



Upcoming Meeting Dates:

Friday, May 1st

Friday, July 10th

Friday, September 18th

Friday, November 13th

Meeting Minutes

Friday, March 13, 2026

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:

- Rebecca Green, MADD/ Co-Chair
 - Mission Statement/Victim Tribute
 - Attendees in the room please introduced themselves and the organization they represent; attendees online, please put your name and organization in the Chat.
 - Attendance on Voting Members.
 - January Meeting Minutes voted upon
 - Motion made and seconded to approve January 2026 minutes.
Vote: Unanimous approval.
Outcome: Approved.

This meeting had a lot of technical issues with online participants not having audio in the room.

Legislative Updates:

- Emily Haddaway, CDOT
 - Traffic Safety Modifications Bill passed House (terminology changes, traction law updates, bike lane provisions).
 - Toxicology Data Bill passed first chamber; moving to Senate.
 - Marijuana Tax Cash Fund likely reduced.
- Brandon Nathlich, CSP
 - SB 26 (child safety seat weight changes) passed Senate.
 - SB 53 (first responder housing assistance) progressing.
 - CAPA funding under review; advocacy underway.
- Rebecca Green, MADD/Co-Chair
 - Magnus White Bill (voluntary breath tests) advancing.
 - Interlock bill removes waiting period and expands access.
 - Alcohol fee bill under discussion.

- Highlighted increased engagement from victims and legislators.

Presentations:

- Vanessa Beall, M.S., D-ABFT-FT, Laboratory Manager – Toxicology, Denver Forensic Science Laboratory
 - 10,640 cases processed in 2025 (~19% increase over 2 years).
 - Average ~900 cases/month.
 - Poly-drug use present in ~50% of cases.
 - Average BAC ~0.188; THC ~9.9 ng/mL.
 - Turnaround time ~111 days.
 - Toxicologists testified 187 times in 2025.
 - Key challenges include increased volume, staffing constraints, and legal impacts from Smith v. Arizona.
 - Discussion Participants:
 - Highlighted delays impacting court timelines and speedy trial concerns.
 - Multiple members discussed need for increased funding and staffing.
 - Suggestion raised for potential DUI surcharge funding mechanism.
- Update on Collaboration between Coors and CDOT
 - Poster options shared with group and feedback requested
 - Crystal Soderman (DOR): Clarified DMV fee structure.
 - Group recommended updates to legal cost estimates and fee breakdown.
 - Tim Kitchens: Suggested expanding campaign to earlier intervention points (e.g., gyms, social venues).
 - Group discussed potential expansion to cannabis impairment messaging.

Media Relations and Upcoming Events: (audio issues)

- TIRF (Traffic Injury Research Foundation) Update on Impaired Driving State Evaluation
 - The Traffic Injury Research Foundation (TIRF) works with governments, communities, industries, & road safety organizations. Our research influences legislation, programs, policies, enforcement, health, education, & training across sectors.
 - It gathers information from many agencies and evaluates the information to help identify gaps and strengths. This information provides an overview of the system in Colorado as a whole and works to identify an action plan to make necessary adjustments.
 - The report is not shared with anyone but us, and we get to determine how it is used.
 - One of the barriers, as we know, is the sharing of data from certain organizations, and also filtering the requests through the agency to the appropriate person able to provide the answers.
 - <https://tirf.ca/>

Statistics, State Fatality Numbers: (audio issues)

- Tuesday Black, CDOT
- Reagan Chiaverini, CDPHE
 - As of 2/9, there were 40 fatal crashes and 43 total fatalities, 23% were suspected of being impaired. Of unrestrained occupant fatalities, 46% were suspected to be impaired. The highest frequency of at-fault drivers was in the 21- 44 age group, and the highest frequency of suspected impairment was in 25-34 age group. Fatal nighttime crashes were more likely to be suspected of impairment (39%) than daytime crashes (9%).

- Rachel Reinhardt, CSP
 - Rachel is on leave today. Here's the CSP, VCAU brief: Jan-Feb 2026 is looking better for impaired fatal crashes than 2025. 31% of fatal crashes in Jan-Feb '25 were impaired. That same period in 2026 it's 22%. There is also a decrease in all impaired crash injury levels in 2026 compared to same time period in 2025.

Subcommittees: (audio issues)

- Rebecca Green, MADD/Co-Chair
 - Improving Data Accuracy
 - Reagan Chiaverini: No major updates for the data accuracy subcommittee. We are still developing our best practices for reporting, analyzing, and communicating toxicology data. We will update the larger task force when that is complete.
 - Toxicology
 - Second year of the express campaign to reduce the number of people that are refusing
 - 43% of people are refusing, so we've a media bias point out April and May.
 - For that campaign, targeting counties like Larimer, Douglas, El Paso, Jefferson, Adams
 - five magazines and newsletters in those counties
 - The news media also engaged.
 - Standardized DUI Form
 - Katie Contos
 - February 12th was our most recent meeting and we are continuing to move forward with a standardized report.
 - We have a vendor that we're checking in with that can maybe help us build that standardized report or maybe already have the bone.
 - Once we have a template will look at to figure out the PDF and the going forward version.

Regional Task Force Items:

- Tuesday Black, CDOT
 - Current Locations: Laramie/Weld County (NODUI); Grand Junction, Fremont (Cannon City), Pikes Peak
 - New Location Update: South Denver Metro

Lighting Round (Open to Public for comments):

- Rebecca Green, MADD/ Co-Chair
- Judge Casias-2 day training upcoming, Grand Junction still available
- Sam Cole-420 around the corner, awareness campaign about the use of cannabis and dangers, booth at 420 fest
- Deadline for Grants through CDOT upcoming
- El Paso Sheriff's office booking DUIs being successful program and will release data after 3 months
- Rita: Regional Dashboard product available with a snapshot to provide some trends specifically for local regional areas and updated dashboard with 2022 data
- Tuesday Black, CDOT
 - CDOT grants close 3/20
 - Funding for equipment and supplies for impaired driving related items

- Full Spectrum Analysis of Impaired Driving Training
 - Adams County Humane Service Building
 - March 30th-31st
 - Grand Junction—July 27th and 28th
- Traffic Safety Summit
 - July 14th-16th
 - Grand Junction Convention Center
 - Presentations request closed
 - Keep your eye out for the registration/hotel information
- Reading Mark Ashby's email:
 - A drug recognition expert schools and concluded just a few days ago with the phase two that excuse me, field evaluations were conducted in Kingman, AZ.
 - We successfully graduated 12 new certified DEERIS throughout the state.
 - We have our next DRE School that is going to be coming up in June, it will be in Montrose.
 - Most applications are being requested now for that. If you're not receiving work newsletter, reach out to you the Mark Ashby or myself and we'll make sure that you are on that distribution list.
 - Mark also she he wants to give special recognition to the strong CME subject matter expert support we've received from the task force and our partners.
- Rebecca Green
 - Subcommittees reviewing Law Enforcement nominations
 - May 20th at Empower Field at Mile High for the Denver MADD CDOT Law Enforcement Champions Awards
 - July 16th at the Grand Junction Convention Center, last night of the Traffic Safety Summit
 - 3 Move with MADD events, adding 5k element to the August 1st Denver Walk, Windsor Walk August 16th and Colorado Springs on August 22nd
 - Looking for Corporate Sponsorships
 - Uber Code for St Patrick's Day holiday weekend given out.
- Motion to Adjourn, Motion seconded, meeting adjourned.