 there were over 4000 series injuries in Colorado due to traffic crashes.
  - Really important for us to conduct the safety plan to continue to make strides in that direction.
  - Required plan by Federal Highways Administration. CDOT is the steward of the plan.
  - How we reduce fatalities and serious injuries, with the goal of eliminating both fatalities and serious injuries on all Colorado roadways.
  - Funding mechanism for a lot of different federal funding sources that goes out to a lot of different state agencies and out to local agencies as well
  - Our state agency partners to help us to write and to implement this plan. Our first step of this plan is to coordinate and communicate.
    - Regional Stakeholders—5 different Cities in Colorado to have workshops
    - Also, Virtual workshops
  - Late October and early November, that's when we're going to be doing topic area workshops and that's where we can really use our subject matter experts, including the folks on this task force to be able to really look at what are those weak topics.
  - Coming up: Virtual Kickoff with introduction to the plan
  - An online stakeholder engagement tool for all our stakeholders to express what their biggest safety concerns are.

## Action Items for Task Force:

- Rebecca Green, MADD/CTFDID Co-Chair
  - CTFDID to present at Transportation Legislation Review Committee (TLRC) later today Presentation Review
    - Group discussion and questions
  - 2024 CTFDID Annual Report and Recommendations
    - Group discussion
    - Narrow the list of 7 recommendations down to 4 or 5 and vote in September

Lt. Colonel Josh Downing, Colorado State Patrol/ CTFDID Chair

- Moves to Adjourn Meeting
- Motion Seconded, no opposition.
- Meeting adjourned.

## Next Meeting:

- Date: Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- Location: TBD