



## TxIDTF Prevention Subcommittee | Meeting Notes December 4, 2024 @ 11:00am

1. NHTSA Recommendation: Promote and support placement of school resource officers (SROs) in schools throughout Texas.
  - Overview: While placement of SROs is up to individual school districts, the Prevention Subcommittee can support these officers by providing resources and programming.
  - Action Steps:
    - Identify SRO leadership to attend a prevention subcommittee meeting to discuss issues they face, their role in preventing impaired-driving, and how resources can be utilized to support their efforts to deter alcohol and drug use amongst students.
      - Focus on finding an SRO representative with a prevention mindset, as SROs are typically more punitive than prevention-focused.
        - Contact Texas State for training information. Nicole to reach out or share contact details.
      - Explore presenting or sharing a table at the [SRO Conference](#) (July 6-11, 2025, Grapevine, TX). Deadline to apply is Feb 15, 2025.
    - Another idea: Transportation training for parking spot lottery at Round Rock HS through ODC LMS. If successful at a large school, the initiative could be expanded to a district-wide level.
2. NHTSA Recommendation: Increase collaboration and integrate the prevention efforts and strategies of local traffic safety programs (e.g., Safe Communities Coalitions) with the strategies of local underage drinking and substance abuse prevention coalitions.
  - Overview: There is a gap between community traffic safety coalitions and youth prevention coalitions. The goal is to bridge this divide.
  - Ideas for Moving Forward:
    - Create an infographic/fact sheet that will align the goals of traffic safety programs and local underage/substance youth prevention coalitions. Align prevention strategies with NHTSA's Countermeasures That Work.
      - Broader focus on behavioral and mental health issues, beyond just substance use and underage drinking.
      - List of stakeholders to invite, along with reasons for their inclusion.
      - SAMSHA guiding principles aligned with NHTSA Countermeasures.
3. Cross-Collaboration Opportunity with Cannabis & Alcohol Subcommittee (TABLED)
  - Public education regarding the combined use of alcohol and hemp-derived products.
    - Many well-intentioned individuals may inadvertently consume both substances without realizing the potential for intensified effects and heightened risks.

### Next Steps:

- February Meeting: Schedule early February meeting for updates and progress.
- Look into SRO Conference

**Subcommittee Members**

- Nicole Holt, Texans for Safe and Drug-Free Youth – Present
- Debra Marable, Mothers Against Drunk Driving – Present
- Sarah Martinez, Travis County Underage Drinking Prevention Program – Present
- April Ramos, National Safety Council – Our Driving Concern – Present
- Nina Saint, SafeWay Driving Systems – Present
- Kara Thorp, AAA – Present
- DeAnn Crane, National Safety Council – Our Driving Concern
- Emma Dugas, Mothers Against Drunk Driving