



Texas Impaired Driving Task Force Meeting Meeting Minutes | February 25, 2021 at 9:00 AM

WELCOME

- Troy Walden welcomed everyone to the virtual TxIDTF meeting.
- Announcement of Paige Ericson-Graber's "retirement."
- Introduced Christine Adams as the new coordinator for the TxIDTF. Christine previously chaired the Northern Nevada Impaired Driving Task Force before moving back to Texas.

NEW BUSINESS

- **2021 Texas Impaired Driving Forum**
 - Troy thanked the TxIDTF for attending the Forum and helping make the event a success. A special "thank you" to the TxIDTF members who presented at the Forum – Clay Abbott, Mark Busbee, Lisa Robinson, Judge Laura Weiser, & David Whitt!
 - Project staff are still gathering attendance numbers and evaluation feedback. Emmy will send a report with this information to the TxIDTF as soon as it is available.
 - Feedback received via the chat room and email is largely positive, with all negative feedback referencing the technical issues experienced in the beginning of the Forum.
 - Troy apologized for any technical issues that occurred.
 - All sessions were recorded, so please go back and watch any presentations you may have missed.
- **2021 Impaired Driving Technical Assessment**
 - Postponed to FY 2022. While the assessment could be done virtually, our NHTSA representative agrees that there is a benefit to hosting in person.
 - SFST and DRE Assessments will also be conducted in FY 2022.
- **2021 Texas Impaired Driving Plan and Review Process**
 - Need to submit Impaired Driving Plan to TxDOT by June 1st.
 - Statutory changes could occur through September 1. If there are any major changes, during the current legislative session, TxDOT is not opposed to an addendum.
 - Project staff will update the Impaired Driving Plan and will send to the TxIDTF for review and comments by the end of March.
 - The TxIDTF need to review and send comments to project staff by April 15th.
 - The Impaired Driving Plan will be the task force's main priority in the coming months. Be on the lookout for correspondence.
- **Preliminary 2020 Impaired Driving Crash Data – Marcie Perez**
 - Marcie reported preliminary CRIS data.
 - Data was updated on Wednesday, February 24.
 - Preliminary data shows 28,035 impaired crashes, 4% (n=1,057) fatal; 6% (n=1,745) serious injury.
 - There was a significant decrease in impaired driving crashes during the month of April due to the Coronavirus lockdown.
 - Both Marcie and Terry cautioned the group that this information is still fluid.
 - Final reports will be published to the TxDOT website in April or May.

- **Smart Start ORBIS Announcement – Debra Coffey & Daryl Grimes**
 - Debra Coffey congratulated Dottie McDonald on her 20th year anniversary!
 - Daryl Grimes, Smart Start COO, introduced a revolutionary new technology that combines the most technologically advanced transdermal alcohol and GPS monitoring technology in a single, attractive, wrist-wearable device.

TXDOT UPDATE – Terry Pence

- Terry thanked Paige for her service on the TxIDTF.
- Terry thanked the TxIDTF for their support and participation at the Texas Impaired Driving Forum.
- Obtain crash data from TxDOT:
 - Request CRIS data: https://www.txdot.gov/apps-cg/crash_records/form.htm
 - 844-CRIS-HLP (844-274-7457)
 - TxDOT crash information requests should go through Jim Hollis, Jim.Hollis@txdot.gov or Larbi Hanni, Larbi.Hanni@txdot.gov
- The last deathless day on Texas roads was November 7, 2000. Please share #EndTheStreakTX.
- TxDOT is reviewing 2022 RFPs.
 - Expect comments and requested modifications between April 5th – April 13th.

SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

- **Legislative Subcommittee Updates – Clay Abbott/Nicole Holt**
 - Clay reported on a list of bills that could have an impact on impaired driving, including marijuana legislation.
 - Nicole reviewed bills related to alcohol to go sales, Sunday sales, home delivery sales and direct to consumer sales (including dry counties).
 - List of bills will be posted to the TxIDTF website; sent to membership via email.
- **Education Subcommittee Update – Amber Trueblood**
 - New iteration of school reference book was finished last year and is available. There is also a condensed reference book available. You can access the reference book on the TxIDTF website.
 - The reference book is being updated with new evidence based and TxDOT funded programs. Updated version will be available in late spring.
- **Awards Selection Subcommittee – Lisa Robinson**
 - Submit Texas Impaired Driving Safety Award nominations for 2022 on the TxIDTF website by September 1, 2021.
- **Research Subcommittee – Tara Wright**
 - Article commentaries/summaries are coming soon! Will be posted to the TxIDTF website and shared with the TXIDTF membership via email.
 - The subcommittee will send article commentaries to authors.

GROUP DISCUSSION: Problem Identification & Prioritization – Amber Trueblood

- Amber reviewed the results of the problem prioritization survey. The top 3 identified impaired driving problems are: 1) DWI recidivism, 2) Drug impaired driving, 3) People not taking impaired driving seriously.

- Amber shared possible solutions identified by the task force for DWI recidivism. After a group discussion, the task force decided the research subcommittee should prioritize reviewing studies that address assessments and recidivism.
- Amber shared possible solutions identified by the task force for drug impaired driving. Three action items were identified by the task force:
 1. Create a drug impaired driving subcommittee. Several members volunteered.
 2. Recruit members of the medical community to join the task force. One goal is to involve medical professionals in the discussion about the dangers of prescription drug use and driving.
 3. Recruit parole/probation partners to participate in the task force. Develop an educational booklet about overall drug use, in all categories, to distribute to departments.

CLOSING & ADJOURNMENT

- Next TxIDTF Meeting: Thursday, October 14, 2021
 - Hybrid Meeting | Norris Conference Center (Austin, TX) + Log-in Details Forthcoming

ACTION ITEMS

- TxIDTF Admin to:
 - Distribute draft meeting minutes
 - Send calendar meeting invite for next meeting
 - Draft summary of Forum activities (submit to TxDOT); distribute to TxIDTF
 - Set up meeting with new drug impaired driving subcommittee

- TxIDTF Members to:
 - Anticipate TxDOT RFP modification to be released in early April
 - Anticipate Texas Impaired Driving Plan review in early April
 - Awards Subcommittee
 - Promote 2022 award nominations
 - Meet in September to discuss nominations before the next TxIDTF meeting
 - Legislative Subcommittee
 - Expected to meet in late April (watch for Doodle Poll)
 - Continue to add and update impaired driving bills list
 - Research Subcommittee
 - Continue reviewing 2 current articles; send commentaries to authors
 - Post 2 completed articles online (Admin)
 - Send articles for review that you would like Subcommittee to consider
 - Education Subcommittee
 - Continue working on new iteration of full reference book for FY 2021

**As always, please collaborate to promote events and information via the Texas Impaired Driving Task Force website and all organizations' social media channels. Thank you all for your continued dedication to reducing impaired driving on our roadways!

List of Upcoming Events

- [SFST Training, March 1, 2021](#) | Willow Park, TX
- [SFST Training, March 2, 2021](#) | San Marcos, TX
- [ARIDE Training, March 1-2, 2021](#) | Denton, TX
 - Registration Deadline: February 15, 2021
- [FRIDAY, March 4, 2021](#) | San Marcos, TX
- [ODC: Safety Breakthrough: Navigating Discussions with Drivers, March 9, 2021](#) | Virtual
- [FRIDAY, March 11, 2021](#) | San Marcos, TX
- [FRIDAY: Disturbing Trends in Alcohol & Drug Abuse, March 16, 2021](#) | Virtual
- [FRIDAY: Disturbing Trends in Alcohol & Drug Abuse, March 24, 2021](#) | Virtual
- [SFST Training, March 25, 2021](#) | Wichita Falls, TX
- [Texas A&M AgriLife RED Program, March 27, 2021](#) | Virtual
 - Email maryjo.prince@ag.tamu.edu by March 22 for registration
- [TMCEC: 2021 Traffic Safety Conference, March 29-31, 2021](#) | Denton, TX
 - TxDOT Program Partners, TxIDTF members, and TxDOT employees are invited to attend. Registration is \$100.
- [ARIDE Training, March 30-31, 2021](#) | Bay City, TX
 - Registration Deadline: March 16, 2021
- [ARIDE Training, March 30-31, 2021](#) | Burleson, TX
 - Registration Deadline: March 17, 2021
- [FRIDAY, March 30, 2021](#) | Jefferson, Texas
- [SFST Training, April 1, 2021](#) | Port Lavaca, TX
- [ARIDE Training, April 6-7, 2021](#) | Deer Park, TX
 - Registration Deadline: March 23, 2021
- [ODC: Safety Breakthrough: Leading Your Team with a Safety Road Map, April 13, 2021](#) | Virtual
- [DRE Recertification, April 13, 2021](#) | Round Rock, TX
 - Registration Deadline: March 30, 2021
- [SFST Training, April 13, 2021](#) | Tarrant County, TX
- [ARIDE Training, April 14-15, 2021](#) | Cedar Park, TX
 - Registration Deadline: March 31, 2021
- [SFST Training, April 16, 2021](#) | Colleyville, TX
- [ARIDE Training, April 21-22, 2021](#) | Southlake, TX
 - Registration Deadline: April 7, 2021
- [Texas A&M AgriLife RED Program, April 24, 2021](#) | Virtual

- Email maryjo.prince@ag.tamu.edu by April 19 for registration
- [ARIDE Training, April 27-28, 2021](#) | Uvalde, TX
 - Registration Deadline: April 13, 2021
- [Lifesavers Conference, April 26-28, 2021](#) | Virtual
- [Annual Education & Technology Expo, June 22-24, 2021](#) | Phoenix, AZ
- [IACP Drugs, Alcohol, and Impaired Driving Conference, August 14-16, 2021](#) | Orlando, FL
- [ATSIP Traffic Records Conference, August 16-20, 2021](#) | Virtual