Meeting Minutes

Friday, March 17, 2023
9:00 am – 11:00 am

Meeting Location:

Virtual via Google Meet

Disclaimer: The Colorado Task Force for Drunk and Impaired Driving often invites key stakeholders and vested community members to present information to the meeting attendees. However, the information disseminated in any attached or linked documentation is for information only and does not reflect any recommendations from the Task Force.

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:
Glenn Davis, Highway Safety Manager/CTFDID Chair
- Attendees (37) introduced themselves and the organization they represented.
- Glenn D introduced special guest Captain Chris Grimsley from CSP.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Glenn Davis, CTFDID Chair
- February Meeting Minutes were sent to all. Any requests for changes or corrections to the previous minutes?
  No changes. Motion to accept minutes: Chrystal S A Seconded by Allison R   Motion Passed.

NHTSA Region 8 Update

Shannon Trice, NHTSA Program Manager

- Standard Field Sobriety Testing and Drug Recognition Expert Curriculum has been updated. The DOT software thumb drives have been sent out. International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) has been posted on their website. results will be posted to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) site. Spanish versions are coming.
- E-warrant funding is available from NHTSA providing for E search warrants and needs to be expended by September 2023. Grants are for $25,000 to $100,000. There were questions concerning how to apply for the funding. Applications should be submitted through NHTSA and only state agencies can apply.

Statistics, State Fatality Numbers

Colorado Department of Transportation – Highway Safety Office
Glenn Davis, Highway Safety Manager

- There have been 100 fatalities to date in 2023. Last year there were 109 fatalities to the same date. The alcohol stats from 2022 are coming, Colorado has been a mid-range state since 2015.
- A question was asked about a data discrepancy and drug impairment. Concerning the number of drug versus alcohol and how many pedestrians involved were impaired
- A question was asked concerning who is the medical examiner on the autopsies. Police records are updated after autopsies single car crashes. CDOT doesn't get them which affects the statistics as there are no police records that contain that data.
- There were various comments about state traffic records.
- There is an advisory committee to help on non-reported statistics

Chrystal Soderman

- Shared a short presentation concerning DUI post-arrest refusals. Offenders must provide a toxicological if arrested for DUI. These refusals can lose data concerning stats since there is a 55% refusal rate. There followed a discussion concerning express consent.
- Lt. Colonel Downing Colorado State Patrol (CSP)commented on consent or refusal at traffic stops.
- Scott Pearson The NHTSA Region 8 Judicial Outreach Liaison commented on refusals that the number may be influenced by an officer's rapport with an offender.
- Crystal S commented that the COVID issue affected the statistics because stats were not being sent at the time. She stated that the breathalyzer test refusal rate was 24% in all states in 2005 versus 18% in 2011 and 2 - 81% nationally overall.

Colorado Department of Public Safety
Chris Grimsley, VCU

- Reported for Rachel Reinhart. He presented a screen on impaired driving statistics through February 2023 concerning fatalities versus injuries as well as property crashes. There is a decline in property damage and injury. He addressed the affected number and the type of impairment between 2019 and 2023. Also addressed statistics by age and gender, time of day and day of week. Tuesday asked if there are statistics concerning regions and counties.
- Also presented on proactive and reactive stops and citation trends from 2019 to 2023, types as to whether it's marijuana or alcohol, age groups, and citation statistics.
- Chris also summarized the statistics by county

- Ed Wood commented on the perceived causes by age concerning marijuana versus alcohol.
- Sam Cole CDOT asked a question about the age group statistics concerning number of years in the data set and the breakout not being equal.
- Questions were also asked by GlennThomas Colorado Springs Police. Allison Rosenthal Colorado Department of Public Safety who is sharing a link, and Truman Bradley Marijuana Industry Group.

Legislative Updates

Colorado State Patrol
Captain Mike Honn, Legislative Liaison
- Reported on Senate Bills 23–1123 and 22–1321.

CDOT
Brittany Janes reported on 22–1321 concerning a study on a device to detect cognitive impairment. Boulder Police Department will help with the study in April. It's an anonymous study and will be reported on by June 1, 2023. Brittany also commented on 23–1102 concerning High Visibility Enforcement (HVE)ing half of the DUI arrests. There is no first time drunk driving funding available to CDOT right now.

CTFDID
Glenn Davis, Highway Safety Office Manager
- Reported that CSP is working with CDOT on a study concerning motorcycle lane splitting HB23-1059

MADD
Rebecca Green said that there was a lobby day held on March 10 concerning equity in traffic safety. There is an amendment to the 23–1102. She is trying to get funding concerning victim services and that funding may be blocked.

Media Relations and Upcoming Events

Sam Cole, CDOT Office of Communications
- Reported on outreach items on Presidents' Day. There were 319 impaired driving arrests. Statistics will also be gathered for St. Patrick's Day and April 20th (420). They will also be at the Mile High Festival The CDOT is working with two dispensaries to create a non-THC edible. The data will have groupings concerning attitudes and beliefs concerning driving impaired.
- Rebecca commented on Native Roots data.
- Laura Sondurup said that messaging is going to be translated to Spanish.

Presentations

- Victor Montone ONUS said he would send his presentation is very comprehensive and is too dense to share so he will send it out to members. The presentation concerns Ride Shares combined with RADD and Safe Nights. Safe Night hospitality is on the CDOT website

concerning alternative transportation and ride credits which are sponsored by San Diego University. There is a Coalition created by their steering committee. No questions on this

- Sam Cole reported on tox refusal committee study about why DUI arrestees refuse. In 2022 there were 6000 refusals out of 13 toxicity tests. There was also discussion about the consequences of refusing the test and the Interlocken device resulting in higher dismissals. If the test is refused and they are convicted they will lose their license. There is a need to educate offenders about refusals.
- Yelena with HDR, the company doing the update on the task force 2022 annual report. She spoke about dedicating the report for the number of deaths.
- Keira with HDR gave examples of the cover page and the table of contents.
- Glenn D commented that he liked the examples saying it keeps the Task Force relevant.
- Ed W suggested the dedication also include polydrug impairment. Also, that victims' families should be reached out for the dedication portion through MADD.
- Allison R talked about the IntoxiCam and SB 20-2205. There was discussion about regulating cannabinoids. The first stakeholder meeting was held last week. The Senate bill is being revised to limit THC amounts per serving on sales products such as edibles. There is a safe harbor for above limit items, meaning a vendor can export products to other states that they can't sell in Colorado. Department Of Regulatory Agencies established a scientific committee to evaluate profits of these products. The FDA is doing studies like these. Glenn commented that he would like to see this as a standing agenda item.

Lighting Round

Allison R from MADD said they're preparing for 420 events state wide.
Lee Birk CDOT Law Enforcement Liaison (LEL) recognized the support from Sam in Larimer County
Sam C had no comment.
Erin, a probation officer, said it was her first time here.
Tuesday Black (CDOT) reminded people to sign up for the CDOT Summit.
Glenn said they now have a quorum for the meeting with the District Attorney Representative joining.
Rebecca Green from MADD reported on events coming up concerning 420 events and a kick off fundraiser called Walk Like MADD. She is sending out a flyer concerning same.
Michelle talked about recognizing fraudulent IDs to prevent illegal sales.
Matt D commented on motorcycle fatalities, increasing and the involvement of alcohol and age groups.
Glenn D commented on CSP's motorcycle operations and the state advisory board.
Lieutenant Colonel Downing offered information on the stats that Glen talked about also about outreach and education.
Webster Hendricks from CDHS mentioned about a website called no[dui.org](dui.org) that provides for information requests.

Closing

Glenn Davis – Chair
Final Comments
- Motion to adjourn the meeting passed
- Meeting adjourned at 11:06 am

Next Meeting

- **April 21st ~ To be held at** CDOT HQ - 2829 W. Howard Pl., Denver, CO 80204

Attachments/Links:

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E-Warrant Support   R-8 MADD Summit   Refusals by LEA 2022
Application Form.docx Registration Flyer-Upd   - Summary.pdf