



Upcoming CTFDID

Meeting Dates

May 17, 2024

June 21, 2024

August 16, 2024

November 15, 2024

Meeting Minutes

Friday, March 15, 2024

9:00 am – 12:00 pm MST

The March meeting was held virtually.

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
 - Attendees introduce themselves and the organization they represent.
 - Katie Contos; Rebecca Green; Olivia Stillman; Michelle Stone-Principato; Chris Washburn; Kira Olson; Lisa Pitts; Matt Muir; Teri Vogel; Rachel Reinhardt; Bob Emeott; Crystal Soderman ;Tuesday Black ;Shannon Trice; Dan Ostrander; Laura Sonderup; Major Ansari; Judge Monica Gomez; LTC Josh Downing; Ellen Anderson; Mark Ashby; Kathy Young; Brettnei Jaber; Sam Cole ;John Grinsteiner; Dana ;Sheri Williamson; Rita Rochelle; Glenn Thomas; Don Potter; Brandon Nathlich; Nora Anderson; Robert Branham; Chris Poirier; Marilyn K Sykes-Johnson; Sasha Cafaro; Allison Rosenthal; Erin Brannan; Heather Krug; Abraham Hutt; Ian Danielson; Paul Aylmer; Webster Hendricks; Andy Klosterman; Jenna Boh; Lee Birk; Truman Bradley; Mike Honn; Shayna Kefalas; Mark H; Ed Wood; Aaron Steinle; M Celeste; Dana; Bonnie Holladay; Scott Pearson; SBM; Vito; Mark Hunt; Sarah Keck; Jason Haag; Manjari; Scott Spinks; Amber Arndt; Brian Phillips; Allison Rosenthal
- January Minutes approval
 - Motion Made and Second received. Vote taken with no opposition.

Statistics, State Fatality Numbers:

- Tuesday Black, CDOT
 - Figures as of 4 days ago—statewide fatalities are down 16.15%; Thus far in 2024 have had 91 fatalities, whereas in 2023 at this time we had 109; will be requesting data for seriously body injuries and want to make sure we are capturing seriously body injuries fatalities regarding bicycles.
- Ian Danielson, CDPHE
 - Comparison between 2023 and 2022 to see what are our trends are looking like, cross the board in various categories looking at reduction overall and also 6% decrease in the percent in suspected impaired fatalities, bit up and down between 0 to 14% depending on what category you are in pedestrian category looking at 14% reduction in percent suspected impaired driving, for bicyclists looking at total of 20 bicycle fatalities for 2023, number of impaired is 4 so that is 5% reduction from 2022, for motorcycles looking at 131 fatalities with 24 suspected impaired which is a 10% reduction from 2022. In 2023, typical age distribution 21 to 24 and 25 to 34 age groups where our percent suspected peaked at 42% and 41% respectively. Highlight caveat to that data, wide range for 25 to 34 age range and data interpretation. We did have a 1%-point increase in 25 to 34 ages whereas had reductions in every other age group. In Counties, with highest number of fatalities, listed in order of number suspected impaired: Arapahoe, Adams, El Paso, Jefferson, Denver, Weld, Larimer, Pueblo, Douglas, and Boulder. Jefferson County peaking at 42%, highest percent suspected impaired. Jefferson and Douglas Counties are the only Counties that we didn't see reductions in suspected impaired and saw the highest reduction in Pueblo County at 20%, ranked Counties number of suspected impaired fatalities by population per 100,000—Pueblo at 5.89% per 100,000, Weld, Larimer, Adams, Arapahoe, Jefferson, El Paso, Denver and Douglas.
- Tuesday Black, CDOT
 - Just received information from our Crash Data Analysis Unit, our current fatality data shows 25 bicycle deaths for 2023 and only had 2 for 2024.
- Crystal Soderman, DOR (refusals)
 - Still working to finalize 2023 numbers, looking at downward trend for number of refusals, still receiving November and December 2023 Express consent documents from law enforcement agencies, blood tests numbers are taking longer, downward trend in the 40% rather than in the 50%^s. So far for the month of February 2024, we have 479 express consents from law enforcement and 241 have been refusals.
- Rachel Reinhardt, CSP
 - January/February 2024 CSP Impaired crashes 8% decrease in impaired property crashes; 12% decrease in injury; 25% increase in impaired fatal crashes, on maps of impaired fatal crashes of January/February of 2023 verses 2024 see a cluster on the map in Northern Denver, higher VMT correlates to more impaired crashes.

Legislative Updates:

- Tuesday Black, HSO
 - Nothing from CDOT
- Captain Mike Honn, CSP
 - Public safety wise, Patrol just went through budget, still waiting for long bill, highlight our combat on Auto theft across the state with our local partners, Colorado number one in the country and its ducktails into other criminal activities include violent crime and gun crime and impaired driving. Patrol/Governor's office in partnership with CDOT this year:
 - HB 1135- Commercial motor vehicle drivers licenses as well as some provisions with impaired driving and chemical testing and refusals as well at Interlocken provisions in there, testified to committee, not enough support with members of

judiciary to get the DUI provisions past to allow Law Enforcement to get warrants for Blood draws for people who refuse chemical tests, would add a Per Se charge if that person is refusing Chemical test and refusing blood draw warrant and extend period of interlock device, not enough support and extend Thank you for those of you who testified. We will have to pull that out for the Bill to survive. The caveat is we are working on amendment to that bill to have the State Patrol or members of this task force present to the TLRC on DUI.

- Senate Bill 90—identification of individuals upon a traffic stop working through that.
- Senate Bill 65—Hands free device should be enough support to get out of Senate and move over to the House and to the Governor’s desk.
- Senate Bill 181— Enterprise with the Alcohol industry, impacts alcohol in Colorado and treatment piece of it, use and disorder and funding of prevention side, giving money to Law Enforcement to combat DUIs.
- Rebecca Green, MADD
 - Senate Bill 181 in Colorado are in talks what that Bill would look like. Last year HB1102, high visibility in DUI funding, duplication in that Bill and trying to figure out where that Bill should live, having this Bill would help to prevent underage use consumption and treatment and helping to track that, Bill.
 - Working very hard to secure Victim Services Funding here in Colorado, potential for a 40 to 60% cut in victim services funding, would affect any agency that serves Victims at any capacity, Domestic Violence, Victims of vehicular crime, and Law Enforcement Agencies, MADD will be hosting a Lobby Day at the Capital on 3/21
 - Shout out to MADDs Victim Service Director on testifying and being at the Capital until 11pm, Mike, we appreciate you!

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

- Shannon Trice, NHTSA
 - LifeSavers is April 7th through 9th here in Denver, so encourage everybody to go to that.

Media Relations and Upcoming Events:

- Sam Cole, CDOT, Office of Communications
 - We will be at the Saint Patrick's Day parade here in here in snowy Denver handing out. Rideshare coupons for people to stay safe and we also be educating all the parade goers about the importance of staying safe this weekend and hopefully the \$1000 we are getting from AAA to hand out those rideshare coupons.
 - “4/20” (April 20th), the official cannabis holiday of the year, and it is going to be on a Saturday. Huge and we are going to scale up our outreach during 4/20 to make sure that our message is heard about the importance of safe driving during that that weekend.
- Judge Mary A. Celeste (ret.)
 - National Interdisciplinary Cannabis Symposium
 - September 27-29, 2024
 - New York Law School, Tribeca, New York
 - <https://www.nationalinterdisciplinarycannabissymposium.com/>
 - Registration is now open.
 - Just want to highlight a few of the panels that may be of interest to this group. Cannabis legislation and regulations, and we are fortunate enough to have Dominique Mendiola, who is with Med in Colorado, who is going to be on a panel along with the Office of Cannabis Management Director Christopher Alexander from New York. New York is one of the newest states that that has passed adult use marijuana. Also interesting about this conference is this is our third year, and we have partners that include the National Judicial College. The American Judges Association, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court judges, the New England Association of Recovery, Court

professionals and we have the Indigenous Cannabis Industry Association. The American Bar Association, both their tort section and their judicial division and we just picked up 3 new partners for New York, the New York State Judicial Institute, the disabled Veterans of America in New York, and just two days ago we picked up as a partner the National Safety Council. We are capping the number of registrants. We are getting some interest, and we cannot get it 200 because we want to keep it small enough so we can continue the interactive phase, which is a very different than many other conferences. This is an opportunity to hear without others, have to say, and for you to voice what you have to say. So, I hope that you will join us in New York.

Lighting Round (Open to Public for comments):

- Lt. Colonel Josh Downing, CSP/CTFDID Chair
- Ed Wood:
 - Rita, Allison, and I will be presenting at the Lifesavers meeting on Sunday at 1:30 and the session entitled Lessons learned from Colorado's DUI D Prosecution.
- Tuesday Black:
 - Any law enforcement officers help on occupant protection, task force and so the task force with the recent recommendations from NTHSA assessment is it has been asked that maybe we do an annual report, and I really need the more law enforcement across Colorado. We do have Colorado State Patrol that as representing and then we have Arapahoe County Sheriff's Department, but they really need some other law enforcement officers that are willing to participate in this task force. We meet every six weeks, and we are getting ready to create a similar report.
- John Grinsteiner:
 - Judge again visiting from North Dakota. Just wanted to add that that that my favorite quote to this meeting and my favorite quote goes like this. "The single biggest problem with communication is the illusion that it has taken place." So don't let the good ideas and direction end with this meeting. Keep working across the disciplines to address the problems. Create solutions. Ask those questions. Send that email. Pick up the phone because all of you talented people in this call can really make good things happen.
- Crystal Soderman:
 - Rachel and Crystal will be presenting at the Association of Transportation Safety Information Professionals Conference in August on the refusal issue that we have here in Colorado.
- Teri Vogel:
 - Also presenting at Life Savers Conference on Sunday for a panel for Families with Safe Streets, April 7th at 4pm. Survivor Associates and Critical Voice to advance the Safe System Approach.
- Rebecca Green:
 - MADD will be presenting at the Life Savers Conference, presenting our Court Monitoring Program, and presenting in conjunction with Sam Cole's presentation and panel.
 - Several MADD Events coming up including Walk Like MADD Bowling Kickoff on April 20th. WLM will begin in August in Colorado Springs, Denver at Sloan's Lake, and Windsor. May 29th Denver Law Enforcement Event in conjunction with CDOT at the Denver Zoo. Also do our Luncheon in Grand Junction on May 8th.
- Lisa Pitts:
 - Divide Fire and getting into our Outreach season here soon. If anyone wants us to push out information through our community outreach, please reach out.

Regular Meeting Adjourns and instructions and guidance on Sub Committees and Breakouts.

Sub Committee Breakout Meetings:

- Chris Washburn and Olivia Stillman, HDR Team
 - HDR Team introductions
 - Highway Safety Program Guideline No. 8 (Attached)
 - Review of 2021 CO Impaired Driving Plan (Attached)
 - Sub Committee Group breakout directions.
- Groups:
 - I. Program Management & Strategic Planning
 - II. Communication & Prevention
 - III. Alcohol and Other Drug Misuse
 - IV. Criminal Justice System & Program Evaluation and Data
- Please separate into groups to have discussions and one person log into group link to allow online people to join.

Next Meeting:

- Date: Friday, May 17, 2024, 9:00am – 12:00pm MST
- Virtual or in-person Location: Colorado State Patrol Training Academy – 15055 South Golden Road, Building 100, Golden, CO 80401