TEXAS IMPAIRED DRIVING TASK FORCE

TxIDTF Education & Prevention Subcommittee| Notes
October 21, 2026

1. Task Force Announcements
    - Nicole Holt shared information on the virtual TxSDY 2026 Statewide Summit
        i. Two sessions of interest: Cannabis and Alcopops
    - Nicole also shared information on the TxSDY Advocacy Day: February 16, 2027
    - First TxIDTF meeting on November 12, 2026
        i. Emma is on the agenda for report out
    - Development of two new initiatives:
        i. National Coalition of Impaired Driving Task Force Administrators
        ii. Identification or development of Texas Regional Impaired Driving Task Forces
2. NHTSA Recommendation: Support School Resource Officers
    - Annual Texas Association of School Resources (TASRO) School Safety Conference
    - July 12-15 in Corpus Christi
    - Call for Presenters 2027
        i. Due by February 15, 2027
        ii. Application: Fill out a lesson plan
        iii. Propose a panel discussion: Members money for travel (Corpus Christi)
        iv. Panel focus: resources available from organizations; loopholes/policy gaps; educational opportunities that can be shared at the school level
        v. Draft application ready by December meeting; finalize at the February meeting to be held before February 15, 2027.
3. NHTSA Recommendation: Support Safe Communities Coalitions/traffic safety programs in integrating underage drinking and substance abuse prevention initiatives
    - Collaborative fact sheets – Drafts
        i. Drafts look great! No feedback from the subcommittee members.
        ii. Courtney will distribute for additional revisions – Due Wednesday, October 28
        iii. THC + Alcohol subcommittee to review Due by Friday, October 30 (Christine to distribute Monday, October 26)
        iv. Ravonne to introduce Jaime White, AAA to Christine for TxIDTF inclusion
    - Subcommittees to review and provide feedback by October 30; finalized content will be routed through TTI Communications for design work.
        i. Underage Alcohol / Drug-Impaired Driving (Focus on Cannabis)
        ii. Adult Alcohol / Drug-Impaired Driving (Focus on Cannabis)
4. 2026 Impaired Driving Program Assessment Priority Recommendations – Prevention
    - Provide additional authority and resources to allow the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission to increase their efforts in educating the public and enforcing the laws on the sale of consumable hemp products.
        i. TABC can only can enforce CHP rules on alcohol establishments
        ii. Prevention sub to educate the public on cannabis
        iii. Nicole and Christine to potentially meet with TABC to present this recommendation

- Study the potential impact of creating an excise tax on consumable hemp products in Texas to support treatment, evaluation, and prevention efforts.
    i. TxIDTF Admin to research excise tax on cannabis legal states and hemp states. Once complete, connect with Nicole to add to alcohol excise tax. Research shows excise tax improves traffic safety and curbs use.
    ii. *Alcohol No Ordinary Commodity* (book) and *Cannabis: Moving Forward and Protecting Health* (excise tax)
    iii. Point of sale tax (Check Maryland)
- Recruit leadership from the Texas treatment and mental health communities to serve on the Texas Impaired Driving Task Force.

Reminders:

1. Task Force Meeting Schedule – Next Meeting on November 12th
2. Meeting Schedule – Next meeting in December

Subcommittee Members

- Emma Dugas, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (Chair) - present
- Nicole Holt, Texans for Safe and Drug-Free Youth - present
- Natalie Paulus, Mothers Against Drunk Driving
- Sarah Martinez, Travis County Underage Drinking Prevention Program
- April Ramos, National Safety Council – Our Driving Concern
- Nina Saint, SafeWay Driving Systems
- Missy Williams, Texas SFST
- Ravonne McCray, Texas A&M AgriLife – Watch UR BAC - present
- David Murphy, DITEP / ADAPT / FRIDAY

TxIDTF Admin:

- Courtney Hrncir – present
- Christine Adams – present