



#### Upcoming CTFDID

#### Meeting Dates

07-18-2025

09-26-2025

(10:00 am to 2:00pm)

11-14-2025

## **Meeting Minutes**

Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025

9:00am to 12:00pm MST

### **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
  - Mission Statement read
  - Attendees in the room please introduced themselves and the organization they represent; attendees online, please put your name and organization in the Chat.
  - Voting Member Vacancies
    - Adolescent Substance Use Programs
    - Public Defenders
    - DUI Education and Treatment
    - Statewide Alcohol Distributors
    - Manufacturer Alcohol Beverages
  - The September Meeting (9/26) will be held at a new time from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm with lunch to allow for additional time to vote on recommendations and training. Please be in person if you are a voting member.
  - Vote on March Meeting Minutes
    - Motion passed, motion approved

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

- Tuesday Black, CDOT
  - Task force is moving forward with hiring TURF to conduct a full state evaluation of impaired driving programs
  - Contacts from various agencies will be identified within the next month
  - TURF representatives may contact agency contacts for interviews and data collection

- Evaluation is funded through separate sources (not NHTSA)
- Expected completion: Fall 2025
- This will be more comprehensive than the previous evaluation conducted by Highway Safety Office and NHTSA in January

#### Statistics, State Fatality Numbers:

- Tuesday Black, CDOT
  - As of March 13<sup>th</sup>, 166 fatalities statewide compared to last year 206. Decline
  - Combination of efforts, thank you!
- Reagan Chiaverini, CDPHE
  - Motor Vehicle Fatalities to date as of May 11, fatal crashes 157,
  - 89 daytime 68 nighttime, 10pm-3am highest impairment,
  - Fatalities by Vehicle Type:
    - Occupant vehicles: 27% suspected impaired (at-fault driver)
    - Motorcycles: 19 fatalities
    - Pedestrians: 34 fatalities
    - Bicyclists: 3 fatalities
    - Other vehicles: 7 fatalities
  - Highest number of at-fault drivers: 25-44 age range
  - Highest impairment percentage: Ages 21-24 (9 of 15 crashes suspected impaired)
  - Ages 25-34: 17 of 31 crashes suspected impaired
  - Time Analysis:
    - Daytime crashes: 89 total, 19% suspected impaired
    - Nighttime crashes: 68 total, 47% suspected impaired
    - Peak impairment hours: 2:00-5:00 AM
    - Peak crash hours: 8:00-9:00 PM
  - County Data:
    - Highest fatalities: Weld, Adams, Denver
    - Highest impairment rates: Adams County (56%), Jefferson County (50%)
    - Highest rate per 100,000 population: Pueblo, Weld, Adams
- Crystal Soderman, DOR
  - Getting close to finalizing 2024 calendar year results
    - Total Express Consent Stops: 14,669
    - Refusal Rate: 42.11% (down from 42.66% in 2023)
    - 2025 Year-to-Date: Currently showing ~50% refusal rate, but expected to decrease as blood test results are processed
  - Slight improvement in refusal rates
  - Educational efforts showing positive impact
  - Special thanks to Sam Cole for public education campaigns
- Rachel Reinhardt, CSP
  - January to April
  - Property 3.2% Decrease
  - Injury 22.6% decrease
  - SBI 19% decrease
  - Fatalities: 16% decrease (25 to 21)
  - Fatal Crash Impairment Rate: Decreased from 37% to 29%
  - Potential correlation between improved vehicle safety technology and increased SBI rates
  - Importance of seatbelt usage in reducing fatalities
  - Current seatbelt usage rate: approximately 88% (up from 86-87% in previous years)

## Legislative Updates:

- Tuesday Black, HSO now will be Emily Haddaway, CDOT
  - General Fund Reduction: \$69M this year, \$49.5M next year from SB 21-260 transfers
  - Revitalizing Main Streets Program: \$7M ongoing funding eliminated
  - Road Safety Surcharge: Temporary \$3.70 reduction across all weight classes (\$44M impact)
  - Bridge/Tunnel Enterprise: \$28M increase over three years through diesel fee
  - Tire Chain/Traction Control: Signed into law, enables CDOT permitting for chain assist vendors
  - Marijuana Impaired Driving Program: Funding reduced from \$950K to \$450K but maintained
- Brandon Nathlich, CSP
  - SB 281-Careless driving resulting in death Bill
    - Extreme Indifference Bill
    - Clarified that each death counts as separate offense
    - Created felony charge for careless driving causing serious bodily injury
  - Multiple pro-law enforcement bills passed
  - Defeated Bills:
    - Traffic stop questioning restrictions
    - Military surplus vehicle registration
    - Extended bar hours (drinking until 3:00 AM)
  - Questions by Group
- Rebecca Green, MADD
  - Fran Lanzer, Lanzer Strategies
  - Preserved High Visibility Enforcement funding
  - Defeated extended drinking hours legislation
  - Blood Draw Preservation (SB 273): Allows coroners to request hospitals preserve blood draws for 14 days
  - House Bill 1291: Rideshare safety legislation passed but may be Vetoed by Gov. Polis
  - Extreme Indifference/Assault Bills: Continued discussions planned for interim
  - Federal HALT Implementation: Working on anti-drunk driving technology
  - Proposition 130 Implementation:
    - Law enforcement recruitment/retention funding implemented through creative state retirement fund mechanism
  - Bill Tracker: <https://app.coloradocapitolwatch.com/bill-analysis/7743/2025/0/>.

## Media Relations and Upcoming Events:

- Sam Cole, CDOT, Office of Communications
  - 4/20 event
    - \$500,000 campaign, including influencers, don't drive high
    - Revised Budtender campaign
  - High Visibility campaign, Memorial Day
  - MADD & CDOT LER awards coming up

## Presentations

- Chris Arvayo, Head of Government Compliance Initiatives, SmartForce
  - SmartForce Technology
- Group Discussion surrounding selection of data during traffic stops

## Other Items:

- Judge Ed Casias
  - Please contact with questions or for help
- Tuesday Black, CDOT/HSO
  - Regional Task Forces
  - Create another "Pikes Peak" type task force as example, where is the need, 1 representative attend this meeting and how we can support rural committees

- How can the CTFDID support the rural connections

#### Subcommittees:

- Tuesday Black, CDOT/HSO
  - Annual Report Recommendations Deadlines for Subcommittees
  - Email recommendations to Josh, Rebecca, Tuesday
- Lt. Colonel Josh Downing, Colorado State Patrol/ CTFDID Chair
  - Updates for each group
    - Improving Data Accuracy
      - Rita/Reagan
        - Proposed solutions and issues
        - Crash Data
        - Figuring out goals for short term and long term
        - June 9<sup>th</sup> 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
    - Toxicology
      - Sam Cole
      - <https://www.codot.gov/news/2025/may/over-half-of-drivers-refuse-to-be-tested-for-dui>
    - Standardized DUI Form
      - Sgt. Nick Hazlett
      - Question on Form: Impairment form vs. Revocation form
      - Create a form like a crash form, reduce time and uniform across the state

#### Lighting Round (Open to Public for comments):

- Lt. Colonel Josh Downing, Colorado State Patrol/ CTFDID Chair
  - Sam Cole
    - Express Consent Campaign
    - Spanish news media showed significant interest in impaired driving work
    - Website launch generating early positive response
  - Rita Rochelle
    - Annual DUI Report
    - Provided update on annual DUI report analyzing court case filings and toxicology data
    - Planning to present 2022 data to task force, potentially at July meeting
    - Working on toxicology dashboard in conjunction with Colorado Bureau of Investigation
    - Will provide more up-to-date information on suspected impaired driving cases
  - Judge Cynthia Jones
    - Shared successful collaboration between Rifle High School and Rifle Police Department
    - 22-minute video addressing post-prom crash prevention
    - Powerful messaging created with high school student involvement
    - Available on YouTube through Rifle Police Department
  - Fran Lanzer
    - Thank you CSP for Colorado Law Enforcement Memorial Service
  - Jason Haag
    - Pikes Peak Task Force
    - Task force includes law enforcement, District Attorney, MADD, Smart Colorado, CDOT
    - Mark Hunt participates as member
    - Virtual attendance options available
    - Meets second Tuesday of each month (typically takes August off)
    - Open to presentations from task force members on relevant topics

- Rebecca Green
  - Law Enforcement Recognition Events
  - Grand Junction Event: 88 attendees (50% increase from previous year). Awards presented to 10 individuals and teams. Greg Daly received Excellence in Leadership Award Troop 4A (Fruita) recognized for outstanding work in reducing crashes, injuries, and fatalities
  - Westminster Event
    - Scheduled for following Wednesday, 4:00-8:00 PM
    - Location: Church Ranch Event Center
    - Multiple legislators expected to attend
    - Focus on recognizing previously unawarded smaller agencies
  - Move with MADD Events (formerly Walk Like MADD)
    - Denver: August 2nd at Sloan's Lake
    - Windsor: August 16th at Boardwalk Park
    - Colorado Springs: August 23rd at Memorial Park
  - 45th Anniversary Celebration
    - Washington, DC: September 9-10
    - Technology expo featuring impaired driving solutions
    - National candlelight vigil
    - Training opportunities and conference-style programming
    - Seeking funding for victim and survivor travel
  - University Student Grant Program
    - New initiative to engage 10-15 university-aged students
    - Comprehensive DUI education from arrest to sentencing
    - Includes law enforcement academy observation, wet labs, task force meetings, court attendance
    - Targets 18-30 age demographic for community influence
    - Pending CDOT approval
- Tuesday Black
  - Traffic Safety Summitt, August 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>
  - Mark Ashby information—DRE Instructor school in June for 9 people, additionally 16 new people for the 2<sup>nd</sup> school in July
  - HSO taking applications for DRE in Chicago taken through end of May
  - Mark has newsletter with information, contact Tuesday for information
- Ed Wood
  - Thanked Sam for express consent work
  - Anticipated Rita's July report
  - Inquired about cannabis industry funding impacts on CBI toxicology testing (no anticipated cuts)
  - Promoted 4th Annual National Interdisciplinary Cannabis Symposium (September 19-21)
  - Will lead cannabis and driving seminar
- Teri Vogel
  - Updated on Senate Bill 281 progress
  - Thanked Fran Lancer and Ed Wood for testimony support
  - Noted positive outcomes and continued work on Class 1 misdemeanor to felony conversion
  - Summer work planned on chemical testing language with House and Senate support
- Crystal Soderman
  - Announced DMV relocation from 1881 Pierce Street
  - Customer services moved to Westgate Driver License Office (3265 S Wadsworth Blvd)

- Back office operations co-located with CDOT at Howard building
- Law enforcement drop-offs now at Westgate location only
- Josh Downing
  - August 4-6: IACP Impaired Driving Traffic Safety Conference, Chicago
  - August: Traffic Safety Summit, Keystone
  - September 19-21: National Interdisciplinary Cannabis Symposium
  - October 18-24: IACP Annual Conference, Denver (35,000+ attendees expected)

Next Meeting:

- Friday July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- Location: CSP Academy