

# Interagency **TASK FORCE** ON Drunk Driving

Colorado Department of Transportation  
January 23, 2009 – 9:00 am-12:00 pm  
CDOT Auditorium

Interagency Task Force on Drunk Driving (ITFDD) created by enactment of Senate Bill 06-192 whose mission is to:

***Investigate methods of reducing the incidence of drunk and impaired driving and to develop recommendations for the State of Colorado regarding the enhancement of government services, education and intervention to prevent drunk and impaired driving.***

## I. Introductions

### Members

- Pam Hutton, Chair
- Colonel Mark Trostel, Vice Chair (Absent)
- Christine Byars
- Steve Hooper
- Thomas Quinn
- Honorable Ed Casias
- Scott Schultz

### Representatives

- Bill Young (Absent)
- Emily Tompkins
- Carolyn DeVries
- Jeanne McEvoy (Absent)
- Abe Hutt (Absent)
- Commander Paul Wood
- Chief Russell Van Houten
- Steve Findley (Absent)
- Steve Wrenn
- Ryan Kester

### Others in attendance

- Glenn Davis
- Robin Rocke
- Tom Lorz
- Dr. David Timken
- Paul Hofmann
- Maya Thomas-Wachterman
- Gene Giron
- Bear Kay
- Maureen Till
- Christina Cooper
- Karen Abrahamson

- Heather Halpape

I. Introductions

- A. Self-Introductions.
- B. There were no Legislation Sponsors' in attendance.
- C. There were no public comments

II. Colorado State Patrol (CSP) Colonel Trostel Recognition

- A. CSP Colonel Trostel was on vacation at the time of this meeting. The Task Force will present him with a certificate at a later date and time.

III. CDOT Legislation Report and Update

- A. Tom Lorz from CDOT's Office of Government Relations reported that his office began processing the Legislative Tracking Report last year and that all the bills on the handout mention the words alcohol or DUI in their text. Some of the key points made were:

- **SB09-003**  
**Short Title: Motor Vehicle Emissions Programs**  
**Sponsors: BACON/FISCHER**  
As of January 1, 2010, moves Weld and Larimer counties from the basic emissions program of the automobile inspection and readjustment program (AIR program), established pursuant to the federal "Clean Air Act", to the enhanced emissions program of the AIR program. Mentions the word alcohol in its text but is irrelevant to the Task Force and will not be amended in conjunction with DUI.
- CDOT will not lobby any bills unless it is a concern to CDOT
- CDOT's Government Relations Office, will provide status reports to the Task Force on bills throughout the year.
- A LEAF Grant bill has not been introduced yet
- **HB09-1119**  
**Short Title: Rural Substance Abuse Grant Program**  
**Sponsors: VIGIL/SCHWARTZ**  
Establishes the rural alcohol and substance abuse grant program (program) in the division of alcohol and drug abuse in the department of human services (division) to provide grant to entities that provide alcohol and substance abuse treatment and services in rural areas that provide activities for youths in rural areas designed to reduce the use of alcohol and drugs.

- B. Other bills identified and discussed were:

- SB09-07, Involuntary Commitment Med Prof, which was introduced to correct some language that was passed in the last Legislature Session is not relevant to the Task Force Committee

- SB09-11, Behavioral Health Commission Creation, implements conflicting procedures
- SB09-26, Regulation Of Athletic Trainers, will continued to be observe to determined the direction that the Task Force Committee will take

IV. 2009 Legislative Annual Report and Update

Copies of the 2009 Legislative Report were delivered to members of the legislature and made available to ITFDD member and representatives. .

V. By Laws Amendment – person Under 24 Years of Age Who is Enrolled in a Secondary a Postsecondary School

The Task Force decided to table the Amendment discussion to the next Task Force meeting.

VI. Sub-committees Recommendations For 2010 Legislation

This discussion was combined with the Sub-Committee updates.

VII. Confirmation of 2009 ITFDD Meeting Dates

January 23, 2009, March 27, May 29, July 24, September 25, November 20

VIII. Sub-Committee – Updates

A. By Laws Sub-Committee  
No update

B. Prevention Sub-Committee

Karen Abrahamson, Chair, reported that the committee had met on December 4, 2008.

Some of the key points from Abrahamson mentioned were:

- The Sub-Committee have selected to use the Logic Model supplied by Pacific Institute of Research and Evaluation (PIRE) that shows documentation for what actually works to prevent drinking and driving
- The PIRE has another Logic Model that prevents underage drinking
- The Sub-Committee's main focus for next year is to sort out underage drinking laws
- The Sub-Committee may need a clean-up bill granted through the Legislature
- The Sub-Committee wants to work on combining another active Task Force with the Underage Prevention and Production Workgroup
- Mentioned the possibility about using volunteers to help sort out laws/clean up bills
- Pam Hutton suggested that Abrahamson be added to the agenda to discuss the logic model.

C. Intervention Sub-Committee

No update

D. Victim Rights and Roles Sub-Committee

The next meeting will be held on February 12. At that time their Sub-Committee will discuss what their focus will be for 2009.

E. Ignition Interlock Sub-Committee

Steve Hooper, reported that the sub-committee has not meet since submitting their annual report information but that the goals will remain the same.

- To continue to work on keeping track of HB1194 dictation
- To continue developing a successful data resource model in conjunction with the intervention and treatment providers along with probation officers
- To continue on the development of the recidivism study
- The sub-committee may need assistance from the Task Force in streamlining the Intervention Law by making it easier to understand

F. System Improvements Sub-Committee

The Sub-Committee has not had a meeting since the submission of their annual report. However, this committee has not been successful in obtaining a sponsor for the minor clean-up that needs to be done on HB1166.

G. Persistent Drunk Driving

Christine Byars, reported that the Sub-Committee's two primary objectives are:

- To continue to review the data that support reducing the define BAC level from 1.7 to 1.5
- To continue to collaborate on implementing a simpler system change for Human Resources, Revenue, and the Judicial Department levels

H. Communications

Bear Kay, reported that his Sub-Committee's main goals are:

- To create appropriate Task Force communications for the distribution to Legislators and Traffic Safety Opinion Leaders in Colorado
- To create appropriate information on drunk driving for the distribution to Task Force Members and Representatives
- To improve the website information by making it user friendlier
- To add a victim or a family member of a victim of a DUI/Impaired driver to the Communications Committee

IX. Other Agenda Items

Pam Hutton announced that CDOT has several Federal Agencies who may be available to the Task Force, for presentations in research, data and national trends.

Bear Kay mentioned that if you have any comments regarding the revised Interagency Task Force on Drunk Driving Pamphlet to send it to him no later than February 6.

- X. Next Meeting
  - a) March 27, 2009 – 9:00 am – Noon, CDOT Auditorium
- XI. Adjourn