

Meeting Minutes

MAY 15, 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 multifaceted 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:
 - Bob Ticer, Chief of Police, Loveland Policy Department & CTFDID Chair
 - Attendees introduced themselves and the organization they represent.
- Minutes of previous meeting
 - Chief Ticer
 - Minutes from February 2020 were approved.
- Statistics, State Fatality Numbers:
 - Glenn Davis, Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT)-Christine Demont. Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE)
 - Christine Demont presented the fatality numbers. These are appended to these notes.
 - Glenn Davis provided further information
 - 15% drop (in February, we were up 11%) large swing as a result of COVID
 - 32.8% alcohol related
 - Data as of 5/13/20
 - Questions/Discussion
 - Is DUI/DWAI still a priority at this time or are other priorities diverting attention?
 - Loveland DUI Task Force still operating
 - CDOT suspended DUI enforcement efforts in late March. This was lifted in early May; agencies can resume efforts at the discretion of the agencies involved. In March and April there were still 663 DUI arrests.
 - Daniel Anderson CBI
 - There has been a 60% drop in toxicology submissions
 - Jeff Groff CDPHE
 - Statewide breath alcohol test numbers 2019 vs 2020
 - o February 586 in 2019; 626 in 2020
 - o March 679 in 2019; 444 in 2020
 - April 625 in 2019; 174 in 2020
- Legislation:
 - Fran Lanzer, MADD
 - Legislature has been in recess
 - Projected \$3 billion loss in revenue for state budget
 - Drunk driving enforcement bill is not expected to be a priority this year (HB 20-1279)
 - Glenn Davis
 - CDOT is concerned about potential impact on their ability to show maintenance of

effort.

- Marijuana User cash tax fund.
 - CDOT communications has been receiving about \$1 million/year for cannabis awareness campaign; this has been cut to \$500K. DUI fund from this is about \$1 million; no one has talked about this year.
- Important to be aware than DUI arrests fund a lot of activity. There will be budget ramifications from a year of fewer arrests.
- Introduction of New Representative:
 - o Truman Bradley, Executive Director-Marijuana Industry Group (MIG)
- Colorado Law Enforcement Recognition Update
 - Leslie Chase-(CDOT)-Fran Lanzer (MADD)
 - Due to COVID-19, had to cancel ceremony; will have a virtual announcement of finalists in May
- National Transportation Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Update -Brenda Hahn
 - NHTSA Impaired Driving Demonstration Project
 - Each year NHTSA headquarters provides funding for impaired driving demonstration projects. This funding is separate from the NHTSA formula block funding that Colorado receives that is administered by CDOT
 - Examples of current and previous projects are law enforcement roll call video, law enforcement phlebotomy best practices, e-warrant for impaired driving best practices, TIRF technical assistance projects on ignition interlock
 - o Intent is for national in scope that states can use
 - This is not a formal request for proposal but intended to be a brainstorming for ideas to communicate to headquarters any identified needs in Colorado
 - Ideas will be vetted in conjunction with the Colorado Highway Safety Office
 - Ideas from discussion:
 - Drug Recognition "One Year After" training, this training was started in Colorado and has shown positive outcomes for the state's DRE program. The proposal would be for the training to be evaluated to possibly be formalized and used at a national level.
 - Evaluation of post arrest impaired driving testing, Colorado allows for DUI arrestees to select the method they will be tested by (breath or blood). Maintaining two types of testing is costly to the state in terms of equipment and staff. There are also problems with data collection as blood tests deliver much more inclusive data. The proposal would be a study for the feasibility of a state (Colorado) going to a one modality of single option (blood) for dui arrests. Pros? Cons? How could this be implemented? Note, this requires statute change but would be a significant savings to the state.
 - Evaluation of the Standard Field Sobriety Testing (SFST) with subjects who have been dosed on true potency cannabis. National research on subjects' performance of SFSTs are based on the subjects being dosed on low THC potency cannabis. The proposal would be a study of subjects' performance on SFSTs utilizing cannabis dosing with a product that has a THC potency that is currently being used by the public.
- Impaired Driving Assessment Tool
 - Allison Rosenthal-CDPS-DCJ
 - PowerPoint will be sent separately
 - NHTSA Draft Tool is available at https://www.nhtsa.gov/drug-impaired-driving/criminal-iustice-evaluation-tool.
 - Contact Allison Rosenthal at <u>Allison.rosenthal@state.co.us</u> if interested in participating.
- Media Relations & Significant Upcoming Events: Sam Cole, CDOT
 - Paused traffic safety campaign messaging to allow for messaging around COVID based on governor's directive
 - Launch for marijuana campaign in September
 - o Launch for alcohol impaired driving campaign in July for 4th of July not set in stone

- Moving ahead with partnership with DMV and LifeSafer for when a participant in the interlock program gets interlock taken off vehicle
- Public Comment/Lightning Round Update
 - Webster Hendricks changes made in OBH to continue to have treatment services available to DUI offenders. Emergency rule making process, removed that all services provided face to face. Allowing providers to provide services via telehealth platforms. This is a new conversation in how we can continue. CDOT is interested in interlock counseling, looking to conduct research in effectiveness for preventing recidivism. Looking forward to data to support that reduces recidivism.
 - Jared Torsney POST dealing with a lot of changes at the academy, especially SFST.
 Spent hours creating an online SFST refresher recertification, including Kim Ferber and Mark Ashby. Been up and running a couple of weeks. 275 officers have successfully completed the refresher training online. Colorado is one of the few states that mandates refresher training for all operators.
 - Fran Lanzer MADD Providing online support groups to victims and support groups for victims impacted by impaired driving. Online victim impact panel have been created. Victims services, continued to engage with judicial, district attorneys and department of corrections. Stories of inmates getting released early. Making sure victims rights are being protected and getting notified. Extra effort in promoting Facebook page and email distribution list. Looking to livestream recognition events. Memorial Day promote enforcement efforts that are going on. Walk Like MADD events in August. Challenges in fundraising with current environment, encourage to participate in Walk Like MADD and invite people to support you. If we can reach a larger audience, a little bit from a larger group goes a long way.
 - Emily DeFrancia MADD- youth initiative. SLACK, combined with SADD. Group of youth leaders that are high school age, dedicated leaders in their communities to focus on substance use prevention and tying into mental health. Very timely with COVID lock down impacting youth. Joining across the state via Zoom, meeting once a month. Summer group, fall group. If you would like us to pass on the information or know of any youth interested, contact Emily DeFrancia emily.defrancia@madd.org.
 - Jack Reed looking at effectiveness of DRE program. Working with CSP going through and identifying DRE stops/evaluations and match with court outcomes data. Looking at 2017 data that has been collected. Working on collection 2018 data.
 - Allison Rosenthal CDPS-DCJ data used in report has been able to successfully linked.
 Estimating 6000 DUI related cases, able to get 62% linked with toxicology data. Excited to move forward and work on the analysis of the data and releasing a report this summer.
 - o Kerry Ferguson SADD information appended to these notes.
 - Paul Aylmer Hospitality industry is taking a beating. Colorado Restaurant Association has been working to find out opening. 25%-50% is not enough to keep doors open for many restaurants. Large percentage of restaurants will likely be forced to close permanently. El Paso county has been given a variance.
 - Turner DOR-LE looking for temporary extension to extend liquor service into parking area to help restaurants expand footprint. Email to direct complaints is: Dor LED@state.co.us
 - Crystal Soderman DOR 56 expressed consents for DOR came through in April. Public office closed, but open by telework. Any help getting paperwork sooner rather than later, staff is ready to take.
- Meeting adjourned at 10:55am
- Next Meeting: July 17, 2020, location pending.