

# 2017 Texas Impaired Driving Forum

April 26, 2017 • Norris Conference Center  
2525 W. Anderson Lane, Suite 365 • Austin, Texas 78757

8:30 – 9:00 AM

## Registration

9:00 – 9:20 AM

## Welcome / Opening Session

RED OAK BALLROOM

**Frank Saenz**, Alcohol and Other Drugs Program Manager, Texas Department of Transportation  
**Troy Walden**, Director of the Center for Alcohol and Drug Education Studies,  
Texas A&M Transportation Institute

9:20 – 9:40 AM

## NHTSA Update

**Sam Sinclair**, Program Manager – Region 6, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
This presentation will include an update on national impaired driving initiatives, as well as an update on impaired driving activities in other Region 6 states.

9:40 – 10:00 AM

## Impaired Driving: A Data Snapshot

**Paige Ericson-Graber**, Assistant Transportation Researcher, Texas A&M Transportation Institute  
This presentation will provide a snapshot of 2016 impaired driving crash data in Texas.

10:00 – 10:15 AM

## Break

10:15 – 11:45 AM

## CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSION #1

### Drug Track

MAGNOLIA ROOM

#### Effects of Drugs on Human Performance and Driving

**Don Egdorf**, Police Officer, Houston Police Department

A Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) is a police officer trained to recognize impairment in drivers under the influence of drugs other than, or in addition to, alcohol. A DRE is skilled in detecting and identifying persons under the influence of drugs and in identifying the category or categories of drugs causing the impairment. This presentation will focus on the effects of drugs on human performance and the resulting effects it has on motor vehicle operation as told through the experiences of a DRE instructor.

### Alcohol Track

RED OAK BALLROOM

#### After the Crash: Injuries Sustained from DWI Crashes

**Jayson D. Aydelotte, M.D., FACS**, General Surgeon, University Medical Center at Brackenridge

This presentation will address some of the most common injuries from DWI crashes. The presenter will also discuss variance in patient outcomes from DWI and non-DWI crashes.

#### Regional Impaired Driving Challenges: A Multi-Stakeholder Perspective

**Jessica Frazier**, Assistant District Attorney, Bexar County District Attorney's Office

**David Hodges**, Visiting Judge

**Michael Jennings**, Detective, Austin Police Department

**Richard Mabe**, Detective, Austin Police Department

**Karen Peoples**, Traffic Safety Specialist – Lubbock District, Texas Department of Transportation

This panel of experts will share some of the regional challenges they've faced in combatting impaired driving and then discuss ways that their organizations are addressing those challenges. The panel will also discuss how each of their roles are impacted by the roles of their fellow panel members, and how each role plays a part in reducing impaired driving on Texas roadways.

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## Luncheon and Keynote Address

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Brigadier General Joe E. Ramirez, Jr., Texas A&M University

12:45 – 1:00 PM

Break

1:00 – 2:30 PM

## CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSION #2

### Drug Track

RED OAK BALLROOM

#### Legalized Recreational Marijuana in Other States: What Does It Mean for Texas?

**Jennifer Knudsen**, Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor, Colorado District Attorneys' Council

**Courtney Popp**, Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor & Legal Advisor, King County (WA) Sheriff's Office

**Suzie Price**, Senior Deputy District Attorney, Orange County (CA) District Attorney's Office

Marijuana is the most commonly detected non-alcohol drug in drivers. The states of Colorado, Washington, and California have recently legalized recreational marijuana. In this panel, prosecutors from states where recreational marijuana has been legalized will discuss some of their experiences and challenges in prosecuting drug-impaired driving cases, and how it has impacted adjudication of these cases. The panel will also discuss what lessons Texas can learn from their experiences, so Texas can be better prepared should recreational marijuana become legalized in the State.

### Alcohol Track

MAGNOLIA ROOM

#### The "Ins and Outs" of Supervising DWI Offenders

**Bill Hill**, Staff Development Supervisor, Williamson County Community Supervision and Corrections Department (CSCD)

This presentation will discuss "best practices" for Community Supervision and Corrections Departments and probation officers. This information is intended to better assist probation officers by providing practical information on monitoring practices. The information is also intended for those stakeholders wanting to learn more information about what probation officers can and cannot do in terms of monitoring offenders.

#### DWI Monitoring and Technology

**Debra Coffey**, Vice President – Government Affairs, Smart Start, Inc.

An ignition interlock is an electronic device wired into the ignition system of a vehicle which requires the user to pass a breath alcohol test in order to start the vehicle. This presentation will discuss interlock technical standards, device features, and how this technology is used to monitor DWI offenders. The presenter will also share future technologies and applications, alternative alcohol monitoring technology such as SCRAM and IN HOM, and advances in drug testing through intelligent fingerprint.

#### Treatment for DWI Offenders: What's Being Done?

**Cynthia Humphrey**, Executive Director, Association of Substance Abuse Programs

This presentation will provide a general perspective on screening, assessment, and treatment of DWI offenders. The presenter will discuss what's working and not working in terms of screening and treatment, and how to help this population move forward.

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2:30 – 2:45 PM

**Break**

2:45 – 3:40 PM

**CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSION #3**

**Drug Track**

**RED OAK BALLROOM**

## **Marijuana: Where do Texans Stand?**

**Jena Prescott**, Assistant Transportation Researcher, Texas A&M Transportation Institute

As the country moves towards relaxed marijuana use and possession laws, more knowledge is needed to fully grasp the impact of marijuana use on traffic safety. This presentation will provide preliminary results from a survey that investigated the current attitudes of Texans on marijuana use.

## **More than Alcohol: A Look at “Other Drugs” Contributing to the DWI Safety Challenge**

**Jake Nelson**, Traffic Safety Advocacy and Research Director, AAA

This presentation will discuss national over-the-counter and prescription drugs use and trends, and how over-the-counter and prescription drugs impact driving. The presenter will also discuss countermeasures to reduce drug-impaired driving.

**Alcohol Track**

**MAGNOLIA ROOM**

## **Are Texans Using Transportation Network Companies (TNCs)?**

**Eva Shipp**, Research Scientist, Texas A&M Transportation Institute

Companies such as Uber and Lyft represent a rapidly growing segment of the transportation industry. This type of on-demand service could be useful for reducing the number of instances when people choose to drive after drinking alcohol or using other drugs. The presenter will discuss results from a project that looked at why people currently choose to use TNCs instead of driving after drinking, what factors might keep people from using TNCs, and what factors may incentivize others to use TNCs.

## **Public Transit’s Role in Reducing Impaired Driving**

**John Jones**, Sergeant, Capital Metro

This presentation will focus on several initiatives that Capital Metro has launched in order to reduce impaired driving in the city of Austin, including E-Bus. E-Bus is a late night service that picks up passengers from University of Texas campus with drop-offs and pick-ups in Austin’s entertainment district. E-Bus provides a safe alternative to driving to and from 6<sup>th</sup> street during weekend evenings.

3:40 – 3:45 PM

**Break**

3:45 – 4:00 PM

**Closing Plenary Session**

**RED OAK BALLROOM**

**Troy Walden**, Director of the Center for Alcohol and Drug Education Studies, Texas A&M Transportation Institute