



2021 Texas Impaired Driving Forum PROGRAM OVERVIEW February 24, 2021 | Virtual

9:00 AM – 9:30 AM **OPENING PLENARY SESSION**

9:00 AM – 9:15 AM Welcoming Remarks – Troy Walden & Michael Chacon

9:15 AM – 9:30 AM Texas Impaired Driving Safety Awards – Lisa Robinson

9:30 AM – 9:45 AM Break

9:45 AM – 10:15 AM **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

<p>Addressing Drunk Driving within the Bexar County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) Sheriff Javier Salazar, Bexar County Sheriff's Office</p> <p>In 2018, two dozen BCSO deputies were arrested, many of them DWI-related. Sheriff Salazar has pushed initiatives with Alcoholics Anonymous within his agency and announced that he will fire employees arrested for DWI. Discussion will include the rationale for this initiative and challenges implementing the program, and program results.</p> <p>Target Audience: Law Enforcement</p>	<p>Nevada: The Impact of Legalized Marijuana on Traffic Safety Shannon Bryant, Nevada Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor, Washoe County Deputy District Attorney</p> <p>Marijuana-impaired driving continues to be a frequently requested topic at the Forum by stakeholders, especially with many marijuana legalization bills already filed for the upcoming Texas legislative session. The speaker will discuss how marijuana legalization has impacted traffic safety in Nevada.</p> <p>Target Audience: Law Enforcement, Education/Prevention, Probation, Toxicology, Prosecutors, Judges</p>	<p>TABC Restaurant/Bar Investigations David Whitt, TABC</p> <p>Police Officer Sheena Yarbrough-Powell of Beaumont PD was killed by a suspected drunk driver in August 2020. The suspected drunk driver is a minor who is believed to have been served alcohol at a local restaurant and bought alcohol at a convenience store.</p> <p>Session will walk us through how TABC investigations of restaurants work if suspected of selling to minors or overserving and what actions restaurants must take to prevent this from happening in the future.</p> <p>Target Audience: Law Enforcement, Prosecutors, Judges, Probation</p>
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10:15 AM – 10:30 AM Break

10:30 AM – 11:00 AM **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

<p>Safe Night in Dallas Jim Mastoras, Co-Owner, Safe Night LLC</p>	<p>Hidden in Plain Sight: Can You Spot Drugs and Alcohol in a Teenager's Room? Lauren Ibekwe, Fort Bend Community Coalition</p>	<p>Presenting Evidence of Executive Function Impairment in Marijuana DWIs. Clay Abbott, DWI Resource</p>
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<p>The Safe Night initiative partners with local bars and restaurants to reduce incidences of impaired driving and has recently partnered with establishments in Dallas. The speaker will discuss how Safe Night promotes responsible management and operation of alcohol licensed establishments to ultimately reduce alcohol-related harm in the Dallas area.</p> <p>Target Audience: Law Enforcement, Education/Prevention, Youth Focus, Probation</p>	<p>During this session, the Fort Bend Community Coalition will present their mock teen bedroom, “Hidden in Plain Sight”, which shows how teenagers can conceal drugs in their room.</p> <p>Target Audience: Education/Prevention, Youth Focus, Probation</p>	<p>Prosecutor, Texas District and County Attorneys Association</p> <p>Session will discuss best practices for presenting evidence in court on Marihuana impairment in DWI cases.</p> <p>Target Audience: Prosecutors</p>
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11:00 – 11:15 AM Break

11:15 AM – 11:45 AM CONCURRENT SESSIONS

<p>How to Spot Counterfeit Driver Licenses Mark Busbee, Texas Municipal Police Association, ADAPT/FRIDAY</p> <p>In Texas, 1 in 4 students have their first alcoholic beverage before the age of 13. Furthermore, 72% of Texas high school students report they have used alcohol in their lifetime. Often times, minors are buying alcohol or being served alcohol by using a fake ID.</p> <p>The session will present on how to recognize a counterfeit ID to help prevent the sale of alcohol to minors.</p> <p>Target Audience: Law Enforcement, Prosecutors, Judges</p>	<p>TAMU Opioid Task Force Chinelo Nsobundu, TAMU Opioid Task Force</p> <p>Discussion to include an overview of the opioid epidemic, an overview of the Texas A&M Opioid Task Force, and the research, education, and community outreach being conducted to curb the problem.</p> <p>Target Audience: Education/Prevention, Law Enforcement</p>	<p>DWI Sentencing Judge Laura Weiser, Texas Center for the Judiciary</p> <p>Presentation on DWI sentencing options, such as pre-trial diversion and deferred adjudication. Additionally, Judge Weiser will discuss the passage of HB 3582, which authorizes judges to grant deferred adjudication community supervision for defendants who commit certain intoxication offenses.</p> <p>Target Audience: Judges</p>
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11:45 AM – 12:00 PM CLOSING REMARKS

11:45 AM – 12:00 PM Closing Remarks – Troy Walden

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