



## TxIDTF Prevention Subcommittee Meeting

### Meeting Notes | February 15, 2024 @ 4:00pm

1. Lisa introduced herself as the Chair of the committee and reviewed the subcommittee goals as they apply to the Texas Impaired Driving Task Force.
  - 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
2. MADD Presentation – Emma Dugas
  - Mission: No More Victims
  - Encourage appropriate language when talking about impaired driving. Using the word “crash” instead of “accident”
    - Accidents are not preventable; crashes are both preventable and avoidable.
  - Walk Like MADD is the signature fundraiser event. Occurs in multiple regions throughout Texas.
  - MADD facilitates Victim Impact Panels for misdemeanor offenses. Goal is to create empathy for the victims of impaired driving crashes.
    - Offered in-person and virtually (depending on location)
  - Victim Services Overview
    - 24-hour hotline
    - Crisis intervention
    - Bereavement services
    - Judicial system support
    - Financial resources
    - Assistance with victim impact statement (resource guide)
    - Victim compensation fund
    - Support groups
    - Speaking opportunities
    - Legal advocacy
    - Community outreach
  - Take the Wheel – funded by TxDOT
    - Enlist the help of community partners to eliminate impaired driving in the state
    - Community outreach at: community health fairs, teen driver safety fairs, virtual town halls
  - Underage Drinking Program (includes cannabis and prescription drugs)
    - Power of Parents: teaches parents on how to start the conversation around underage drinking and substance use

- Power of You(th) (middle and high school): dangers of underage drinking and other drugs, how to be prepared when in unsafe situations, how to say no to getting in car with an impaired driver
  - Power of Me (elementary school age): alcohol youth prevention
  - Texas Teen Influencer Program (high school): encourages youth not to drink until they are 21
  - Law Enforcement Support
    - Outreach, recognition, and roundtables
  - Campaign to Eliminate Drunk Driving
    - Holiday campaigns & activation activities throughout the year
3. Travis County Underage Drinking Prevention Program Presentation – Terry Wilt
    - Sarah Martinez is managing this TxDOT grant
      - Terri and Sue go out and train together in the community
      - Travis County Constable Precinct 1: Asst. Chief Steve De Abiva also speaks in the schools with the team
        - Former 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher and fluent in Spanish
    - Free anti-DWI/alcohol awareness presentations and information booths to the Travis, Hays, and Williamson County communities. Mostly in Health and PE classes.
      - Reached over 44,000 people in FY2023
      - High Risk Times: Spring Break, Prom, and Graduation
    - Host an Underage Drinking Prevention task force, which is comprised of social service, law enforcement, and other agencies and individuals, including TxDOT, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, the Travis County Sheriff's Office, the City of Austin Police Department, area school districts, local colleges and universities, and health care providers. Meetings are held on a regular basis.
    - More information: <https://www.traviscountytexas.gov/county-attorney/underage-drinking-prevention>
  4. 2024 Texas Impaired Driving Plan Update
    - Christine provided an update on the IDP discussion at the TxIDTF meeting next week. Please review the section that was sent to you to prepare for the discussion.
  5. Future Task Force Meeting Presentation
    - Christine noted that Prevention subcommittee will be in rotation at the April meeting.
  6. 2025 Forum Planning
    - To be discussed at the next subcommittee meeting.

#### **Subcommittee Members**

- Nina Saint, SafeWay Driving Systems – present
- Lisa Minjares, Texas A&M Transportation Institute – Youth Transportation Program - present
- Sarah Martinez, Travis County Underage Drinking Prevention Program - absent
- April Ramos, National Safety Council – Our Driving Concern - present
- Katie Mueller, National Safety Council – Our Driving Concern - absent
- Debra Marable, Mothers Against Drunk Driving - present
- Emma Dugas, Mothers Against Drunk Driving - present
- Nicole Holt, Texans for Safe and Drug-Free Youth – present
- Kara Thorp, AAA – absent
- Guest: Terry Wilt, Travis County Underage Drinking Prevention Program - present