

Impaired Driving Task Force Meeting

Meeting Details

Date and Time: April 27, 2016; 11:00 A.M.

Location: TBI Headquarters, Conference Room 3; 901 R.S. Gass Blvd. Nashville, TN 37216

Attendees

1. Jason Ivey - THSO
2. Amanda Brown-THSO
3. Kim Van Atta- THSO
4. Chris Broome - NHTSA, Region 4
5. Shawn Johnson - Hamilton County (in place of Lila Statom)
6. Rod Bragg – TDMHSHS, Task force member
7. Chris Osbourn, TDOSHS, Task force member
8. Trooper Joseph Tim Massengill, THP
9. Megan Buell, TDOSHS
10. Maggi Duncan – TACP, Task force member

Agenda

Welcome and Introductions
Lunch
Changes to THSO in 2016
Task Force Membership
 Replacing members
 New Members
Proposed Charter
NHTSA Perspective
FY17 Impaired Driving Strategic Plan
Beyond the FY17 Strategic Plan
 Data
 Responsibilities
 3 or 5 year
 Meetings
New Program Areas for FY 17 405 Application
 24/7
 Ignition Interlock

Discussion

- Welcomed by Jason
 - Introductions
 - Jason Ivey
 - Added title of interim director, Tennessee Highway Safety Office (THSO)
 - 16 years of service
 - 3 functions - supervision, program manager, train program managers in our office to oversee
 - Chris Broome

- Regional Program Manager, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)
 - Two years as Tennessee's Regional Program Manager
 - 15 years of service
- Kim Van Atta
 - Program Manager, Tennessee Highway Safety Office
 - Eight years with the Tennessee Highway Safety Office
 - Traffic Records Coordinator
- Amanda Brown
 - Public Information Officer, Tennessee Highway Safety Office
 - Two years
 - Grantee for five years previous to employment at THSO
- Rod Bragg
 - Assistant Commissioner, Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services
 - Original member since 2013
- Megan Buell
 - Director of Communications, Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security
 - Prior Governor's Highway Safety Office Public Information Officer
 - Prevention advocate for ten years in Tennessee
 - May replace Jennifer Donnals on the Impaired Driving Task Force
- Chris Osbourn
 - Traffic Records, Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security
 - 10 years of service
- Tim Massengill
 - Trooper, Tennessee Highway Patrol
 - 19 years of service
 - Started with Ignition Interlock in August of 2015
 - May replace Ehrin Ehlert on the Impaired Driving Task Force
 - Shared personal experiences with drunk driver head on collisions
- Shawn Johnson
 - Stand in for Lila Statom
 - Many roles and many responsibilities held as it pertains to impaired driving in Hamilton County
- Maggi Duncan
 - Executive Director of the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police (TACP)
 - TACP is professional and leadership development for law enforcement
 - TACP is involved heavily in public policy and does a bulk of lobbying for Chiefs of Police
 - Engaged with national level as needed
 - Original member
- Lunch
- Changes to THSO in 2016

- Director's retirement
 - Early January – Kendell Poole resigned
- Timeline of Events
 - Management of THSO (formerly the Governor's Highway Safety Office) was told they would be moving over to the Department of Safety and Homeland Security as of April 1, 2016, by Joe Galbato, Deputy Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Transportation
 - On March 23, 2016, Commissioner Gibbons met with the THSO management team
 - Announced Jason Ivey would be the Interim Director of THSO
 - On March 31, 2016, Commissioner Gibbons and some of his staff came over to meet the entire staff with some of his staff
 - These meetings laid groundwork to answer questions and allay anxiety
 - Still waiting on a Director to be appointed
- Impaired Driving Task Force
 - Mandate of MAP-21
 - Mandated if a state is between .30 and .60 impaired driving fatality rate
 - Tennessee is at .36
 - At the beginning of MAP-21, THSO came to you all, we crafted a document, and you provided feedback. Then we added to the Highway Safety Plan.
 - Different Regional Program Manager
 - Guidance from that Program Manager stated that would work
 - That is not going to work now
 - MAP-21 ended without a new bill, which put certain aspects in limbo
 - Asked NHTSA for clarification if this would still be a requirement with the new funding bill
 - Got an answer in late February 2016
 - Needed a fast turnaround
- Changes in terms of grants
 - As grantees, the only thing to change would be name of agency in your contracts with this transition.
- Task Force Membership
 - Positions that currently need to be filled
 - Bruce Behringer – retired
 - No representation from Department of Health
 - Chris Osbourn has an individual in mind for this position
 - Jenifer Donnals – new position
 - Proposed to take this position
 - Megan Buell
 - Ehrin Elbert – new position
 - Proposed to take this position
 - Trooper Terry Seay
 - Trooper Tim Massengill
 - No quorum to vote on this at this time
 - New/open positions for Task Force
 - Based on number the task force currently has, we cannot accomplish what needs to be done

- Jason Ivey suggested that the DUI Court may have a good name to suggest as a member for the Task Force
- Rod Bragg stated he could provide the names of all DUI courts
- Maggi Duncan stated that Tom Kimball is a tremendous asset. Someone in the trenches, someone in a bigger, urban area may see trending items
- Jason Ivey proposed that a DUI Prosecutor suggested by Tom Kimball or someone who handles primarily DUI cases may be a good option
- Maggi Duncan stated it is smart to look ahead for trends that are coming
- Maggi Duncan also suggested that the Task Force adds TACP and the Sherriff's Association to this category because they promote legislation
- Law Enforcement
 - The Task Force currently has Terry Ashe, Maggi Duncan, Richard Holt, and Colonel Tracy Trott
 - Richard Holt serves as LEL Administrator as well as the Drug Recognition Expert Statewide Coordinator for Tennessee
 - Proposed a member from larger law enforcement agency (i.e. Metro Nashville, Shelby Co)
 - Megan Buell proposed a representative from Shelby County as they see crime trends occurring first
 - Maggi Duncan suggested Memphis Police Department as they started using analytics
 - Jim Harvey:
 - Currently Deputy Chief over Information Technology Unit
 - Runs Blue CRUSH (Memphis' analytics software)
 - Probably have a colonel over a DUI unit that could be involved.
 - Amanda Brown suggested the Task Force could ask Frank Sousoulas since he is a network coordinator for THSO.
 - Maggi Duncan stated that Jim Harvey would be retiring soon but could be kept on a consultant
 - Jason Ivey proposed also Metro Nashville Police along with Memphis Police Department
 - Megan Buell proposed to look at the regions of Tennessee
 - Utilize someone from each of the four regions since not every region sees the same trends and increases
 - Cities:
 - Memphis
 - Nashville

- Knoxville
 - Chattanooga
- Chris Broome gave some guidance for the strategic plan
 - Make it a quick read
 - Bring groups together with something in common (i.e. grant money)
- Sharmila Patel will put together 405 application
 - Tennessee likes for NHTSA to review
 - NHTSA gives feedback who office gives feedback
 - THSO makes changes or adjustments,
 - NOTE: This is separate from 154 AL penalty money awarded
 - A group of individuals (several regional NHTSA individuals and some NHTSA individuals from headquarters) look for references to of the Highway Safety Program Guideline No. 8 and the FAST Act
- Jason Ivey stated that to get a complete strategic plan, we need the categories
 - It allows enough individuals to get vote as well as the job done
 - Subordinates for Task Force members can also be brought in to help implement some of the work
 - This will create a more robust strategic plan
- Communication
 - Covered with the current proposed members to replace Jennifer Donnals
- Forensic Science
 - Jason Ivey proposed a representative from Tennessee Bureau of Investigation be added to the Task Force
 - Samera Zavarro would be a good possible member or could propose someone who would be
- Driver's License
 - The Task Force currently has Michael Hogan
 - May need a subordinate to also come to meetings but no one else proposed for the Task Force
- Treatment and Rehabilitation
 - The Task Force currently has Rod Bragg
 - May need a subordinate to also come to meetings but no one else proposed for the Task Force
- Probation and Parole:
 - The Task Force currently has Chuck Taylor
 - May need a subordinate to also come to meetings but no one else proposed for the Task Force
- Traffic records:

- Health Care
 - Advocacy and Multicultural Groups
 - Media
 - Institutions of Higher Education
 - Military
- Past Assessment
 - Ellen Abbott with Rod Bragg at the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services was involved in past assessment
 - Need to see some improvements in application from the past assessment
 - May not show progress in all areas, but can show progress in:
 - Data
 - Communication
 - Directly or indirectly proposed legislation
- The Task Force cannot craft the document due to the tight timeframe
- More comprehensive strategic plan meetings on regular basis will help with this timeframe in the future
- The Task Force and individuals crafting the Strategic Plan can pull from last year's impaired driving plan
 - Can also pull information from other agencies if necessary
- State shows how the Task Force makes progress because of their meetings
- FY17 Impaired Driving Strategic Plan
 - Overview of the strategic plan process
 - THSO will do majority of the work to craft the plan
 - Three-year plan will be developed
 - Bare bones
 - Not deep and robust
 - More will be developed as regular meetings occur
 - The Task Force will come together, use the document and revise/amend it
 - Florida's Impaired Driving Strategic Plan will be used as the template as it pertains to headings, outline, etc.
- Beyond the FY17 Strategic Plan
 - Data
 - THSO primarily uses Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security data
 - THSO has partners who use other data sources
 - Conversation with other data set holders
 - How can we mesh and use these data sources to the Task Force's advantage?
 - Could some of this data be kept from certain people?
 - Amanda Brown suggested the Task Force looks at Emergency Management Services Data from hospitals
 - Chris Osbourn stated that there was other data the Task Force could use
 - Other task forces could have potential data as well
 - Prescription Drug Abuse Task Force - Governor's initiative
 - Tennessee Medical Association

- Amada Brown inquired about the delay in when these photos are sent in
- Trooper Massengill stated a report was sent every 30 days

- Meeting adjourned

Next Meeting

Date and Time: May 25th, 2016; 11:00 AM

Location: TBI Conference Room 3