Upcoming Meeting Dates:
Friday, November 13th

Meeting Minutes

Friday, September 25, 2026
10:00 am to 2:00 pm

The September meeting was held in-person and virtually. The in-person location was Building 100 at the Colorado State Patrol Academy 15055 S. Golden Rd, Golden, CO 80401

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/ Co-Chair
  - Mission Statement/Victim Tribute
  - Attendees in the room please introduced themselves and the organization they represent; attendees online, put their name and organization in the Chat.
  - Attendance taken of voting members. Announced a quorum, initially estimating 20 of 28 voting members present; a subsequent clarification reduced the voting count to approximately 19.
  - May 2026 minutes: motion and second received; approved without recorded opposition.
  - July 2026 minutes: motion and second received; approved without recorded opposition.

Recommendations for Annual Report

- Recommendation 1 — Vehicular Homicide DWAI Felony Classification. The Task Force approved recommending that vehicular homicide involving DWAI be increased from a Class 4 to Class 3 felony, changing the presumptive sentencing range from 2–6 years to 4–12 years while preserving probation eligibility. Discussion addressed legislative history, drug-impaired driving prosecutions, treatment availability, and concerns about proportionality and the breadth of the DWAI standard. Vote taken reporting 13 affirmative votes and two Nay votes; 4 abstain votes.
- Recommendation 2 — Intelligent Speed Assistance (ISA) for Repeat Extreme Speeding. The Task Force approved recommending legislation establishing an ISA program with eligibility, duration, technology/vendor, compliance, enforcement and financial-assistance

provisions. Members discussed its connection to impaired-driving prevention, how “extreme speeding” would be defined, due process, prior convictions, costs and DMV implementation. Vote taken reporting passage with 6 yes, 3 Nay and 10 abstentions.

- Activity 1 — Delta-9 THC permissible inference: Establish a subject-matter-expert subcommittee to examine the current 5 ng/mL permissible inference under C.R.S. § 42-4-1301 and assess the evidence and potential policy alternatives. Vote taken reporting 13 Yeses, 0 Nays, and 6 abstains
- Activity 2 — Serious bodily injury (SBI) toxicology data: Direct the existing data accuracy subcommittee to assess collection, consistency, gaps and possible integration of SBI crash toxicology data with CDOT crash data systems, including Behavioral and Engineering Safety Data for Transportation (BEST). Vote Taken with 17 yeses, 0 nays, and 6 abstains
- Activity 3 — Mental Health and Addiction Subcommittee: Establish a group to examine mental health, substance use, addiction and impaired driving, and identify prevention, treatment and cross-sector collaboration opportunities. Vote taken with 19 yeses, 0 Nays and 0 Abstains
- Activity 4 — Study of a 0.05 BAC per se limit: Establish a subcommittee to examine the feasibility and safety effects of lowering Colorado’s per se DUI BAC threshold from 0.08 to 0.05, including Utah’s experience, scientific evidence, Colorado’s DWAI framework and enforcement implications. Vote taken, 16 affirmative votes, 2 No’s and 1 abstain

<u>House Keeping Items:</u>

- 2027 Calendar Dates to be discussed in November
- Strategic Impaired Driving Plan-Occurs every 2 years, due in July

<u>Subcommittees:</u>

- Improving Data Accuracy
  - Reviewed priorities for the coming year, including SBI toxicology data and an inventory of existing data systems and reporting gaps. This committee is expected to continue.
- Toxicology
  - Members described a decline in DUI testing refusal rates from approximately 48.63% to about 41% over the committee’s work. The subcommittee is expected to sunset, with related outreach continuing.
- Standardized DUI Form
  - Sgt. Nicholas Hazlett reported that input from 37 agencies and subject-matter experts informed the statewide form. The form is planned as a free, voluntary tool for law enforcement through the Alliance-supported electronic reporting platform in FY27. The subcommittee is expected to sunset as implementation proceeds.

<u>Lighting Round (Open to Public for comments):</u>

- Colorado Judicial Branch is pivoting our annual reports to a dashboard. If anybody uses that, you can find that information on our Colorado Judicial Branch website.
- From CSP-372 fatalities. Last year, at this time, we were at 447. That's a significant reduction of almost 30%. State Patrol covered fatalities. We're at 172 and we were at 216 this time of the year. We're seeing a significant decrease in our fatal crashes, 20% for us. We are seeing a 31.5% reduction in impaired driving cause fatalities. All the other crashes impaired-wise are steady or going up, but our fatal crashes involving impaired drivers is down 30, almost 32%
- MADD Colorado-HALT Law Update and a new resource: https://haltlaw.org/; VOCA Funding is critical right now and push from COVA to try fix. MADD trying to raise $50,000 for year-end, 2 opportunities during annual Candlelight Vigil on November 14th at CSP Academy; December 8th Changemakers Luncheon which a fundraiser to raise critical funds for MADD

Colorado; Colorado Gives Day is Tuesday December 8th
- DUI Citation Folder created by Task Force given out after DUI to the offender

Lunch served and continued meeting with welcome to Guests 12:00 P.M MST
- Around-the-room introductions
- Discussed the Task Force's two recommendations and four activities, impaired-driving prevention, and implementation considerations. HB 26-1127, concerning reporting following fatal crashes and originating from Task Force data work, was highlighted.
- Other Successes of 2026 of Task force discussed and highlighted

Training:
- Sergeant Jason Sparks, Colorado State Patrol
  - Training on the impact Psilocybin mushrooms are currently having and could possibly have soon on impaired driving.
  - Group discussion and Q/A after presentation
  - DRE Coordinator Mark Ashby answering questions on Kratom

Statistics, State Fatality Numbers:
- CDOT
  - As of September 21st, Colorado had 29 Colorado fatal crashes as of September 21st for the full year. This time last year, we had 57. So again, we're seeing that decrease.
  - Of the actual crashes, there were 31 fatalities. that took place and in 2025 we had 59.
  - We also have statistics on like a 10-year comparison from drivers to fatalities, non-restraint drivers as well too. Currently for fatalities for drivers for 2026 that were non-restraint, we're looking at 99 of those individuals. Motorcycles and scooters, we had 30 fatalities in which individuals were not wearing a helmet out of 88 fatalities of those.
  - Pedestrians, we've had 63 fatalities thus far in 2026. Bicycles, we've had 13. So a total number of 403 fatalities.
- CSP
  - Colorado State Patrol reported 191 fatal crashes compared with 230 during the same period in 2025, representing approximately a 17% decrease.
  - Impaired-driving-related fatal crashes decreased from 66 to approximately 40, representing a reported reduction of 31.5%.
  - Emily White reported that Rachel's presentation showed a 39.39% decrease in fatalities from 2021 to 2026.
  - The statistics reflected crashes investigated by the Colorado State Patrol rather than all crashes statewide.

NHTSA (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration) Region 8 Update:
- Ross Washburn
  - Provided updates on the impaired-driving tracking system, oral-fluid testing research and emerging substance-use trends.

Media Relations and Upcoming Events:
- Tamara Rollison, CDOT, Office of Communications

- Reported that survey respondents indicating driving within two hours of consuming potentially impairing substances declined from 28% in 2023 to 19% in 2026. CDOT also discussed fall enforcement, Halloween rideshare messaging, AAA rideshare credits, bartender education and support for CSP visibility efforts.