



Mission

The mission of the Colorado Task Force on Drunk and Impaired Driving 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.

Vision

The vision of the Colorado Task Force on Drunk and Impaired Driving is a Colorado in which key stakeholders work in partnership to achieve a fully integrated solution to the problem of impaired driving.

2019 Annual Report





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Executive Summary



It is my honor to represent the Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police as chairman of the Colorado Task Force on Drunk and Impaired Driving (CTFDID). The mission of this Task Force is to investigate methods of reducing the incidents of drunk and impaired driving through prevention, public awareness, enforcement, and intervention/treatment. Equally as important, members of this group are a resource to the legislature and other states to offer expertise and provide professional background on matters related to impaired driving.

The Task Force includes and encourages participation from a variety of diverse partners and stakeholders and individuals from different functions or disciplines that bring relevant perspectives and experiences to the group. These stakeholders bring innovative ideas and plans forward through each of the following working groups:

- ❖ Program Management/Strategic Planning
- ❖ Communications
- ❖ Criminal Justice
- ❖ Impaired Driver Intervention & Treatment
- ❖ Prevention
- ❖ Program Evaluation & Data

Members and representatives of the CTFDID were utilized as resources to create the 2019 statewide impaired driving plan for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and participated in the development of the 2020 Colorado Strategic Transportation Safety Plan.

The CTFDID annual report for the State of Colorado is a living document designed to accomplish the mission of the Task Force and to be fluid and adaptable based upon future data, trends and forecasts.

Within this annual report you'll find the recommendations for 2020 from the Task Force members and representatives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert L. Ticer".

Chief Robert L. Ticer, Chair
Colorado Task Force on Drunk and Impaired Driving

Inception and History

In 2006, Colorado Senate Bill 06-192 created the Interagency Task Force on Drunk Driving (ITFDD) in response to the tragic death of Sonja Marie DeVries who was killed in 2004 by an impaired driver. The driver had been convicted of impaired driving on six previous occasions. Since its inception in 2006, the ITFDD has brought together executive leaders from government and other organizations that have an interest in reducing instances of impaired driving.



In 2014, the Interagency Task Force on Drunk Driving was changed to the Colorado Task Force on Drunk and Impaired Driving by Colorado House Bill 14-1321.



Membership

Members

- Colorado Department of Transportation – Glenn Davis (Vice-Chair)
- Colorado State Patrol –Colonel Matthew Packard
- Colorado Department of Revenue, Driver’s License Sanctioning – Crystal Soderman
- Colorado Department of Revenue, Liquor Enforcement – Michelle Stone-Principato
- State Court Administrator’s Office – Judge Edward Casias
- State Public Defender’s Office – Daniel Gagarin
- Colorado Department of Human Services, Office of Behavioral Health, DUI Substance Abuse Treatment – Webster Hendricks
- Colorado Department of Human Services, Office of Behavioral Health, Minors Substance Abuse Treatment – Katie Wells
- State Court Administrator’s Office, Division of Probation Services – Dana Wilks
- Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment – Jeff Groff
- Colorado Peace Officers Standards and Training Board – Erik Bougerie

Representatives

- Statewide Association of Chiefs of Police – Chief Robert Ticer, Loveland Police Department (Chair)
- Statewide Organization of County Sheriffs – Undersheriff Dave Fisher, Elbert County Sheriff’s Office
- Family Member of a Victim of Drunk or Impaired Driving –Julie Nackos
- Mothers Against Drunk Driving – Fran Lanzer, State Executive Director
- Statewide Organization of District Attorneys – Jennifer Knudsen
- Colorado Criminal Defense Bar – Abe Hutt
- On-Premise Alcohol Beverage Retailers – Paul Aylmer, Colorado Restaurant Association
- Off-Premise Alcohol Beverage Retailers – Andrew Klosterman, Peak Beverage
- Alcoholic Beverage Distributors – Tyler Henson, Axiom Strategies
- Alcoholic Beverage Manufacturers – Daniel Bewley, Colorado brewers Guild and Crooked Stave
- A Person Under 24 who is Enrolled in a Secondary or Postsecondary School – Lauren Avery
- Colorado Association of Addiction Professionals – Adam Musielewicz, Peer Assistance Services, Inc.
- Statewide Organization of Retail Marijuana for Consumption Off Premises – pending
- Researcher Who Specializes in the Field of Impaired Driving – Dr. David Timken, Center for Impaired Driving Research and Evaluation

Key Recommendations for 2020

The CTFDID recommends securing sustainable funding for the Colorado Department of Transportation Highway Safety Office to fund High Visibility Impaired Driving Enforcement for local law enforcement agencies. Working with stakeholders, the Task Force will identify possible funding alternatives or formula adjustments that protect appropriate enforcement dollars. Current funding mechanisms do not meet the actual impaired driving enforcement needs.

The CTFDID strongly advocates for a Primary Seat Belt Law. A Primary Seat Law is the most effective way to directly reduce roadway injuries and fatalities. Of the 402 of the people who died in passenger vehicles in 2018, 216 of them, or 54%, were unrestrained.

The CTFDID encourages a thorough and comprehensive examination of the 5 nanogram limit in C.R.S. 42-4-1301 which defines influence from tetrahydrocannabinol. The CTFDID is comprised of subject matter experts available to participate in the examination to determine if the limit is appropriate or necessary.

The CTFDID recommends a study to determine the viability of devices that allow law enforcement to detect drug presence during roadside sobriety investigations.





Resources

- **[Colorado Task Force on Drunk & Impaired Driving \(CTFDID\)](#)**. This website contains information about the CTFDID including meeting notes and past reports.
- **[No DUI Colorado](#)**. The No DUI Website was developed and created by the Persistent Drunk Driver (PDD) Committee as an educational resource for the Colorado community regarding impaired driving and substance abuse behaviors.
- **[Mothers Against Drunk Driving \(MADD\)](#)**. This mission of MADD is to end drunk driving, support the victims of these violent crimes, and prevent underage drinking. The website contains links to data and resources to meet this mission.
 - MADD, Colorado website. www.madd.org/colorado
- **[Statewide Traffic Records Advisory Committee \(STRAC\)](#)**. The Colorado Statewide Traffic Records Advisory Committee (STRAC) is an advisory group representing the data records interests of motor vehicle traffic and safety agencies and organizations. Within statutory constraints, the Committee recommends policies regarding the retention and dissemination of traffic records information. This website contains information about STRAC including data, reports, and meeting minutes.
- **[Colorado Judicial Branch Annual Statistical Report](#)**. Each fiscal year the Colorado Judicial Branch Annual Statistical Report is issued to provide information about Colorado state courts. Profiled in the reports are caseload statistics for the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, District Court, County Court, Water Court, and Probation.
- **[Driving Under the Influence of Drugs and Alcohol; A Report Pursuant to HB 17-1315](#)**. House Bill 17-1315 mandates that the Division of Criminal Justice (DCJ) in the Colorado Department of Public Safety collect and analyze specific data regarding driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol. This document reports findings from the analysis of 2017 data, providing insight into the prevalence of drug-involved driving by examining toxicology information associated with individual DUI court cases.
- **[Countermeasures that work, 9th Edition](#)**. This 9th edition of Countermeasures That Work is a basic reference to assist State Highway Safety Offices in selecting effective, evidence-based countermeasures for traffic safety problem areas.
- **[National Highway Traffic Safety Administration \(NHTSA\)](#)**. The mission of the NHTSA is to save lives, prevent injuries, and reduce economic costs due to road traffic crashes, through education, research, safety standards, and enforcement. The website contains extensive information on all aspects of road safety.
- **[Colorado Motor Vehicle Problem Identification Dashboard](#)**. The purpose of the dashboard is to provide a description of motor vehicle crashes within the state of Colorado.



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