2022 Texas Impaired Driving Forum

Speaker Bios

Troy Walden - Dr. Troy D. Walden has over 30 years invested in highway safety as a law enforcement officer, crash reconstructionist, traffic safety advocate, and impaired driving safety researcher. Walden received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Sam Houston State University in August of 1987. Walden received his Master of Science Degree in Education from Texas A&M University in August of 1999 and his Doctor of Philosophy from Texas A&M University in May of 2005.

Walden began his law enforcement career with the City of College Station (Texas) Police Department in 1988. While there, he served in the Patrol Division as a Sergeant, Recruiting and Training, Special Enforcement, and the Criminal Investigation Divisions. In January 1999, Walden became employed with the Texas A&M University System-Texas Engineering Extension Service as a Law Enforcement Training Program Coordinator. Walden was responsible for training management of the statewide (Texas) impaired driving education program initiatives including the Standardized Field Sobriety Testing and Drug Evaluation and Classification programs.

Presently, Walden is the Director of the Texas A&M Transportation Institute's Center for Alcohol and Drug Education Studies (CADES) that currently resides within the Institute's Center for Transportation Safety.

Michael Chacon - A native of El Paso, Michael graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering in 1993. He is a registered professional engineer in Texas.

Michael Chacon has been with TxDOT for over 27 years and he was appointed the Director of the Traffic Safety Division in October 2016.

He is responsible for overseeing all aspects of the Traffic Safety Division, including the state's Traffic Management System, Traffic Engineering, Policy and Standards, the Texas MUTCD, Speed Zoning, Crash Records and Data Analysis and the Behavioral Traffic Safety Program. These responsibilities include the development and administration of policies, programs, and operating strategies for TxDOT.

Dr. Karl Citek - Dr. Citek is a Professor of Optometry at Pacific University College of Optometry in Forest Grove, Oregon. He received his degrees of Doctor of Optometry and Doctor of Philosophy in Vision Science from the State University of New York College of Optometry in 1993 and 1995, respectively. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry and a member of the American Optometric Association, the Oregon Optometric Physicians Association, the Optical Society of America, and the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology.

In 2006, Dr. Citek was named a DRE Ambassador by the DRE Section of the International Association of Chiefs of Police. In 2012, he was appointed to the Technical Advisory Panel of the DRE Section. Along with colleagues from Pacific University and the Oregon State Police, Dr. Citek has co-authored peer-reviewed papers reviewing the DRE program; confirming that DRE officers can use limited information to form correct opinions regarding drug intoxication; establishing that HGN can be assessed on standing, seated, and supine suspects; and demonstrating that sleep deprivation does not cause impairment clues that would be mistaken for intoxication.

Dr. Citek has been involved in teaching eye signs at the DRE Schools in Oregon, Washington, and Montana, and observing alcohol workshops, certification sessions, and several ride-alongs around the country. He has participated in over 200 presentations to police officers, prosecutors, and judges on HGN and eye movements at regional, national, and international meetings, including several of the IACP Annual DRE Conferences. In addition, he has testified as an expert witness for the prosecution on the admissibility of HGN and DRE evidence at numerous hearings and trials around the U.S.

David Whitesock - David is constantly curious and believes that everything connects. He believes that when we're fully aware of what connects, we can understand the effects and modify the mechanisms in between for a greater good. As Chief Innovation Officer at Face It TOGETHER, it was David's job to design better methods and experiences that can help solve the problem of addiction. Through that lens and with a host of personal and professional experiences, David believes we will solve addiction when we don't solve for addiction. He is dedicated to doing work that advances towards that vision. Along the way, vastly more people will realize their connection to improving the greater good for themselves and others.

Today, David is the Founder and CEO of Commonly Well. Through Commonly Well, David is bringing the Recovery Capital Index to a wider market. He is works with organizations to improve their care experiences, processes, and methods for measuring outcomes to transform lives and communities.

Kathleen Trandahl - Kathleen F. Trandahl, a native of Madison, South Dakota, graduated from Augustana (College) University in 1982, and continued her education at the University of South Dakota School of Law, graduating in 1985. Judge Trandahl began her legal career as a law clerk for the Third Judicial Circuit. In 1986 she became the Deputy State's Attorney for Tripp County in Winner, South Dakota. She also worked in private practice for seven years before becoming the sole proprietor of Trandahl Law Office in 1993. In 1994, Governor Walter Dale Miller appointed Judge Trandahl to the bench for South Dakota's Sixth Judicial Circuit.

Recognizing that the limited tools and resources available to help people with addiction issues were not working effectively, Judge Trandahl participated in the 24/7 Sobriety Program pilot project for Bennett, Tripp and Gregory Counties. She implemented HOPE

Probation in Tripp and Gregory Counties and has worked as a backup judge for the STOP DUI/Drug Court for Hughes and Stanley Counties. She implemented drug court principles in the courtrooms she served in rural parts of the state with limited resources but great need.

Judge Trandahl served as Chair for the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Commission and President of the South Dakota Judges Association, She was a member of the Governor's Commission on the Indian Child Welfare Act and the South Dakota Equal Justice Commission. Judge Trandahl served on numerous committees, including the Strategic Plan Committee, the Project Rural Practice Task Force, the Judicial-Bar Liaison Committee, the Unified Judicial System (UJS) Planning Council and the UJS Jury Orientation Committee.

After retiring in October 2016, Judge Trandahl continues to serve the judiciary as a Contract Judge for the State of South Dakota and as a Special Judge for the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe. She is currently serving on the Special Committee on Judicial Elections Campaign Intervention for the 2022 judicial elections.

Jared Boock - Dr. Jared Boock has been the lead R&D scientist for Cannabix since 2015. He previously served multiple tours as a Chemist with the US Air Force, performing various technical and leadership roles. These include leading field testing programs for the Intelligence Community, developing explosives formulations, and a tour in Afghanistan with Combined Joint Task Force Paladin.

Jermaine Galloway - Now a Texan by choice, Officer Galloway worked in Idaho law enforcement for over 18 years. His various assignments included: alcohol compliance and enforcement, crime scene investigation, DUI task force, officer mentoring, and a field training officer. After playing Division I basketball, and receiving his BA from the University of San Francisco, Jermaine devotes most of his time educating professionals and communities on drug & alcohol prevention and enforcement. Through his company, Tall Cop Says Stop™, he has trained more than 655,000 people nationwide and internationally. He has also conducted more than 8400 community scans at a variety of locations, including retail stores, festivals, and schools. With the help of his wife, Officer Galloway created the Northwest Alcohol Conference. A recent conference in Boise, Idaho attracted more that 400 people from 28 states. Officer Galloway has created several other community-based drug/alcohol prevention programs as well. His program, "High in Plain Sight", a nationally recognized program, provides training and enforcement strategies for community alcohol & drug problems. Jermaine Galloway has published articles in American Police Beat Magazine and various newspapers across the nation. In 2015, his program "You Can't Stop What You Don't Know™" was

highlighted in the book, Clearing the Haze by Dr. Christian Thurstone and Christine Tatum.

Dr. Peter Stout - Dr. Peter Stout is the CEO and president of the Houston Forensic Science Center (HFSC). He has more than 15 years of experience in forensic science and forensic toxicology. Prior to joining HFSC, Dr. Stout worked as a senior research forensic scientist and director of operations in the Center for Forensic Sciences at RTI International. Dr. Stout also has served as president of the Society of Forensic Toxicologists (SOFT). He represented SOFT in the Consortium of Forensic Science Organizations and has participated in national policy debates on the future of forensic sciences in the United States. Dr. Stout has a doctorate in toxicology from the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center in Denver. Dr. Stout also served as an officer in the U.S. Navy Medical Service Corps.

Dr. Bud Zaouk - Dr. Zaouk is the Founder and CEO of KEA Technologies, Inc., a research and development engineering business. He has over 25 years of experience in transportation safety engineering, research, and program management. Dr. Zaouk is the Program and Technical Manager of the Driver Alcohol Detection System for Safety (DADSS), a multi-year research program for the Development of Advanced Alcohol Detection Technology funded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Automotive Coalition for Traffic Safety. He also serves as chair of the DADSS Technical Working Group that acts as a technical advisory board to this effort. He holds B.S. and M.S. degrees in Mechanical Engineering and a D.Sc. in Transportation Safety Engineering from The George Washington University.

Rob Strassburger - Robert Strassburger is a senior automotive association executive with a 38–year track record of successive accomplishment. His comprehensive motor vehicle safety experience includes compliance assurance, crash avoidance, crash worthiness, defect investigations and reporting, and recall remedies.

He currently the President & CEO of the Automotive Coalition for Traffic Safety, Inc. (ACTS), a 35-year-old nonprofit supported by the world's leading light car and truck makers whose mission is to research, educate and promote highway and motor vehicle safety.

Rob began his career as Manager of Combustion System Development and Co-founder of the Combustion and Fuel Research, Inc. (CFR) in Ann Arbor, MI.

He later worked as a Senior Engineer, for Safety and Technology and Manager of Environment and Safety Engineering at Mazda North America. Rob went on to spend a more than a decade as Senior Manager for Environmental Safety and later Director of Government Affairs at Nissan North America, Inc.

Most recently, he was the Vice President for Safety and Harmonization at the Alliance For Automotive Innovation (formerly the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers).

He graduated from the University of Michigan with a B.A. in Mechanical Engineering,

Ryan Hutton - Ryan Hutton is currently assigned to the Missouri State Highway Patrol's training division, as a full-time instructor. He is responsible for the Highway Patrols impaired driving programs and is the director of the Highway Patrol's Drug Recognition Expert program. He has given presentations on drug impairment for the Missouri Office of Prosecution Services, Colorado District Attorneys Council, the New Hampshire Office of Highway Safety, Florida Coalition for Highway Safety and at the National Life Savers Conference. He is the lead Medical Marijuana instructor for the Highway Patrol, Missouri Office of Prosecution Services, University of Central Missouri Police Academy and Missouri Southern State University. He was awarded Officer of the Year in 2013 by Mothers Against Drunk Driving and Trooper of the Year in 2017, by the Law Enforcement Traffic Safety Advisory Council.

Vikram Deivanayagam - Judge Vikram Deivanayagam assumed the bench of County Court at Law #1 on February 2, 2017. In 1993, he graduated magna cum laude from the University of Memphis with a B.B.A. in Finance. Following his graduation from Baylor University School of Law in 1996, he began private practice with the Law Offices of Rod Goble, where he became a partner in 2000. The practice consisted primarily of criminal defense representing juveniles and adults, in Federal and State courts. He became board certified by the State Board of Legal Specialization in Criminal Law in 2007. Along with his wife and three children, Judge Vik is heavily involved in community activities and a member of numerous local civic organizations.

In addition to the normal duties and responsibilities of the County Court at Law #1, Judge Vik, also, presides over the DWI/Drug Court Program. It is a specialty court whose mission is to increase public safety by decreasing DWI and Drug offenses and to hold alcohol and drug offenders accountable by the use of: (1) Judicial Intervention, (2) Intensive Supervision, and (3) Immediate and consistent substance abuse treatment. The ultimate goal is the public safety of our citizens and the return of said offenders to a productive and meaningful life in our community.

Sara Dolan – Sara L. Dolan, Ph.D., is Professor of psychology and neuroscience and the Associate Dean for Research in the Graduate School at Baylor University. She completed her Ph.D. in clinical psychology at the University of Iowa, her clinical internship in the Division of Substance Abuse at Yale University, and her postdoctoral fellowship at Brown University. Her research primarily focuses on neurocognitive function in substance use disorders, posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD), and traumatic brain injury (TBI). She has been working with the McLennan County DWI/Drug Court since 2009, as a team member and Psychologist consultant. In partnership with the Clinical Psychology Doctoral Program at Baylor, Dr. Dolan provides clinical supervision to a doctoral student in Clinical Psychology who provides psychological assessments and treatment services to participants in the program.

Amy Lowrey – Amy Lowrey, MS, LPC-S, LCDC, has experience in clinical mental health, criminal justice and victim services and is the Director of Specialty Courts for McLennan County managing the Veterans' Treatment Court, DWI/Drug Court and Mental Health Court. She serves on the state board of Texas Association Addiction Professionals, is a community volunteer and has served on multiple regional and state advocacy boards and coalitions. Amy is passionate about helping individuals with justice involvement seek recovery through trauma-informed treatment. She completed her MS in Counseling and Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and is a Licensed Professional Counselor-Supervisor and Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor. Amy is married with five amazing children between them.

RaDonna Clark – RaDonna Clark graduated from the University of Missouri St. Louis, with a Bachelor of Science, specializing in Criminal Justice and Psychology. She began her career in community supervision with the McLennan County CSCD in 2017 and has supervised the McLennan County DWI/Drug Court caseload since 2018. In addition, community supervision, RaDonna Instructs Cognitive Education, and DWI Intervention- Repeat Offender Program; Both programs are facilitated in house, at the McLennan County CSCD. RaDonna serves on the McLennan County CSCD Safety Team. Safety Officers assist in new hire's field and weapons training and recertification for current community supervision officers. In 2020, RaDonna was awarded the Joel Bennet award from the Texas Association for Specialty Courts, for "outstanding commitment to helping those in the recovery community". In 2021, RaDonna was appointed by the TASC Board as a representative for Region 1 to serve on the Nominations and Awards Committee.

"I have a passion for people and the promise of change. To experience something new, you must be willing to do something you have never done. Those who are in the cycle of addiction, are lost and broken. Supporting them in recovery means believing in them, until they can believe in themselves. My favorite quote is from Ramona Anderson, [People spend a lifetime searching for peace. They chase idle dreams, addictions, religions, even other people, hoping to fill the emptiness that plagues them. The irony is the only place they ever needed to search was within.]"

"Thank you to our amazing speakers! We appreciate you talking the time to share your knowledge with our audience. Your dedication to reducing harm on our roads ways is sincerely appreciated!" ~2022 Texas Impaired Driving Forum Team