



**Upcoming CTFDID Meeting Dates**

April 15, 2022  
May 20, 2022

**MEETING NOTES**

Friday, February 18, 2022  
9:00 am – 12:00 pm

**Virtual Meeting**

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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:**

Bob Ticer, Chief of Loveland Police/CTFDID Chair

- Attendees introduced themselves and the organization they represent.
  - (36 attendees)

### **Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

Bob Ticer, CTFDID Chair

- January minutes - no edits, changes or additions.
- Motioned to accept and approved.

### **NHTSA Region 8 Update:**

Erik White, NHTSA Region 8 Law Enforcement Liaison

- 3 Campaign(s) overview:
  - Western States Traffic Safety Coalition, NYE impaired driving initiative (11 states) involved Region 8, 9 & 10
    - Over 100 dui arrests during the 24-hour period of NYE. With 13 fatalities, zero in region 8.
  - Mountain West Conference Basketball Championship Public Service Announcement – coordinated effort with all western region states. Buildup to College level NCAA championship & March Madness.
    - Lt. Col. Joshua Downing represented Colorado State Patrol.
    - PSA should come out early March.
  - 420 Campaign - coordinated regions 7 & 8.
    - Strong on Enforcement and Public Awareness.

### **Statistics, State Fatality Numbers:**

Sarah Barkley, CDPHE

- Present fatal traffic numbers to date 2/12.
  - 47 Fatal Crashes, w 50 fatalities. 38% suspected impairment.
  - Almost ½ of fatalities were unrestrained. Almost half vehicle fatalities in evening suspected impairment. End of February numbers tracking a little lower
- if anyone has questions about the fatal tracker data feel free to email [sarah.barkley@state.co.us](mailto:sarah.barkley@state.co.us)

Dr. Cindy Stewart, Colorado State Patrol

- Shared Colorado State Patrol's end of year report through December 2021.
  - CSP covered crashes only. Proactive DUI/D citations: 3007, Reactive DUI/D citations: 1912. Proactive work has remained stable.
  - Provided a breakdown of "Perceived Drug Impairment" types.
  - Ed Wood asked about comparing numbers from 2019 to 2021.
    - Drop in activity due to COVID in 2020.
    - Dr. Stewart will add 2019 to next meeting.
  - Lt. Col. Downing all kinds of variables as to the changes in data for 2020, staffing issues /man power decreases/ pandemic/social unrest. Definitely to be comparative, should use 5-year averages.
- Reach out any time for any questions: [cindyr.stewart@state.co.us](mailto:cindyr.stewart@state.co.us)

Glenn Davis, CDOT / Vice Chair

- As of Feb 10<sup>th</sup>, 50 fatalities compared to 64 same time last year.
- 2021 – 690 Fatalities, still waiting a more data, will approach 700 once all numbers are in.
  - 700 is an unprecedented number. Good opportunity for 73<sup>rd</sup> General Session of Colorado Assembly to look at legislation help to reduce traffic crashes.

### **NHTSA National Evaluation of Utah's .05 BAC Per Se Law**

Amy Berning, NHTSA\_Research Psychologist, [amy.berning@dot.gov](mailto:amy.berning@dot.gov)

Presented 10 Minute presentation on Evaluation of Utah's .05 BAC Per Se Law  
NHTSA looks at impacts of new legislation. Utah first state to change from .08 to .05.

Summary after Utah lowered their BAC limit:

Overall reduction in crashes. (years 2016 – 2019).  
Reduction in fatal crashes and fatalities.  
No negative impact on criminal system  
No negative impact on the hospitality industry.

Questions/Comments:

Ed Wood commented on presentation. Behavior change was very effective. Wondering if the same changes would be as effective by dropping from .08 to .07 and continuing down.

What was the average BAC arrests for Utah? Amy did not have that data.

Glenn Davis:

Colorado is at a 27% of fatalities are .08+ BAC, while Utah is at 15%. Utah is absolutely no tolerance. Big difference between cultures of two states.

Bob Ticer:

Any other states in the process of Legislative changes for BAC?  
Amy – Nothing solid. Still searching states websites and legislative sites.

Eric White chatted that Hawaii is looking into Utah's .05 law. He provided them significant data to help them pursue further.

Allison Roesenthal:

Was there any effort to push back starts date? Any continued push back? Amy did not have the information.

## **Additions to the CTFDID:**

### **Hope Schwanke**

(J) A person under twenty-four years of age who is enrolled in a secondary or postsecondary school.

Welcome to the Task Force Hope. Your position is highly important, provides opportunity to look through a different discipline. Your opinion is valued!

Hope introduced herself. Attends CU Denver studying Criminal Justice. Volunteers at MADD Colorado. Excited to be part of the Task Force. Looking forward to meeting everyone and see where this takes her.

## **Legislative Updates:**

Glenn Davis, Fran Lanzer & Tuesday Black, MADD

- Legislative activities:
  - Fran Lanzer:
    - 22055 – Interlock Bill:
      - Bill passed out of senate judiciary unanimously.
      - Support from all players/ lots of agreement. Doing more to prevent those who receive DUI from repeating the offense.
      - Glenn Davis: attended a presentation on a Cogni-view device – very interested, using the Task force recommendation: Study on Devices. – no bill on this yet.
      - Fran is also learning more on the various devices. Has legislatures that are talking to them and they are connected to their Lobbyists. Fran will bring more information when he learns more.
    - Senator Cook & Senator Bridges have a bill to recruit and maintain LE officers. To be heard 2/24<sup>th</sup> in senate judiciary.
    - House Bill 1142 – Cities to set their own bar hours.
      - To be heard 2/23.
      - Fran has spoken with Bill sponsor. Voiced frustration and disappointment with lack of inclusion of Stakeholder work on this bill. No Stakeholder work was done on this bill. Encourages those who can, (not state agency) to oppose the bill. Too many people dying on the roads, this is the wrong time to try something like this.
        - Bob Ticer added the Task Force Mission statement does state: *Task Force acts as a resource for the Legislator.* Challenges state agencies to act as a resource to help the legislators understand the impacts of such a bill passing. Be a resource.

- Adam Musielewicz asked what would be the best way to voice opposition. Fran stated: On this or any other legislative issues, the best thing to do is call your legislators and share your opinion. You can look them up here: <http://leg.colorado.gov/find-my-legislator>. If you or your organization would be interested in joining MADD in opposition to HB 1142, please email me at francis.lanzer@madd.org.

### **Media Relations and Upcoming Events:**

Sam Cole, CDOT/Office of Communications

- Next DUI HVE begins today, President's Day weekend. Working on getting media to talk about enforcement period. Will be sending out a press release shortly.
- Superbowl Enforcement successful and was covered by media.
- Continuing to keep pressure regarding the fatalities in the media; keep up the pressure with media to keep the public aware of the dangers of poly-consumption.
- Working on updating the Uncomfortable High Marijuana & Driving Campaign; will launch around 4/20.

### **Lighting Round:**

Bob Ticer, CTFDID Chair.

Concern regarding Law Enforcement - stressors that officers are facing. Enforcement is down. Police officers are people too. Impacts have been unheard.

Possible national story regarding .000 – not warranted DUI Arrests. Reporter ambushed officer regarding his dui arrests. Chief Ticer took this as an Opportunity to talk about the Victims of DUI – not about what the reporter wanted.

Unwarranted shot at our Law Enforcement officers. This may cause further decreases of enforcement by our officers.

Paul Aylmer, Colorado Restaurant Association

Restaurant Association does not take a stance on House Bill 1142. They are restaurants and not typically open that late. But Paul will speak with others to see if the restaurants want to take a stance, supporting Fran.

Tuesday Black, Court Monitoring Program Manager for MADD –

Law Enforcement Championship Awards/ Acknowledgements.

For any last-minute nominations for CDOT/MADD's Annual Law Enforcement Champions, please complete this form by 12pm today-

<https://form.jotform.com/220065329553150>

Upcoming Champion events

May 4<sup>th</sup> – Grand Junction

May 11<sup>th</sup> – Co Springs

June 1<sup>st</sup> – Denver

Lt. Colonel Downing, Colorado State Patrol

Echoing Chief Ticer.

Continue to take opportunities to highlight what we do and saving people's lives.

Would like to get with Chief Ticer and Glenn regarding the secretary position. He will send them an email for further discussion.

Ed Wood, DUID Victim Voices

AZ now doing the same on DUI Data reporting process, similar to Colorado House bill 1315 – which passed in 2017 that gave rise to the report that Allison is now in charge of.

Michelle Stone-Principato (Director of Colorado Tobacco Liquor Enforcement Division)

Shared the mission statement for the Liquor Enforcement Division – Promote public safety, support economic growth and responsible sale of in consumption of Tobacco and Liquor products, through fair administration of the Liquor, Tobacco and nicotine laws.

Received a bill a couple of years ago for additional FTEs.

Appreciates Chief Ticer's comments, her staff have gone through a lot of negative support and comments from nasty people, and screaming mobs.

To lessen the negativity, they read all the positive support and comments received each day in their office hours. If you have supportive things that you could forward, please send. This month Department of Revenue is focusing on respect and respect in the workplace. She shared a quote,

*“Respect your fellow human beings, treat them fairly, disagree with them honestly, enjoy friendship, explore your thoughts of one another candidly, work together for a common goal and help one another achieve it.”*

As Director she has to remain neutral for opposing or support a bill. Position she has to take if testifying at the general assembly.

Trying new pilot program for minor operatives. Hiring two. Help them through college and let them work closer with the investigators and teach about enforcement and licensing section. If you know of any minor operatives, let her know.

Very understaffed, in a hiring process, but doing more training to work on awareness.

Sam Cole, Office of Communications at CDOT

Sorry to hear what happened to you and your staff with the media. Agrees with putting Victim's voices first – will do that more when he speaks to the media.

Webster Hendricks, Behavioral Health Administration

His department also has to remain mute with the legislative actions.

Have massive legislation they are contending with. The Office of Behavioral health Bill 211097 – development and creation of the Behavioral Health Administration, Going on since 2018. His goal is to make sure those who are repeat offenders in the impaired driving world, are getting a different level of attention, for the addiction or mental health issues that need to be addressed.

<https://cdhs.colorado.gov/about-cdhs/featured-initiatives/behavioral-health-reform/change-management>

Fran Lanzer, Regional Executive Director of Mother's Against Drunk Driving

One more thing about legislation regarding interlock, we can talk about over summer.

Spoke with Dr. Timpkin. Need to increase number of people who are participating on interlock enhancement counseling, still need to do more stakeholder work, wants to bring to Task force for possible recommendation and something that could possibly be a bill next year.

Crystal Sodeman, Department of Revenue, Motor Vehicle, Driver License Sanctioning

Still finalizing programming changes for drivers eligible to reinstate with interlock instead of 1 year revocation. Continue to have high level of refusals coming in. Month of January, 794 administrative DUI case came through DOR Courts. 471 were refusals (9 of those were for minors). Looking for ideas to get messaging out about ramifications for refusing to cooperate with the roadside. Really need combat the refusals. Possible development of Campaign for refusals. Maybe DOR/Sam Cole/Behavior Health could come together and market the ramifications of losing one's license. Webster Hendricks would welcome working with them to address a marketing campaign.

Judge Casias asked Crystal if there is anything in Driver license manual about refusals? Crystal stated trying to get manual changes, but it is a long process.

Ed Wood – there is Data to prove that refusals have the same amount of convictions as that of those not refusing.

Jeff Groff – Dept of Public Health and Environment

Suspicion that we will see a decrease in refusals. During COVID, officers did offer Blood testing, but not Breath. Officers marked these as refusals.

Crystal provided refusal numbers for previous years. 2021 and 2022 are trending up again.

Judge Casias, Summit County Court Judge

Summit County Restaurants are not looking to stay open until 4 am. Find it is not worth the issues and trouble with staying open later.

County Courts - March 1<sup>st</sup> changes. That will impact volume and community safety dynamic:

Drug 4 felonies becoming misdemeanors. Number of tickets coming into County courts will be much higher. Will increase some of the back log.

Bonding Changes –

Weekend bonding commissioners will provide weekend advisements starting April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Traffic offenses which are personal recognizance bonds.

DUI / DWAI will now be traffic misdemeanor offense as of March 1. Should they be released on a PR bond? Debate whether this is what government intended. All depends on judges. Needs further clarification.

Tuesday - questioned what dui traffic bond will look like?

Ed Wood – released on PR bond questions. How would we know? Will there be sample data / cases so we can display to legislation for them to clarify.

Judge will send new statute to Fran – efforts keep stagnating at legislature. Definitely something to take under consideration, to look at.

Mark Ashby, Colorado DRE/SFST State Coordinator, Highway Safety Office

Trained Boulder Valley School District. Provided Narcan symptomology program.

DOR Hearing officer Training.

POST is providing DUI classes statewide. 13 classes in ¾ year.

County Sheriff's of Colorado's SEESAW group – got a grant and hosted 6 ARIDE classes.

Big push to get training in rural areas.

DRE school – applications due today. Classes will Castle Rock April 4<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>.

A Lot of people wanting to be trained. Hope fully seeing an upward trend. Everyone starting to take things seriously again.

Jeff Groff –

Compiled data for 2020 breath tests sent to Allison. Staff able to continue to maintain through the pandemic. His staff has done a great job.

Did see a significant decline in certified officers in the last 20 months. Appreciate Adams county and Jefferson county for offering training facilities so they can accommodate larger groups so they can continue to offer classes.

Agrees to look for opportunity to present victims point to the public. As we look at number of tests and dips, we have seen in 2020, compared to the number of fatalities on the road.

“Look at the data!”.

Sgt. Glenn Thomas, Co. Springs Police Department



Supports Loveland PD.

Local King Jordan Award Ceremony coming up in Pikes Peak Region March 8th. He will send out invitations.

Adam Musielewicz, Peer Assistant Services

Maintains a "Prevention" point of view. Oppose the Bill 1142.

Kerry Ferguson, Regional Manager of Students Against Destructive Decisions

Contest – Weed out impaired Driving. Two entries chosen as winners.

Law Enforcement SRO shout out.

Next month Colorado Quick Click challenge. Will send information out at a later date.

Glenn Davis, Vice-Chair, Highway Safety Office Manager

Our office does partner with Colorado Law Enforcement, MADD for recognition events.

As a state employee – when you are off – you have the same rights as every citizen, as long as you are not acting on behalf of state.

As Mark Ashby mentioned, we do have DRE School going on in Castle Rock.

For Driving skills for life, in June in Denver.

NHTSA – Motorcycle Assessment, in Co springs. August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Highway Safety Summit conference scheduled in Loveland July 18 -20<sup>th</sup>.

Traffic Records Forum having annual meeting in Denver August 7<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup>. HSO can help with resources for attending.

***Next meeting March 18<sup>th</sup>.***

