

Impaired Driving Task Force Meeting

Meeting Details

Date and Time: July 20, 2016; 11:00 A.M.

Location: Hermitage Metro Nashville Precinct; 3701 James Kay Lane, Hermitage, TN 37076

Attendees

1. Richard Holt
2. Michael Joffre
3. Charles Lowery, Jr.
4. Carroll E. Owen, Jr.
5. Leon Burns
6. Stephanie Krivcher
7. Terry Ashe
8. Rob Seesholtz
9. Chuck Taylor
10. Terry Seay
11. Tony Barham
12. Joseph T. Massengill
13. Tom Kimball
14. Sarah Hurst
15. Barry Williams
16. Brian Evans
17. Michael Gilliland
18. Jason Ivey
19. Samera Zavarro
20. Michael Hogan
21. Chris Osbourn
22. Kyle Anderson
23. Arriale Tabson
24. Megan Buell
25. Rod Bragg
26. Chris Broome
27. Kate Ritchie
28. Sharmila Patel
29. Michelle Consiglio-Young

Agenda

Welcome

Adoption of May Minutes

Revisions

Jason Ivey starts the discussion with the previous minutes

Rob Seesholtz has a revision:

"Some" hospitals are required to test for alcohol in the system of an individual

Terry Ashe motions to adopt the minutes

Samera Zavarro seconds

All in favor; motion carries

Guest and New Member Introductions

Tom Kimball introduces Barry Williams – guest

Hired as new TSRP for TNDAGC

Judge Leon Burns - guest

Judicial Outreach Liaison

Communicates to the judges and brings judges' attitudes and input to light

In March he presented to circuit court judges on ignition interlock

Jason introduces the new Tennessee Highway Safety Office Public Information Officer

Arriale Tabson came from TDOCI – identity theft and spam awareness

Jason Ivey asks the local Law Enforcement Task Force members introduce themselves

Capt. Carroll Owen – Shelby County Sheriff Office

Officer over Patrol Support Services

About 400 people

Mike Joffre (guest) is over impaired driving – RIID

Lt. Brian Evans – Knoxville Police Department

19 years in Knoxville

Previously from Columbia, South Carolina

Traffic Services Coordinator

Grants, DUIs, etc.

Trooper Sarah Hurst – taking Sgt. Seay's position

Reminders

Strategic plan was voted on since the last meeting

Three new members:

Stephanie Krivcher – Nomination came from Kyle Anderson

DUI Probation Officer with Metro Nashville

Capt. Charles Lowery

Hamilton County Sheriff Office

40th year with the Sheriff Office

Traffic Division

Writes grants

Lt. Mike Gilliland

Metro Nashville Police Department

Traffic Section Commander

DUI unit, 2 crash teams

The only member not met is Colonel Patricia Burnett

Jason Ivey now believes the task force is whole; the energy and networking is becoming obvious in this group

Updates

To create a set of milestones or markers

Could be homework or we could flesh out today

Foundation is the Impaired Driving Strategic Plan, but now we can measure items each time we get together

Updates from the Membership

Chris Osbourne

Adding reports to tracker

TITAN updates coming

Richard Holt

DRE class is going on; finishing up academic part tomorrow

Impaired driving is not going away

Parameters are limited for impaired driving (time wise - peak hours)

Need to be active outside peak hours and be proactive to get the personnel out when they are needed

LELs are working with local law enforcement

LEL Brenda Jones is working with Operation Grizzly Bear in Shelby County

Chuck Taylor

New Commissioner – Tony Parker

Corrections has a lot to do with the Public Safety Plan

We are currently looking at new risk needs assessment tool– determine an offender's propensity to offend

Working with judges about graduated sanctions

Michelle Consiglio-Young

Worked on two new forms

Order for restricted license

Expanding to transdermal devices

On back of form – guidelines to determine indigency

Gone out to all judges

DUI Enhancement Form

Notice of increase to DUI offenses

Brian Evans

Issues for the Knoxville area

Fatalities have risen steeply

Joint saturations with THP in the region

Up a little over 60% in the last year

Opioid issues rather than alcohol

Officers are good at determining alcohol; but not the opioids
that are now a big problem

Jason Ivey brought up the following items

Differences in the funding sources of 405 and 154

Trying to work on the problem Richard brought up about peak hours

Leon Burns

Hope to work on program – rapid referral program (judge in Vermont model)

Get an assessment after an offense occurs

Judge looks at assessment and makes referrals as a condition of bond before
processing

Samera Zavaro

Breath alcohol testing will not see drugs

If a BAC is under .08 and no reason is noticed, skip blood alcohol and go straight
to drug screening

Reduces bottleneck

PBT's are not certified by TBI

Mike Gilliland

Close to 10-15 percent increase in the last 2 years

Stopping tons of Uber and Lyft drivers

40 – 45% of all fatalities include alcohol but don't know why as they are not finding DUIs
as much

Looking at changes to the hours of the DUI unit

Limited with the grant

MTA did a survey recently on the best mass transit options

Kate Ritchie

Thanked Michelle Consiglio-Young for her work on the forms

She has been working on a one page of information for ignition interlock laws, but it
may not be needed due to the forms from Michelle (duplication of effort)

MADD supports victims and asked members to send referrals

Tony Barham

Asked Chris Osbourn to talk about THPs National IACP Awards

Chris Osbourne

THP was awarded the following:

State Police – Highway Patrol 501-1,500 officers – 1st place

Special Award Category – Traffic Incident Management

Special Award Category – Technology

Tough year for fatalities (currently around +59)

Up in DUI arrests, total citations, and seat belt citations

Up in multiple fatality crashes and head-on collisions in the middle of the day

Five counties make up a large percentage of the crashes

Distracted driving is an attributing factor

Rod Bragg asked if fatalities were looked at in terms of increasing population

Chris Osbourn: they do that, but a rate cannot be calculated until the Vehicle

Miles Traveled data comes out

There will be a Pedestrian Summit on August 3rd at the THP Training Center

Jason Ivey introduces Chris Broome – NHTSA Region 4 Program Manager

Chris Broome

Great week of meetings for laying down the transition from the Tennessee Department of Transportation to the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland

Security for the Tennessee Highway Safety Office

Shares with the membership the Uniform Guidelines Number 8 (for impaired driving)

Tennessee gets a lot of impaired driving money

Task Force needs to look at Guideline #8

Chris gives an example of the seatbelt review to explain the importance of following Guideline #8

Back to Membership Updates

Terry Seay

Wants opportunities to talk about the Ignition Interlock program

100 Ignition Interlock facilities in the State

Nashville District has 36 facilities

Joseph T. Massengill

Started working with Ignition Interlock since August of last year

The issue of ignition interlock is personal to him

Lots of participants in probation need to be monitored

Stephanie Krivcher acknowledges that there is a breakdown in communication

Michael Hogan

Training of supervisors about older drivers and deterioration of driving skills

Focus on GDL

Mike Gilliland talks about the popularity of the teen driver program that now has a waiting list

Tony Barham pointed out fact that the state currently is +11 in teen drivers involved in fatal crashes

Michael Joffre

Shelby County is high in one car accidents from either texting or intoxicated drivers

Shelby County Sheriff's Office alone has given 22,000 texting tickets

The sheriff of the Shelby County Sheriff's Office is a big advocate of the MADD program

Jason Ivey reminded the task force of the scope of the impaired driving task force.

Megan

Awareness campaign for offenders of alcohol violence is being promoted

Enforcement, as well as treatment, plays a huge part

On target to make big strides as it comes to the laws

Fatality rates are up; but so are arrest rates

Rob Seesholtz

Drop in opioid prescriptions

In assessments, they are noticing patients admitting marijuana use

Kyle Anderson

Discusses the complexity of winning DUI trials

Specialized task forces are good and provide useful resources

Tom Kimball

North Dakota vs. Birchfield

Will be working to revise the implied consent form

Hopefully will be distributed soon

McCormick Case

Officers can participate in community caretaking and make arrests if needed

TNDAGC's legislative committee is pulling together proposals for next year

Praised the DUI Prosecutors; they are spread across the state, but they are great

Barry Williams

Gives an example of how the law works in China as it pertains to a person under the influence killing someone or endangering them

Rod Bragg

Reiterates the state's problem with opioids

Seeing an increase in heroin use but starting to see a slight decrease in the last year and a half in prescription usage

However prescription opioids are seen particularly in the rural areas in east Tennessee

Heroin is seen in the suburbs and urban areas

Received \$1.27 million for new drug courts

First one is almost up and running in Carter Co.

Problem is finding judges who are dedicated to recovery courts and additional workload

Terry Ashe

Emphasizes the importance of having Judge Burns as the JOL

Discusses the overcrowding issue in county jails

Discusses the problems law enforcement are seeing from the public due to recent events and what this means for traffic stops

Carroll Owen, Jr.

Enforcement efforts are "through the roof"

Enforcement activities every week

The crashes they are working are someone running into the back end of someone else

Not paying attention

A discussion occurs on the issue of blood draws and breathalyzers

Jason Ivey proposes a question on what we should expect going forward, milestones, etc.

A discussion on data correlation occurs

Can collectively determine these in the future

Meeting adjourned

*Prepared by Shandi Smith