

Meeting Notes May 21, 2021

Virtual Meeting via Zoom 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Upcoming CTFDID Meeting Dates

June 18, 2021 – IN-PERSON & ZOOM July – no meeting August 20, 2021 September 17, 2021 October 15, 2021 November 19, 2021

<u>Mission</u>

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:
 - o Self-Introductions: Name; Agency, Entity or Interest Represented
 - Chief Bob Ticer: Loveland Police Department, CTFDID Chair
 - Attendees introduced themselves and the organization they represent.
- Minutes of Previous Meeting:
 - Chief Ticer
 - April meeting minutes were approved.
- NHTSA DUID Criminal Justice Evaluation Tool Part 4
 - Presenters: Allison Rosenthal, & Jack Reed, Colorado Department of Public Safety, Ginna Jones, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
 - Presentation is appended to these notes
 - Link to survey on the NHTSA DUID Criminal Justice Process evaluation recommendations – open until 6/15/2021: <u>Colorado: NHTSA DUID Criminal</u> Justice Process Evaluation Recommendation Feedback (google.com)
- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Update:
 - Joe Livingston: NHTSA Region 8
 - Joe conducted a survey of the group asking how NHTSA could help with the work and mission of their respective organizations.

- Results are appended to these notes.
- May Impaired Driving Update
 - New DRE trainings taking place; the number of DREs has been down in Colorado and across the country.
 - CDOT is looking for a community engagement person; this person will be specifically focused on advancing community engagement on traffic safety issues.
 - NHTSA is working on equity, diversity, and inclusion within their organization and partnerships.
 - FAST Act is under continuing authorization but may be rolled up into the president's infrastructure package.
 - Need for better data: NHTSA has a new dashboard project to develop crash database that will provide a standard set of charts/graphs that are often requested for better understanding of these data.

• Statistics, State Fatality Numbers:

- o Christine Demont, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE)
 - Statistics are appended to these notes.

• Legislation:

- Mike Honn, Colorado State Patrol and Rebecca Green, MADD Colorado
 - CTFDID bill tracker: https://coloradocapitolwatch.com/bill-analysis/6215/2021/0/
 - SB 271 Misdemeanor Reform passed out of Senate Judiciary on Wednesday. This bill creates a new structure for 1,100 misdemeanor offenses based on recommendations from the Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice (CCJJ). As amended by Senate Judiciary, the bill also creates two new felonies: Vehicular Homicide DWAI (class 4 felony) and Vehicular Assault DWAI (class 5 felony). The CCJJ chose not to address the offense levels in the misdemeanor DUI statute (42-4-1301); however, there are some changes regarding sentencing options like work release.
 - HB 1314 on License Revocations passed House Judiciary on Wednesday with several amendments. MADD worked with the bill sponsor and Sgt. Honn to amend the language in the bill regarding Minors in Possession (MIP)/Minors in Consumption (MIC) revocations. Another amendment adds \$25 to the reinstatement fee for people who get a DUI or DWAI. This bill focuses on non-driving violations.
 - HB 1315 on eliminating Juvenile Fees passed House Judiciary on Wednesday as well. The bill includes alternate funding for probation services and is being amended to find alternate funding sources for crime victims' compensation and victim assistance (VALE).
 - HB 1309 Criminal Trial Continuances due to the COVID-19 Pandemic is facing an uphill battle in House Judiciary. If the bill is not passed, many cases including vehicular homicide, vehicular assault, and DUI cases—may be dismissed.

Highway Safety Office Updates:

- Robin Rock, CDOT
 - Governor's Highway Safety Association Annual Meeting

- The meeting will be 9/11-15/2021.Information and registration is available here: https://www.ghsa.org/events/Annual-Meetings/2021
- State Funded Impaired Driving Enforcement
 - CDOT Highway Safety Office (HSO) will cancel 2 State Funded Impaired Driving Enforcement Episodes due to limitation of state funding resources
 - o 4th of July Weekend 7/2-5/2021
 - Summer Strike Out 7/16-19/202
 - The HSO is evaluating other enforcement episode viability
- Open Representative Position on CTFDID
 - A person under twenty-four years of age who is enrolled in a secondary or postsecondary school
 - Contact Glenn Davis at CDOT for details

Media Relations & Significant Upcoming Events:

- Sam Cole, CDOT
 - Fatalities are up 12% over last year; even given our reduced vehicle miles traveled last year due to COVID-19. We are about to enter the most dangerous time of year on our roadways – the 100 deadly days of summer.
 - Largest seatbelt enforcement period begins on 05/24/2021 Click it or Ticket.
 - Doing a State-to-State buckle-up; a collaboration with law enforcement and highway safety offices in all bordering states. We have had 80 people from other states killed in crashes because they weren't buckled up.
 - Working with MADD to do Memorial Day DUI enforcement period down in Colorado Springs.

• CTFDID Updates:

- Bob Ticer, CTFDID Chair; Tricia Miller, CTFDID Secretary
 - Return to live/virtual meetings
 - Plan is to hold a in-person meeting in June; there will also be a Zoom component.
 - Annual Report
 - This is being sent out for professional design and printing to try to get more attention on the report this year. It is with the designers now.
 - ACTION ITEM: Vote to approve 2021 Colorado Impaired Driving Plan
 - 2021Colorado Impaired Driving Plan was approved

Public Comment/Lightning Round Update:

- Bob Ticer, CTFDID Chair
 - Ed Wood asked attendees to let legislators know if they support changes to SB 21-271 to make DWAI vehicular homicide and assault should be treated the same as for DUI.
 - MADD. Denver Walk Like MADD 2021 is scheduled for 08/07/2021 at Sloan's Lake. Register for this event at: www.walklikemadd.org/denver (no in-person registration will be available – attendees must register ahead of time online)
 - Andrew Klosterman. Staffing is difficult for on-premise alcohol which means they are needing to hire people with less experience in alcohol sales.
 - Jared Torsney. POST is seeing a huge demand in SFST instruction. POST lost their marijuana tax funding so it will be a tight year for training.
 - Tuesday Black. MADD Colorado is looking for law enforcement officers to recognize on social media.

- Crystal Soderman. In April, 911 express consent affidavits to DOR; 560 of those were refusals. Only 38 blood tests. Seeing increase in notices of revocation through the express consent officers are checking the box "no" for service, but then providing a copy of the document to the person. This counts as service and a hearing must be requested. They are losing cases because the blood test results come in later. She is asking for help in how to handle this.
 - Jared Torsnery (POST) and Josh Downing (CSP) will help get the word out to law enforcement.
- Christine Demont. Update on a question about the time of crashes Most of the fatal crashes happen at the 8:00 pm hour, followed by 7:00 pm.
- Chief Ticer. When you are out at night, stay in the right lane. Most impaired drivers tend to travel in fast lane.
- Bonnie Holladay. Asked about age of DUI citations. Jack Reed provided the data.
 Data and graph are appended to these notes.
- Age demos and fatalities was interesting. Do we have data on age of cited people? Jack Reed provided a graphic on this.
- Michelle Stone-Principato. DOR LED has performed 909 compliance checks so far this year with an 8% failure rate. Sending this information to the Colorado Chiefs of Police Association to remind everyone to sign up for the Enforcement of Underage Drinking Laws database to report passed and failed compliance checks for liquor and tobacco.

Next Meeting: June 18, 2021