



TxIDTF Prevention Subcommittee Meeting

Meeting Notes | May 22, 2023 @ 1:00pm

Purpose of the meeting: To re-establish a new working group, vision, and goals for this subcommittee within the new structure of the Task Force.

1. Prevention Letter

- The "Prevention Letter" in response to the NHTSA Drug-Impaired Driving Criminal Justice Evaluation Tool was sent out via DocuSign.
- Please sign at your earliest convenience. Christine will send out the letter one more time for review after all signatures have been collected.
- The letter will be an appendix in the 2023 Texas Impaired Driving Plan. The letter will also be sent to NHTSA for consideration.

2. Subcommittee Goals

- Goal 1: Identify and invite key stakeholders in prevention that would benefit from involvement or incorporation to task force activities
- Goal 2: Review and discuss relevant traffic safety documents related to the Task Force as needed (impaired driving plan, SHSP, NHTSA recommendations)
- Goal 3: Keep up to date with the state of the practice, trends, and local issues that impact prevention issues
- Goal 4: Share lessons learned, recommendations, and strategies to enhance prevention efforts across the state

3. Recruitment Strategies

- Create a list of contacts to invite to present at the subcommittee/task force meeting OR join the task force membership
 - School Board Members, ISD Board Members, TEA, Teen Courts
- SRO Assessment Recommendation: Promote and support placement of school resource officers (SROs) in schools throughout Texas.
 - Invite TASRO contacts to help better understand this issue: Zach Duer zduer@huntsvilletx.gov & Stephanie Duer sduer@esc6.net936.435.8284
 - Nicole has contacts from the school boards for consideration

4. Needs from the Task Force

- Help disseminate information, specifically TxDOT impaired driving communications
- Help establish partnerships with professional organizations/associations and corporations
- Help identify relevant stakeholders to disseminate information/resources to and to get information/resources from

5. Other Issues/Concerns/Thoughts

- Issue 1: Polysubstance use roadblocks
 - Polysubstance use is identified as a community issue but difficult to get funding to address it, given many of Texas' policies and attitudes towards illicit substances
 - Where can we look for data on the issue? Where can we look to for a better understanding of polysubstance use?
 - <https://www.samhsa.gov/data/release/2021-national-survey-drug-use-and-health-nsduh-releases>
 - <https://aaafoundation.org/use-of-potentially-impairing-medications-in-relation-to-driving-united-states-2021/>
- Issue 2: Duplicating outreach efforts
 - There may be some duplication of outreach efforts with the implementation of the TxDOT strategic plan. TxDOT subgrantees must contact all jurisdictions with certain crash criteria. There could be a lot of overlap and overwhelming for stakeholders being contacted.
 - Are we contacting the same people? Why are we not getting results from contacting these jurisdictions?
 - There is an opportunity to cross collaborate. For example, if a school is requesting a presentation on a day that is unavailable for the program, they can refer another prevention program with similar goals.
 - Work together to identify gaps and strengths in programs and combine resources. Example, one program may be on a community level but could use some help from another program working on a peer-to-peer level.

6. Next Steps

- Review and discuss the 2023 Texas Impaired Driving Plan (expected to be complete by end of June)
- Summer meeting schedule – June or July? Be on the lookout for a Doodle Poll.

Subcommittee Members Present:

- Lisa Minjares, Texas A&M Transportation Institute (Chair)
- Nina Saint, SafeWay Driving Systems
- Kara Thorp, AAA
- Ben Smith, AgriLife Extension Service
- Dr. Charles Mathias, UT Health San Antonio
- Amy Moser, Education Service Center Region 6
- Dannell Thomas, Education Service Center Region 6
- Nicole Holt, Texans for Safe and Drug-Free Youth

Subcommittee Members Not Present:

- April Ramos, National Safety Council
- Debra Marable, MADD
- Emma Dugas, MADD
- Sarah Martinez, Travis County Underage Drinking Prevention Program
- Katie Mueller, National Safety Council