

Interagency **TASK FORCE** ON Drunk Driving

Meeting Minutes March 16, 2012

Chief Wolfinbarger (Chair) called the meeting to order at 9:10

Attendees:

- Abe Hutt
- Al Vallejo
- Bill Watada
- Bill Young
- Bobby Juchem
- Sheriff Bud Bright
- Chief James Wolfinbarger
- Chris Halsor
- Chris Howser
- Christine Adams
- Christine Flavia
- Cynthia Burbach
- Darrell Lingk
- Dr. Bob Welter
- Ed Wood
- Ellen Anderson
- Emily Tompkins
- Gene Giron
- Glenn Davis
- Heather Garwood
- Jennifer Gray
- Jill Hart
- John Rimblas
- Judge Ed Casias
- Judy Eaton
- Julie Vardiman
- Mary Beth Wise
- Matthew Mitchell
- Michael Day
- Michael Elliott
- Patrick Maroney
- Paul Aylmer
- Ray DeTello
- Robert Ticer
- Samantha Bloodworth
- Sean Stinger
- Stephen Hooper
- Sue Igli
- Sue Parker
- Tim Allport
- Tom Kissler
- Dave Copeland

I. Introductions and Initial Comments:

There were no legislative or public comments.

II. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting:

Steve Hooper moved to approve the electronic minutes provided to all the attendees and members of the ITFDD, and Chief Robert Ticer seconded the motion. Minutes of the Friday, March 16, 2012 ITFDD Meeting received unanimous approval.

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III. Summary of Key Performance Indicators:

All in attendance received hard copies of the KPIs and electronic copies will accompany the minutes of this meeting. The CSP KIPs are continuing to show a reduction, across the board, of DUI arrests. This is good news and represents what we, as a task force, are striving to achieve. There was a slight increase in alcohol related crashes, as shown on the March 16 CSP Investigation page. The 2011 period shows several months with increases in crashes, particularly in the summer months. The CSP is working with the command staff to see if this is just an anomaly or if it might be an increasing trend. Additionally, CSP will be working with the Chief's Association and the Sheriffs to evaluate the issue in more detail. Please feel free to respond to either Chief Wolfinbarger or Sue Igli with suggestions and comments on the content and presentation of the KPIs. They are working towards presenting scaled down, dashboard KPIs that are one page or less. KPI information is also available on the CSPN, as well as the CDOT websites.

IV. Legislative Update (Sgt. Juchem, CSP)

Chief Wolfinbarger postponed Sgt. Juchem's presentation on legislative updates until later in the meeting. After the "Best Practices" presentations, Sgt. Juchem presented the recent legislative updates. Everyone in attendance received a hard copy of the report and an electronic copy will be included with the minutes of the meeting.

V. Media Relations & Significant Upcoming Events (Heather Halpape and Bear Kay):

Both Heather Halpape and Bear Kay could not be at the ITFDD meeting because of previous commitments. Glenn Davis presented information provided by Heather stating, the Saint Patrick's Day enforcement wave starts tonight and there are record numbers of 114 out of 250 agencies participating in the wave. This participation is a real tribute to law enforcement agencies in the state. Every year the arrest rate has increased. Heather has put out a press release for the Saint Patrick's Day enforcement wave. The minutes include an electronic copy of the press release.

Chief Wolfinbarger also provided this year's statistics for the Saint Patrick's Day wave, stating there were 704 arrests (a 48% increase over 2011) and 2 alcohol related fatalities, compared to 2007, when Saint Patrick's Day fell on a weekend and there were 363 arrests. Currently \$10,270.00 remains as the estimate cost for a DUI. These costs include the additional costs in insurance, attorney fees, court costs, and fines. There is a busy weekend ahead and the CSP

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would like to be able to report zero fatalities next month. Saint Patrick's Day and Halloween are now the two top holidays for law enforcement, even eclipsing New Year's Eve and the Fourth of July.

VI. Work Plan Updates: (Presentations will sent separately)

Enforcement: Glenn Davis (quick review of February presentation)

Prosecution: Chris Halsor and Steve Wrenn

Steve Wrenn is preparing for trial and will not be presenting today, however he was instrumental in the preparation of the presentation.

Sentencing: Judge Casias

Probation: Heather Garwood

VII. Lightning Round Updates:

Chief Wolfinbarger – He has found the presentations in Best Practices very interesting. He hopes that the presentations provided opportunities for everyone to see the challenges encountered in other disciplines, while providing an avenue for specific interests and future assistance from the Task Force. He asked that anyone having ideas for Summer/Fall topics please talk to Sue or himself.

Patrick Maroney - DOR Liquor Enforcement joined efforts with Chief Ticer and the Avon Police force at the Avon Snowball Music Festival with an enforcement wave targeting under-age drinking and drug usage. They supported a "No Tolerance" venue, issuing citations, revoking admission passes, and trespassing citations if the violators returned. The wave was very successful and both entities are planning for next year's event.

Chief Ticer – During the three-day event at the Avon Snowball Music Festival, the Avon Police Force, assisted by eight DOR Liquor Licensing Agents, conducted an enforcement/education wave that focused on under-age drinking and drug usage. Estimated attendance at the festival was approximately 10,000 people per day, and 50 bands. The average age of the participants was 20. Chief Ticer reported that there were forty felony arrests for drug distribution/possession

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(primarily ecstasy and LSD), which included multiple drug violation secondary to the liquor arrests, and one assault on a police officer. Misdemeanor liquor violations included approximately 100 violation for underage drinking, 19 DUI's, and no significant DUI crashes. Chief Ticer felt the event enforcement wave was very effective. He is looking forward to working with DOR Liquor Enforcement again next year.

Steve Hooper – Reminded everyone that the Interlock Bill (HB12-1168) is before the Senate Judiciary Committee for public comment on March 19, 2012 and that anyone wishing to testify regarding the bill, could do so starting at 11:30am.

Heather Garwood – Reminded everyone about the upcoming “Best Practices Meet the Community Conference” on April 26-28, 2011 at the Renaissance Hotel in Denver.

Chris Halsor – Reported on the Western State two day Presentation on DUI conducted by himself and Judge Casias. The presentation included an alcohol wet lab and an educational piece about investigations, realities of being charged with either DUI or DWI, and the consequences of those charges. They received very good feedback about the presentation, but were a little disappointed with the lack of participation from students. A scheduling conflict precluded many students from participating. They would like to do the presentation again as well as take it to other colleges around the state.

Judge Casias – During the Western State presentation, they were able to work with many good, charismatic student leaders. Additional subjects presented included collateral consequences, loss of driver's licenses, future problems with background checks, etc.

Jennifer Gray - Jennifer put everyone on notice about the “Zero Tolerance” policy of no drinking in the dorms at Western State, and the on and off campus monitoring programs in place. She talked about McKayla going off to college at University of Northern Colorado wanting to continue her speaking engagements. Jennifer spoke about collaborating with Chris when he presents again at Western State or at UNC to have Mickayla join him in the presentation. McKayla appreciates sharing her story and making positive change happen. Jennifer found today's

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presentations difficult to listen to because of the memories of her family's experience with a repeat offender with a high BAC.

Christine Flavia – Advised the ITFDD that there is a Gubernatorial-appointed opening on the State Board of Addiction Counselors. The Board oversees the licensing and discipline of certified and licensed addiction counselors in Colorado. Task Force members, with their interest in the provision of quality DUI treatment, would be ideal. The commitment is only one day every other month. If you are interested, please contact Ronne Hines at DORA, 303-894-7770

Emily Tompkins – Senate Resolution 157 declares “April 21 Power Talk 21 Day” and sets aside a specific day for parents to start talking with their children about alcohol. Emily invited everyone to attend MADD’s “Celebration of Life Candlelight Vigil” on April 29, 2012 at the Inn at Hudson Gardens. This candlelight vigil offers a place where communities can gather to reflect, support, and honor victims and survivors of impaired driving crashes.

Chief Wolfenbarger – Invited everyone who wishes to attend to the CSP Academy’s “Drinking Lab” to observe the Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST) on May 11, 2012. Please RSVP to Sue, if you are interested in attending.

Michael Elliott – Announced he is a “Proud New Dad.” Congratulations from the entire ITFDD Family!!! He voiced his personal empathy and the enormity of Jennifer Gray’s loss. He stated that being a new father has just begun to open his eyes and to see things in a very different perspective. He stated that while he has a slightly different view of alcohol and drugs, he is completely committed to working to find a common solution to the alcohol and drug issues addressed by ITFDD.

VIII. Next Meeting:

Friday, April 20, 2012
CSP Academy
1550 S. Golden Road, Building 100
Golden, Colorado.