



IMPAIRED DRIVING

Task Force Newsletter



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Texas Department of Transportation

So Glad You Joined Us For 2019 Texas Impaired Driving Forum



The 2019 Texas Impaired Driving Forum was held in Pflugerville, TX on February 6, 2019, bringing together impaired driving stakeholders from across the state and nation. There were over 250 impaired driving stakeholders who registered to attend the Forum, representing 90+ organizations — a record year for registered participants!

The 2019 Forum marked a series of “firsts” for the event. For the first time, 12 exhibitors showcased their programs and demonstrated the latest technologies in impaired driving prevention, detection, and supervision.

It also marked the inaugural year for the Texas Impaired Driving Safety Awards. The TxIDTF’s Awards Selection Subcommittee selected 3 individuals/organizations from a competitive pool of applicants. The award recipients were recognized and honored at during the luncheon at the Forum.

Through a blind voting process, Officer Stacie Brown of the Arlington Police Department was selected by the TxIDTF as the 2019 Texas Impaired Driving Safety Champion. As Officer Brown’s name was called aloud, she was met with a thunderous applause and standing ovation from more than 200 of her peers.

Planning for the 2020 Impaired Driving Forum is underway. A date and venue will be announced when it is available.



[▶ Watch the feature video showcasing Officer Stacie Brown.](#)



Welcome!

Welcome to our new members who have joined the Texas Impaired Driving Task Force since January 2019:

Lisa Johnson

*Motorcycle Safety Program Manager,
Texas Department of Transportation*

Amy Calhoun

*Assistant Manager,
Enforcement and Compliance Service
Texas Department of Public Safety*



We're now accepting speaker proposals for the **2020 Texas Impaired Driving Forum.**

Proposals must be submitted online and will be accepted until August 31. All speaker proposals are carefully reviewed for their applicability to the Forum.

Financial assistance is available to help offset the cost of travel for speakers.

[Click here to submit your speaker proposal.](#)

HAPPY Retirement!

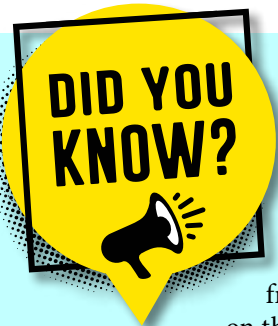
CHERYL GARREN

*Enforcement and Compliance Service Manager,
Texas Department of Public Safety
Retired end of May 2019*

JIM KUBOVIK

*TxDPS Troopers Foundation
Retiring end of September 2019*

Congratulations to both Cheryl and Jim who have had illustrious public service careers! We wish them well in their retirement! Thank you for having served on the TxIDTF!



Representatives from the TxIDTF Administration

participate in 10 traffic safety community coalitions from around the state throughout the fiscal year. This often involves providing brief presentations about impaired driving data respective to each community. It also frequently involves developing infographics and reports based on the data.

The TxIDTF will assist any impaired driving stakeholder who is interested in receiving impaired driving data and analysis. In FY 2020, the TxIDTF has participated in the following coalitions:

- Brazos Valley Injury Prevention Coalition
- Dallas Traffic Safety Coalition
- FACTS Coalition
- Golden Crescent Traffic and Safety Coalition
- Rio Grande Valley Traffic Coalition
- Traffic Jam Coalition

Before the end of FY 2019, representatives from the TxIDTF Administration will participate in another 4 traffic safety community coalitions around the state.



If you know of an organization interested in having a representative from the TxIDTF speak at a coalition meeting or other event, please email p-ericson@tti.tamu.edu.



MEMBER UPDATES

Texas Department of Public Safety

Breath Alcohol Laboratory

The Texas DPS Breath Alcohol Laboratory’s Public Facing Website is now live. The website allows the public to search for quality and technical records related to the Intoxilyzer 9000 as well as Technical Supervisor and Breath Test Operator records. Please see the list below for records available. If you are interested in more information, please contact the Office of the Scientific Director at OSD@dps.texas.gov.

Quality & Technical Records Available:

- BAL Program Documents
- Breath Test Operator Certificate
- Technical Supervisor Certificate
- Statement of Qualifications
- Disclosure Form
- Proficiency Tests
- Instrument Calibration Records
- TS Solution Records
- Thermometer Records
- Laboratory Audits
- Certified Reference Material Records
- Simulator Maintenance Records



Texas A&M Transportation Institute

Every year, the Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI) offers training to Justices of the Peace in partnership with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). TTI’s BAC Reporting Project works to improve blood alcohol concentration (BAC) and toxicology reporting of drivers that are fatally injured as a result of a motor vehicle crash to TxDOT.

To achieve the goal of improving BAC Reporting in the State, TTI will host a free one-day, in-person Summit to educate *NEW* Justices of the Peace on BAC reporting practices.

The Summit is being held on July 26, 2019 in Austin, TX.

To obtain further information and register for the Summit, please follow the link below.

[BAC Reporting Summit](#)

KNOW SOMEONE DESERVING OF A 2020 IMPAIRED DRIVING SAFETY AWARD?

Nominate them today!

Help us recognize those individuals and organizations who go above and beyond the call of duty by nominating them! This is a competitive nomination process. The organization/individual selected as the Texas Impaired Driving Safety Champion will be recognized and honored at the 2020 Texas Impaired Driving Forum.





**NEWSLETTER
ADDITIONS**

If you would like to add anything to the next edition of the newsletter, please send your information to p-ericson@tti.tamu.edu by Friday, July 26, 2019.

JULY

- [Ignition Interlock Training for Law Enforcement](#)
July 10, 2019 | New Caney
- [Drug Impairment Training for Educational Professionals \(DITEP\)](#)
July 15, 2019 | San Angelo
- [Drug Impairment Training for Community Supervision and Parole Officers \(DITTCSPO\)](#)
July 17, 2019 | Conroe
- [Texans Standing Tall's Zero Alcohol for Youth Academy](#)
July 20, 2019 | Houston
- [2019 Drug Impact Conference](#)
July 22, 2019 | San Antonio
- [Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement \(ARIDE\)](#)
July 24-25, 2019 | Fair Oaks Ranch
- [Summit on Improving Blood Alcohol Concentration Reporting in Texas](#)
July 26, 2019 | Austin