

Interagency **TASK FORCE** ON Drunk Driving

Colorado Department of Transportation
November 21, 2008 – 9:00 am-12:00 pm
CDOT Auditorium

Interagency Task Force on Drunk Driving 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
- Christine Byars
- Steve Hooper
- Thomas Quinn (Absent)
- Honorable Ed Casias
- Scott Schultz (Absent)

Representatives

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

Others in attendance

- Glenn Davis
- Robin Rocke
- Melissa Nelson
- Dr. David Timken
- Kristen House
- Sgt. Dave Knoth, DPD
- Technician Dan Dunn, DPD
- Carole Walker
- Officer Dan Swint, DPD
- Sgt. Rich Coisman, DPD
- Bear Kay
- Karen Abrahamson

- Heather Halpape

Note: Greg Gargan, CDOT Staff Photographer, will be taking pictures for the 2009 Annual Report.

I. Introductions

- A. Self-Introductions were made by everyone present.
- B. There were no Legislation Sponsors' in attendance.
- C. Jeannie McEvoy, the Executive Director of Colorado License Beverage Association, had a public comment requesting discussion of legislation that was decided by Pam Hutton to be addressed under item III.

II. Introduction of New Office of Transportation Safety Manager and the Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor

- A. Mike Nugent, who comes to CDOT from Denver Health, stated that he's very excited to work with the task force as a paramedic and EMS person because he has personally witness the effects of drunk driving.
- B. Chris Halsor, who is the first Colorado Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor, stated that his principle goal is to be a vocal point and liaison to law enforcement, prosecution, other members of traffic safety and the community in order to improve the investigation and prosecution of DUI's offenses, vehicle homicide/assault and other traffic related crimes.

III. CDOT Legislation Report and Update

- A. Melissa Nelson had no updates on CDOT's Legislation Report. However, she stated that CDOT's first budget request for \$2 million dollars was forward to JBC and approved under House Bill 94.
- B. Jeannie McEvoy wants to bring to the attention of the Task Force a part of legislation to be introduced in 2009. This proposal would allow more than 13 hundred 3.2 fermented malt beverages licensees' to become full strength beer licensees' without completing an application for approval through local government. Currently, CLBA is working with other entities to oppose this. (Please refer to her handout of "Responsibility First" Policy).

IV. Recidivism Presentation

- A. Randy Deyle, Division of Behavioral of Health, presented a DUI study and evaluation done by ADAD. The study measures the effectiveness of DUI/DWAI assessment and treatment intervention. Please refer to Education/Treatment Intervention among Drinking Drivers and Recidivism booklet or handout. Some of the key points made were:
 - The typical process for a DUI offender – starting with the arrest, evaluation, education and or treatment, and the risk/recidivism measurement.
 - The admission date starts at the time of treatment.
 - DUI/DWAI education and treatment prevent re-arrests.

Pam Hutton changed the agenda to move to item 9

V. Nomination for a new Person Under 24 Years of Age Who is Enrolled in a Secondary a Postsecondary School

Paul Hofmann, of the Secondary Postsecondary School, nominated Ryan Kester, a student at the University of Denver (who was not present).

Emily Tompkins, MADD, nominated Sheila Ruminski, a student at University of Denver (who was present)

- Robin Rocke, CDOT, the bylaws to check if two persons could be elected.
- It was decided to have only one person and a proxy
- A Bylaw Motion was made to change the formation of the committee to include the majority vote to seat a member in the absence of an outgoing committee member.

Motion, to allow votes on nominations at the same time. Majority of votes will put individuals into office.

Seconded
Accepted

- The Task Force members voted 7-5 for Ryan Kester and Sheila Ruminski as the proxy.

VI. Recommendations for the 2009 Annual Report

- 2008 format was great
- Add sections which list accomplishments
- Re-format summary
- Continue to use dedication
- Summarize any presentations
- Communication with Sub-Committee

VII. Sub Committee – Updates

A. Victim Rights and Roles Sub-Committee

Emily Tompkins, MADD, reported that at the previous Interagency Taskforce on Drunk Driving meeting a discussion was held to propose an increase LEAF funding.

1. Corporal Dunn read the history of LEAF (Please refer to the handout.
2. Discussion was made to change the language of the bill to include more elements of law enforcement.
3. Increase the visibility of law enforcers, maintenance and equipment.
4. Consider a friendlier endorsement.

Motion, for the Interagency Task Force on Drunk Driving endorse the concept that there should be a LEAF fine increase.

Seconded
Accepted

B. By Laws Sub-Committee

There was no report.

C. Prevention Sub-Committee

Bear Kay, CSP, discussed his recommendation to create a Communication Sub-Committee for the Interagency Task Force on Drunk Driving.

The Sub-Committee would create and communicate appropriate messages to members of the Colorado General Assembly. These messages would be designed to inform and educate legislators about the purpose of the Task Force and its ability to provide impaired driving information, as well as provide feedback and recommendations on proposed impaired driving legislation.

Motion to create a Communications Sub-Committee for the Interagency Task Force on Drunk Driving by using the new language that was suggested and accepted. The Communication sub-committee will deliver messages to the General Assembly at the direction of the Task Force.

Seconded

Accepted

D. Intervention Sub-Committee

There was no report submitted.

E. Ignition Interlock Sub-Committee

Steve Hooper, Colorado Department of Revenue, reported that his committee will be moving forward with coordinating with the Division of Behavioral Health to open avenues of communication on Interlock Drivers and Driving Laws.

F. System Improvement Sub-Committee

Abe Hutt, Colorado Criminal Defense Bar, reported that they need to seek a sponsor to clean-up the language and definition of the bill.

Motion for the DUI Task Force to endorse authorization to seek a Sponsor for the clean-up of the Legislation that was endorsed last year.

Seconded

Accepted

G. Persistent Drunk Driver Sub-Committee

Christine Byars, Colorado Department of Human Services, reported that at her subcommittee's last meeting they reviewed all their subcommittees' goals and objections. It was concluded that all the objectives that had already been identified are the ones they plan to continue.

- 1.5 recommendation to reduce the define BAC level
- General system improvement
- Admission Interlog
- Improve treatment systems delivery
- Improve the probation system

VIII. Recommendations for the 2009 Annual Report

- Use last's year format
- Add a section that lists accomplishments, as a whole by year, of this Interagency Task Force on Drunk Driving
- The Annual Subcommittee Report is due on December 12, 2008
- Summary of presentations

IX. Interagency Task Force on Drunk Driving – Welcome Brochure

Dalia Hargrave, CDOT, reported that the purpose of the brochure was for new members of the committee.

- The Welcome Brochure could also be attach to the Annual Report
- Need to make edits to Welcome Brochure
- To possibly include Sonja's picture on the brochure
- To include Colorado landmarks photos

The next meeting will be held on January 5, 2009. At CDOT Headquarters, in the Auditorium from 9:00 am – noon to review the Draft Report.

X. Adjourn

Next meeting is scheduled for– November 21, 2008. At CDOT Headquarters, in the Auditorium from 9:00 am – noon.