



# 2025 Annual Report

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Colorado Task Force on Drunk and  
Impaired Driving



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**The Colorado Task Force on Drunk and Impaired Driving (CTFDID) Annual Report is a living document that leverages the expertise of its members. It aims to inform lawmakers and the public on recommendations to reduce impaired driving and save lives in Colorado.**

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## Dedication

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### Gavin Myers

On the evening of June 8, 2018, Gavin Myers walked home after a day spent fishing with his friends. The school year had just come to a close, and Gavin had the whole summer in front of him, with plenty of time to scooter, boat, and, of course, fish.

Walking along Wilson Avenue, Gavin had reached the final half-mile stretch before getting back to his neighborhood. Gavin spent a lot of time walking around the community. He'd take his beloved dog, Bella, on walks to the dog park. Recognizing that it was getting dark outside, Gavin took precaution as a pedestrian and walked on the west side of the street so he could see oncoming traffic and stay aware of his surroundings.

Around 9:30 pm, Gavin was almost home when his life was tragically cut short by an impaired driver. The driver, age 47, struck Gavin with his truck after driving over the curb.

At thirteen years old, Gavin was a bright, energetic young man with his entire future ahead of him. He loved football. Gavin's teammates and coaches saw his determination and teamwork shine when he was on the field.

This year, on November 3rd, Gavin would have celebrated his 21st birthday. After his passing, Gavin's family has worked with the local government to make their community safer for people walking, especially for other kids. His family continues to urge all of us to make safer choices: never drink and drive.

Gavin had a way of making every day memorable, and his smile and big heart left a lasting mark on everyone who knew him. His passing left a deep void for his family, friends, and community, who continue to carry the weight of his absence.

Each decision to drive sober helps protect lives, prevents tragedies, and keeps the legacies of young people like Gavin alive.



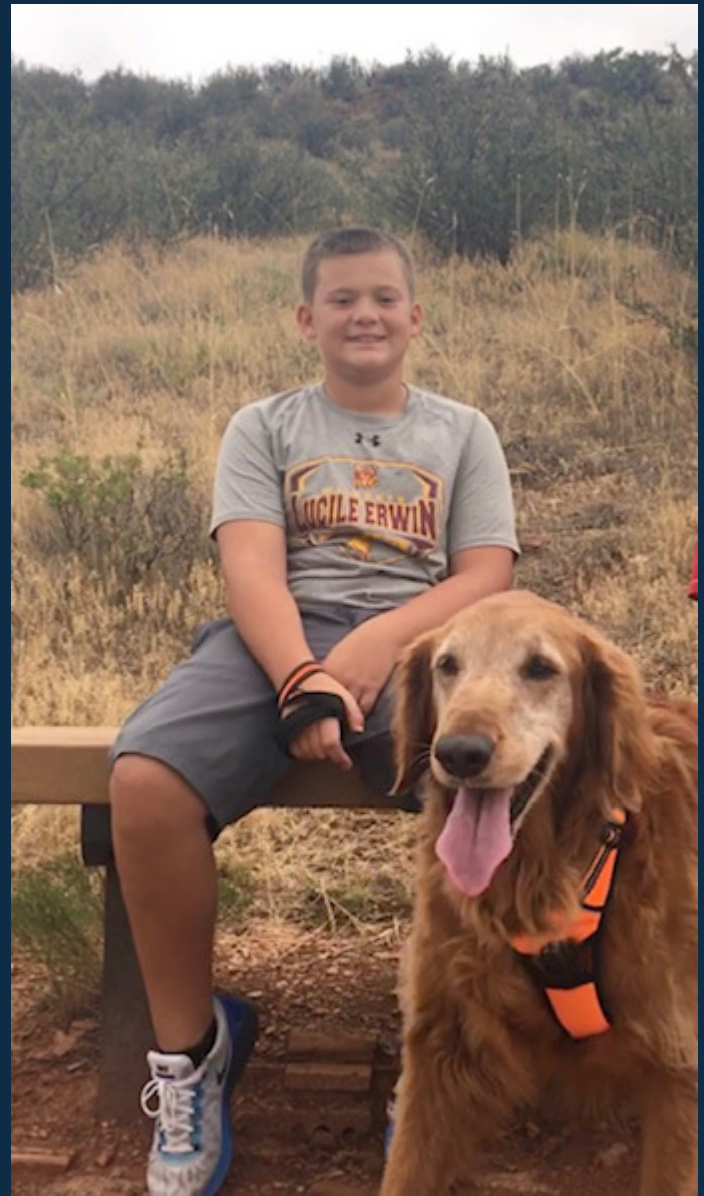
Gavin was a student at Lucile Erwin Elementary School in Loveland, Colorado.

“There is an emptiness inside me... that will haunt me for the rest of my life.

- Gavin's Mother, Melissa Myers

**“Gavin was more than a son—he was the heart of his family.**

- Melissa & Eric Myers, Gavin's parents



**Gavin and his Golden Retriever, Bella. Gavin loved to teach her tricks and cuddle with her.**

In December of 2018, the impaired driver responsible for ending Gavin's life pleaded guilty to vehicular homicide, a Class 3 felony.

The impaired driver was sentenced to nine years in the Department of Corrections with five years mandatory parole.

**“No money saved by not taking an Uber [ride share] ride or public transportation can offset the tragedy of losing a life.**

- Gavin's Aunt



# About the CTFDID

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In 2006, Colorado Senate Bill 06-192 created the Inter-agency Task Force on Drunk Driving (CTFDID) in response to the tragic death of Sonja Marie DeVries, who was killed in 2004 by an impaired driver. The driver had been convicted of impaired driving on six previous occasions. Since its inception in 2006, the CTFDID has brought together executive leaders from government and other organizations that had an interest in reducing instances of impaired driving. In 2014, Colorado House Bill 14-1321 changed the title of the Inter-agency Task Force on Drunk Driving to the Colorado Task Force on Drunk and Impaired Driving.

## State Statute 42-4-1306

The task force shall meet regularly to investigate methods of reducing the incidents of drunk and impaired driving and develop recommendations for the state of Colorado regarding the enhancement of government services, education, and intervention to prevent drunk and impaired driving.



## Mission

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



## Vision

The vision of the Colorado Task Force on Drunk and Impaired Driving is a Colorado in which key stakeholders work in partnership to achieve a fully integrated solution to the problem of impaired driving.



# Impaired Driving by the Numbers

The drivers at-fault in the following crashes had impairment from alcohol and/or another substance confirmed by a toxicology report. All data is for the year 2024.

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**689**

Total traffic fatalities in Colorado.

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**287**

Traffic fatalities involving at-fault driver with a confirmed BAC  $\geq$  0.08 and/or any impairing substance.

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**161**

Traffic fatalities involving an at-fault driver whose toxicology report was BAC  $\geq$  0.08 (disclaimer: not solely alcohol alone; any test with BAC $\geq$ 0.08).

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**50**

Traffic fatalities involving an at-fault driver who tested positive for Delta-9 THC and had a BAC  $\geq$  0.08.

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**87**

Traffic fatalities involving an at-fault driver who tested positive for a potentially impairing drug but did not have alcohol or cannabis present or tested below BAC $\geq$ 0.08.

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**582**

Traffic crashes with suspected driver impairment that involved at least one serious bodily injury.

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**35**

Traffic fatalities involving a driver between the ages of 16-20 who tested positive for alcohol or other impairing substances.

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**16,332**

Total number of misdemeanor impaired driving filings (15,29) and felony DUI filings for adults age 18 and older (1,053).

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Data Source: Colorado Department of Transportation and Colorado Judicial Branch

Data Analysis: Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

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# 2025 Accomplishments

The Task Force made significant progress in 2025 by launching three specialized subcommittees:

- Toxicology Refusal
- Data Accuracy
- Standardized DUI Forms

The findings from these subcommittees formed the basis for many key recommendations in the 2025 annual report.

The task force's mission received a boost from growing interaction and support from stakeholders, associates, and partners. This collective effort also enabled the Task Force to advance crucial legislative work for stronger impaired driving prevention and enforcement.



CDOT safety campaign example: <https://www.codot.gov/safety/impaired-driving/>



# 2026 Recommendations



Establish smaller, regionally focused task forces throughout the State of Colorado to enhance the task force's efforts in preventing drunk and impaired driving incidents.

This decentralized approach will enable more targeted, community-specific interventions while maintaining coordination with statewide initiatives.

- While the statewide task force provides valuable coordination and policy guidance, regional task forces can address specific local conditions, cultural factors, and enforcement challenges that vary significantly across the state.
- The statewide task force will work with CDOT law enforcement liaisons to determine which regions will participate. Leadership of regional task forces will attend the statewide task force meetings to provide insight into specific regional needs.



Evaluate state law and available vehicle technology to identify gaps and opportunities to protect vulnerable roadway users from impaired drivers.

This evaluation will inform the development of strategies to address the alarming increase in fatal and serious bodily injury crashes involving pedestrians, bicyclists, motorcyclists, and other vulnerable roadway users across Colorado.



Revise C.R.S. 42-4-1609 to allow, but not require, coroners to provide toxicology conducted on any deaths that resulted from a motor vehicle crash, including but not limited to alcohol concentration, screening panels, and whether toxicology was conducted ante- or post-mortem.

Information gathered from coroners will be added to the official record and may be shared as permitted under 24-72-204.



Continue efforts to address the significantly elevated levels of chemical test refusals.

The task force's efforts to address this issue include:

- Continuing public information campaigns via social and earned media.
- Researching how law enforcement can better elicit adherence to the law from offenders.
- Explore the opportunity to improve training for Law Enforcement officers on Colorado Expressed Consent and how the advisory should be communicated to offenders.

# CTFDID

## Statutory Membership

Position	Description	Representative
<b>CTFDID Statutory Position I</b>	The executive director of the department of transportation or his or her designee who shall also convene the first meeting of the task force.	<b>Tuesday Black</b> , Highway Safety Office Liaison Highway Safety Office
<b>CTFDID Statutory Position II</b> Three representatives appointed by the executive director of the Department of Revenue, with the following qualifications:	Expertise in driver's license sanctioning.	<b>Crystal Soderman</b> , Operations Manager Department of Revenue
	Expertise in the enforcement of the state's liquor sales laws.	<b>Michelle Stone-Principato</b> , Director of Liquor and Tobacco Enforcement Division, Department of Revenue Liquor Sales Enforcement
	From the department of revenue's marijuana enforcement division.	<b>Chris Poirier</b> , Deputy Director of Policy & Regulatory Affairs, Marijuana Enforcement Division, Department of Revenue Marijuana Enforcement
<b>CTFDID Statutory Position III</b>	The state court administrator or his or her designee.	<b>Honorable Cynthia Jones</b> , 5th Judicial Court District State Court Administration Office
<b>CTFDID Statutory Position IV</b>	The Colonel of the Colorado State Patrol or his or her designee.	<b>Lieutenant Colonel Josh Downing</b> , CTFDID Chair Colorado State Patrol
<b>CTFDID Statutory Position V</b>	The state public defender or his or her designee.	<b>Vacant</b>
<b>CTFDID Statutory Position VI</b> Two representatives appointed by the executive director of the Department of Human Services with the following qualifications:	Expertise in substance abuse education and treatment for DUI or DWAI offenders.	<b>Vacant</b>
	Expertise in providing minors, adolescents, and juvenile offenders with substance abuse treatment and related services.	<b>Vacant</b>

Position	Description	Representative
<b>CTFDID Statutory Position VII</b>	The director of the division of probation services or his or her designee.	<b>Kristina Davis</b> , Probation Analyst II - Evaluation Unit, Division of Probation Services, Office of the State Court Administrator Division of Probation Services
<b>CTFDID Statutory Position VIII</b>	The executive director of the Department of Public Health and Environment, or his or her designee.	<b>Heather Krug</b> , Regulatory Programs Branch Chief Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
<b>CTFDID Statutory Position IX</b> The following members are selected by the member serving pursuant to subsection (3)(a)(I). A representative of a...	Statewide association of chiefs of police with experience in making arrests for drunk or impaired driving.	<b>Chief Kim Ferber</b> , Aspen Police Department Chiefs Association
	Statewide organization of county sheriffs with experience in making arrests for drunk or impaired driving.	<b>Amy Nichols</b> , Executive Director, County Sheriffs of Colorado Statewide Organization of County Sheriffs
	Victim or a family member of a victim of drunk or impaired driving.	<b>Dr. Dana Waldbaum</b> , Veterinarian
	Statewide organization of victims of drunk or impaired driving.	<b>Rebecca Green</b> , MADD Executive Director; CTFDID Vice Chair Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Colorado State Office
	Statewide organization of district attorneys with experience in prosecuting drunk or impaired driving offenses.	<b>Stephanie Miller</b> , Deputy District Attorney, 11th Judicial District Statewide Organization of District Attorneys
	Statewide organization of criminal defense attorneys with experience in defending persons charged with drunk or impaired driving offenses.	<b>Abraham Hutt, Esq.</b> , Recht Kornfeld PC Statewide Criminal Defense
	Statewide organization that represents persons who sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on premises.	<b>Paul Aylmer</b> , President and CEO, Epicurean Statewide Alcohol Beverages On-Premises
	Statewide organization that represents persons who sell alcoholic beverages for consumption off premises.	<b>Andrew Kosterman</b> , CEO, Peak Beverages Statewide Alcohol Beverages Off-Premises
	Statewide organization that represents distributors of alcoholic beverages in Colorado.	<b>Vacant</b>
	Manufacturer of alcoholic beverages in Colorado.	<b>Vacant</b>



Position	Description	Representative
CTFDID Statutory Position IX continued...	Person under twenty-four years of age who is enrolled in a secondary or postsecondary school.	<b>Abigail Allman</b>
	Statewide organization that represents alcohol and drug addiction counselors.	<b>Tim Kitchens</b> , LAC, LPC, Colorado Association of Addition Professionals
	Statewide organization that represents persons licensed to sell retail marijuana for consumption off premises.	<b>Chuck Smith</b> Colorado LEADS
	Community-based representative of the substance use disorder prevention field.	<b>Shayna Kefalas</b> , Program Director Larimer County Partners
	Retail or medical marijuana industry, who is an owner or manager of a retail dispensary.	<b>Sarah Woodson</b> , Owner, Color of Cannabis Representative from Medical Marijuana Retail Dispensary
CTFDID Statutory Position X	The director of the Peace Officers Standards and Training board or the director's designee.	<b>Erik Bourgerie</b> , Director Colorado Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST)
CTFDID Statutory Position XI	A researcher who is appointed by a majority of the task force members and who specializes in drunk and impaired driving research.	<b>Allison Rosenthal</b> , Statistical Analyst Researcher Department of Public Safety







# Resources



## Colorado Task Force on Drunk and Impaired Driving (CTFDID)

This website contains information about the CTFDID, including meeting notes and past reports.

[www.codot.gov/safety/duitaskforce](http://www.codot.gov/safety/duitaskforce)



## No DUI Colorado

This website was developed and created by the Persistent Drunk Driver Committee as an educational resource for the Colorado community regarding impaired driving and substance abuse behaviors.

[www.noduicolorado.org](http://www.noduicolorado.org)



## Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD)

MADD's mission is to end drugged and drunk driving, to support the victims of these violent crimes, and to prevent underage drinking. The website contains links to data and resources to meet this mission.

[www.madd.org](http://www.madd.org)



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## Statewide Traffic Records Advisory Committee (STRAC)

Interests of motor vehicle traffic and safety agencies and organizations. Within statutory constraints, the committee recommends policies regarding the retention and dissemination of traffic records information. The website contains information about STRAC, including data, reports, and meeting minutes. [www.codot.gov/about/committees/strac](http://www.codot.gov/about/committees/strac)



## Colorado Judicial Branch Annual Statistical Report

Each fiscal year, the Colorado Judicial Branch issues this report on Colorado state courts. Profiled in the reports are caseload statistics for the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, District Court, County Court, Water Court, and Probation. [www.coloradojudicial.gov/annual-statistical-reports](http://www.coloradojudicial.gov/annual-statistical-reports)

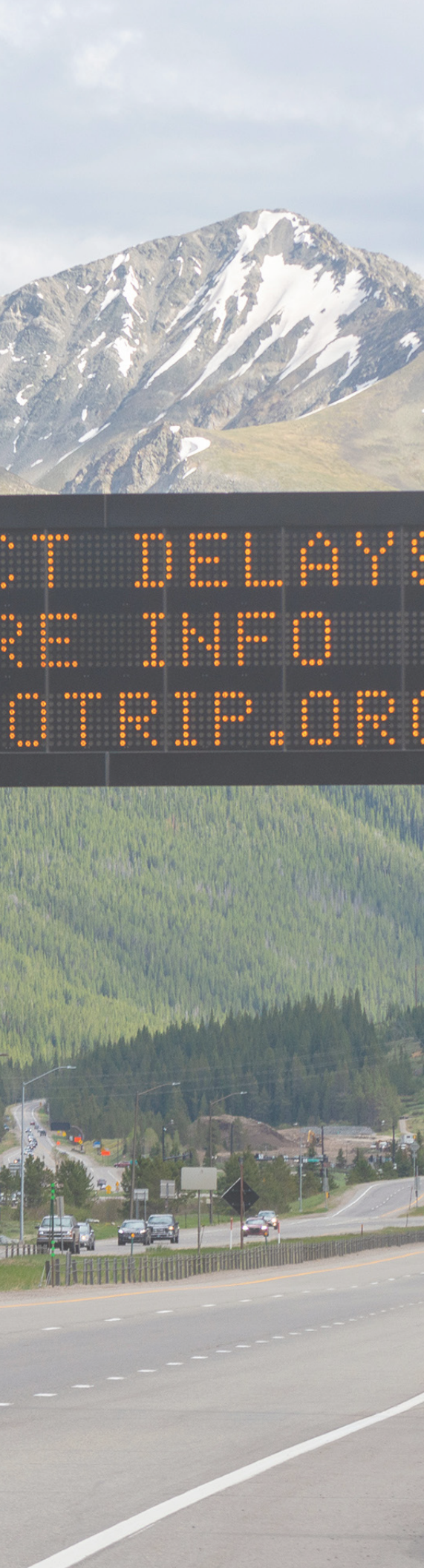


## Driving Under the Influence of Drugs and Alcohol: A Report Pursuant to HB 17- 1315

As mandated by House Bill 17-1315 in Colorado, this report provides a comprehensive overview of the public safety impacts of drug-impaired driving, highlighting the drugs involved and the court outcomes of driving under the influence case filings. <https://dcj.colorado.gov/dcj-offices/ors/dashb-dui>







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## Countermeasures That Work, 11th Edition (NHSTA)

This is a basic reference to assist state Highway Safety Offices in selecting effective, evidence-based countermeasures for traffic safety problem areas.

[www.nhtsa.gov/book/countermeasures/countermeasures-that-work](http://www.nhtsa.gov/book/countermeasures/countermeasures-that-work)



## National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)

The mission of NHTSA is to save lives, prevent injuries, and reduce economic costs due to road traffic crashes through education, research, safety standards, and enforcement. The website contains extensive information on all aspects of road safety.

[www.nhtsa.gov](http://www.nhtsa.gov)



## Colorado Motor Vehicle Problem Identification Dashboard

This dashboard describes motor vehicle crashes within the state of Colorado.

<https://www.codot.gov/safety/safetydata/colorado-motor-vehicle-problem-id-dashboard>

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