



## **Awards Selection Committee Meeting Minutes | October 2, 2019, 1:00 pm**

### **AGENDA**

1. Introductions—Subcommittee members introduced themselves. Sgt. Kevin Harris of the College Station PD is a new member to the committee.

#### **A. Old Business – Lisa**

- a. Lisa reviewed the background on the award criteria that was set last year. These guidelines were sent to all subcommittee members on October 1.

#### **B. New Business – Lisa and subcommittee**

All nominations (11) were discussed in alphabetical order by nominee's last name. Discussion focused on each nominee's activities, how the nominee has impacted and/or reached people in the previous calendar or fiscal year. The subcommittee looked at how each nominee's work has impacted impaired driving in Texas.

Following a lengthy discussion, the subcommittee agreed to move the following nominees forward to the Texas Impaired Driving Task Force for ranking:

1. Susan Cotter, Harris County Sheriff's Office
2. Jaime Esparaza, 34<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney's Office

These nominees' names and agencies will be redacted before being presented to the TxIDTF so that it is a blind vote. The nominee with the greatest number of votes will be recognized as the Texas Impaired Driving Safety Champion; the other nominee will be recognized as the Texas Impaired Driving Difference Maker.

The committee selected the following nominees for Honorable Mention recognition:

1. Samantha Baldwin, Corpus Christi PD
2. Marshal Field, Bryan PD
3. Chief Jonathan Flores, Alton PD

#### **2. Future Business/Timeline**

- Laura will prepare ballots and information about each nominee to be voted on by the TxIDTF at the meeting on October 10, 2019.
- Lisa will present the 2 nominees to the TxIDTF at the meeting on Oct. 10, 2019.
- Winners will be kept confidential until they are notified just prior to the February 2020 Impaired Driving Forum.

**Subcommittee Members in Attendance:**

- Lisa Robinson
- Cecil Marquart
- Kevin Harris
- Laura Mooney (Task Force Administration Representative)

Meeting was adjourned at 1:54 pm.