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Connecticut Impaired Driving Strategic Plan



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Executive Summary

MISSION STATEMENT OF THE IMPAIRED DRIVING TASK FORCE

The mission of the Connecticut Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force is to save lives and reduce injuries due to impaired driving on Connecticut roadways through program leadership, innovation, and facilitation of effective partnerships with public and private organizations.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

On March 14, 2013, the first meeting of the Connecticut Impaired Driving Task Force was conducted. The purpose of this forum was to bring together area highway safety stakeholders and develop comprehensive strategies to prevent and reduce impaired driving behavior. The major emphasis areas were determined, including data driven problem identification, strategies for identifying problems and target groups, plans for measuring progress and outcomes, steps to achieve stakeholder input and participation, and sustainable solutions. The Task Force members are from a variety of disciplines ranging from State and local law enforcement to civilian safety advocates. Several initiatives were identified as short and long term performance goals. The core components of the proposed strategies included increased high visibility enforcement efforts, successful prosecution, educational training, public awareness, and establishment of “best practices”.

On September 23, 2013, the Connecticut Governor’s Highway Safety Representative officially established the Connecticut Impaired Driving Task Force and granted the Task Force authority to address the detrimental effects of driving under the influence on State roadways. The Task Force shall be composed of key stakeholders from a variety of transportation, law enforcement and other related backgrounds and disciplines. The chairman shall set the agenda for the Task Force meetings. The Task Force shall review existing Connecticut data, laws and programs to improve current or develop new impaired driving initiatives. The Department of Transportation shall provide all administrative support required by the Task Force.

The data driven approach to crime and safety principles will have a substantial role in the overall identification of the degree impaired driving impacts Connecticut roads, residents and transients. Efforts will be made to strengthen partnerships with stakeholders in order to assist in enhancing existing plans and new initiatives.

Sustainable solutions will include the initiation of “best practices” that have been reviewed and approved by associated parties and the establishment of an impaired driving training curriculum for prosecutors and judges. Also, greater emphasis will be placed on the impaired driving curriculum within the recertification training process for Connecticut law enforcement officials.

Efforts on behalf of the Connecticut Highway Safety Office (HSO) will continue to include support for enforcement, public education and training initiatives. As stated in the 2019 Connecticut Highway Safety Plan, one of the HSO Impaired Driving Program's major tasks is to support overtime DUI enforcement efforts at state and local levels during holiday crackdowns and weekends. High-visibility enforcement objectives continue to be accomplished through coordinated sobriety checkpoint activity and roving/saturation patrols. Grants are available to police departments for the holiday/high travel periods and for non-holiday travel periods creating year-round sustained enforcement. Enforcement efforts will continue to target high DUI activity periods identified in the statewide problem identification and by local police departments based on specific community core hours of related alcohol activity through this task. The HSO will continue to encourage sobriety checkpoint activity throughout the year. It is anticipated that during the 2019 federal fiscal year, approximately 80 agencies will participate as sub-grantees and an estimated 100 DUI checkpoints and approximately 5,000 roving/saturation patrols will be conducted statewide. Enforcement will target high risk regions and communities where DUI activity is known to be significant, based on a multi-year data analysis of passenger vehicle injury crashes.

Grant funding will also continue to be provided for qualifying underage drinking deterrence programs and DUI related equipment and materials. Enforcement efforts are combined with public outreach initiatives in order to provide for a more effective safety message regarding the ramifications of impaired driving.

This Strategic Plan will be updated annually and will be based on current data trends and analyses. The Task Force will continue to meet on a quarterly basis during the months of November, February, May and August during each federal fiscal year.

In summary, the Impaired Driving Task Force has determined four tasks that will be the focus of this fiscal year's impaired driving initiative. Once these issues are addressed, the long term goals of the establishment of DUI courts, treatment and recidivism will be reviewed.

Task 1 – Improve DUI Enforcement Effort – Section 4

Task 2 – Improve DUI Law Enforcement Training – Section 4

Task 3 – Improve Prosecution and Adjudication of Impaired Driving Cases – Section 4

Task 4 – Improve Data Collection and Analysis – Sections 2 and 7

1.0 Introduction

The Connecticut Impaired Driving Task Force was established for the purpose of coordinating state and local efforts to reduce impaired driving crashes and fatalities. The Task Force is comprised of a variety of disciplines including the Highway Safety Office, the Department of Motor Vehicles, the Office of the Chief State's Attorney, the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection Police Officer Standards and Training Council (POSTC) and Division of Scientific Services (DSS), State and local law enforcement, universities, hospitals, MADD, AAA and researchers. This diverse group has brought a myriad of impaired driving issues and concerns to the table.

The Task Force meetings have provided, and continue to provide, a forum for the members to identify problems, share information, explore options and provide sustainable solutions. Topics of discussion have included increased education efforts for all State prosecutors and Per Se attorneys, establishment of additional Standardized Field Sobriety Test (SFST) recertification, Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) training, DUI enforcement activities, blood draw protocol, media campaigns, research information, Per Se hearing evaluations, the Ignition Interlock Device (IID) program and legislative efforts.

The Connecticut Highway Safety Office maintains and periodically updates the Impaired Driving Program grant application forms and reimbursement templates to ensure the accuracy of the statistical arrest data. The forms were created to be user-friendly for both State and local law enforcement officials, as well as the Department of Transportation's fiscal office. Simplifying the grant and reimbursement process was a major incentive in increasing law enforcement's participation in the program. Several grant workshops have been held and will continue to be held as new partners participate in the program to assist law enforcement with completing the grant and reimbursement forms.

Equipment grants continue to be awarded to police departments who have demonstrated need and participation in impaired driving enforcement efforts.

Training initiatives have continued at the Police Officer Standards and Training Council (POSTC) and other locations. High Visibility Enforcement (HVE) training continues to be held to provide the officers with hands on refresher training in conjunction with Standardized Field Sobriety Test (SFST) training. Wet labs are also incorporated into the curriculum. Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) and Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) training have also continued. The classes are very well received and continue to grow in participation.

Education and public awareness is also made available through HSO grant funded activity. Paid advertising in the form of television, radio, internet, billboards and bus panels in support of national holiday mobilizations (e.g., Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over, Buzzed Driving is Drunk Driving and specific holiday messaging) will continue to be utilized to complement associated enforcement and is the major component of this activity.

Additional advertising campaigns at local sport and concert venues will be funded to support sustained year round impaired driving enforcement.

The HSO web site provides public outreach and educational information, such as the “Connecticut’s Impaired Driving Law” brochure. The HSO produces this brochure to educate the public on Connecticut’s impaired driving laws and to provide information on the associated penalties. The site also includes links to external web sites that provide educational materials and that further enhance enforcement messaging.

Paid media efforts will be enhanced through public outreach and education campaigns. Public outreach will take place at sporting and concert venues, MADD sponsored events, health fairs and school safety days. Public information and education materials carrying campaign messaging and educational brochures will be distributed in support of these efforts.

SFST training for police officers will be offered for the purpose of increasing the pool of SFST practitioners and instructors and to ensure that officers making DUI arrests are properly trained in the detection and apprehension of drunk drivers and follow standardized arrest procedures that will hold up in court. Officers working under DUI enforcement grants will be encouraged to attend and complete an update of the most current SFST curriculum.

A priority in fiscal year 2020 is to increase Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) and Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) training in compliance with the Drug Evaluation and Classification Program (DECP) curriculum standards. The goal of the DRE program is to train and certify law enforcement officers in drug recognition and provide the training opportunity to become a DRE. This certification will allow the qualified officer to effectively evaluate someone suspected of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

Efforts will be placed on increasing successful prosecution of DUI offenders and decreasing recidivism rates by providing funding for two Administrative Per Se Hearing Attorneys and a Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor (TSRP).

The emphasis areas that the Connecticut Impaired Driving Task Force members plan to address are:

- to support overtime DUI enforcement efforts at both the state and local levels throughout the year
- to increase SFST, ARIDE and DRE training for law enforcement
- to improve the prosecution of DUI offenders by continuing to fund two Per Se attorneys and a TSRP
- to identify specific impaired driving problems in Connecticut through statistical problem identification

1.1 Connecticut Impaired Driving Task Force Guiding Principles

The Connecticut Impaired Driving Task Force was created to identify the State's major impaired driving problems and concerns, to develop strategies to address these problems and to develop a strategic plan that will assist in the efforts of implementation. The members will have an open forum whereby:

- Training initiatives can be improved
- Per Se hearings will have oversight and evaluation by Task Force members
- Improvements can be made to proposed law enforcement protocol
- Legislative issues can be addressed
- Development of effective enforcement strategies can be pursued
- Changes can be made to criminal justice processing
- Innovative initiatives for deterrence of underage drinking can be developed
- Tracking of DUI offenders from arrest to final disposition can be created
- A Judicial Outreach Liaison position can be established
- Effective health care treatment for DUI offenders can be provided
- A long term goal for improvements in sentencing procedures can be achieved through the development of DUI courts

1.2 Connecticut Highway Safety Plan

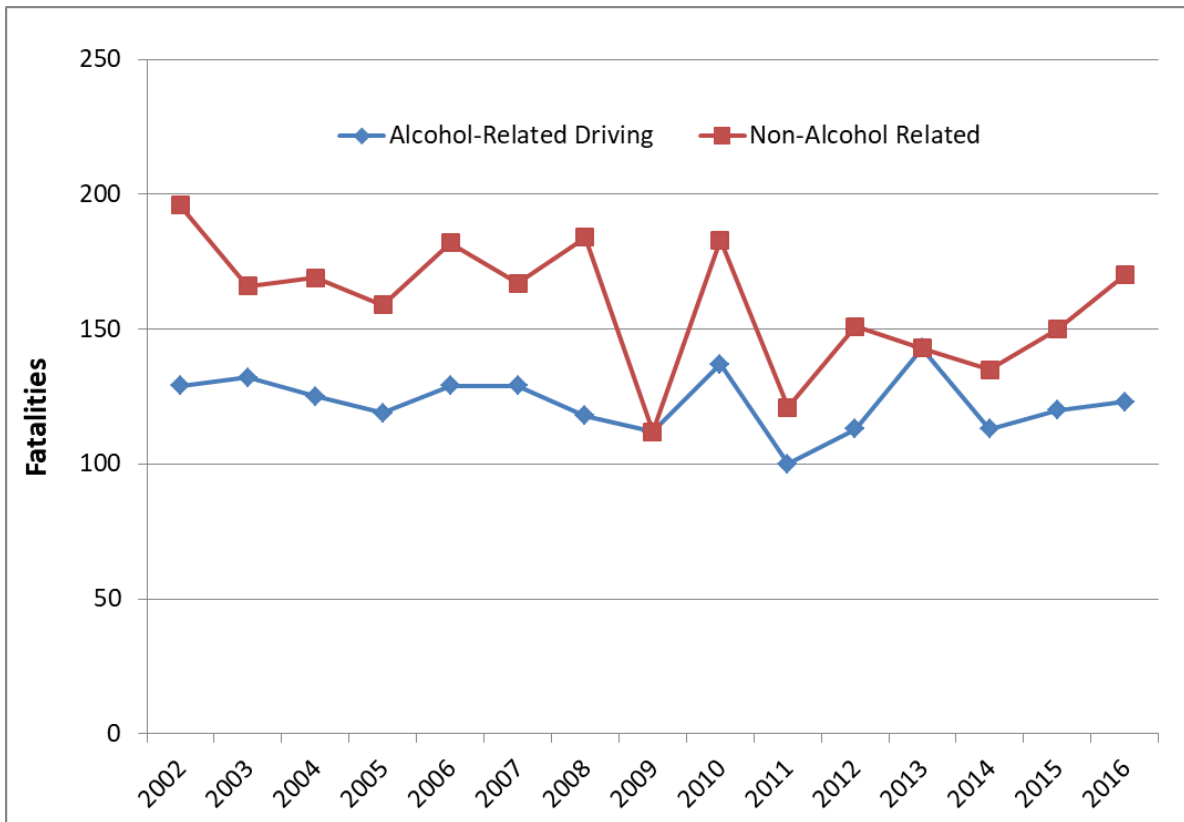
The 2019 Connecticut Highway Safety Plan is a planning document that provides historic, trend and the most current crash data available in addition to other state provided data detailing highway safety in Connecticut. The identified problem areas dictate the State's highway safety goals, objectives and planned countermeasures. The basis for this examination is Connecticut's motor vehicle crash experience for the calendar year 2016 in comparison to previous years. This document serves as Connecticut's application to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) for federal funds under Sections 402 and 405 of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act for the 2019 Federal Fiscal Year.

The Connecticut Highway Safety Office (HSO) focuses on NHTSA program areas under the Federal 402 program. One of the major program areas is Impaired Driving. This program area accounts for a majority of the enforcement activities and has the largest component of high visibility and sustained enforcement efforts.

1.3 Connecticut Alcohol and Drug Involved Crash Data

Alcohol-related driving fatalities are fatalities involving drivers or motorcycle operators with a Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) of 0.01 or higher whereas alcohol-impaired driving fatalities are those fatalities involving drivers or motorcycle operators with a BAC of 0.08 or higher. The 15-year trends in Connecticut’s alcohol-related driving and non-alcohol-related driving fatalities are shown in Figure 1. Alcohol-related driving fatalities showed a generally decreasing trend until 2009. The year 2011 had the lowest number of alcohol-related driving fatalities (100), and then increased through 2013. There were 123 alcohol-related driving fatalities in 2016, the second highest number in the last five years.

Figure 1. Fatalities by Alcohol Involvement, 2002-2016



Source: FARS Alcohol Imputed Data Final Files 2002-2015, Annual Report File 2016

In 2016, Connecticut recorded BAC test results for 76 percent of fatally injured drivers and 14 percent of surviving drivers involved in fatal crashes. The state rate was above the national figures of 61 percent for fatally injured drivers but below the national figure of 23 percent for surviving drivers (when it was known if the test was given).

Table 1-1 shows that the percentage of alcohol-related driving (BAC \geq 0.01) fatalities in Connecticut during 2016 (42%) was higher than the national average of 33 percent. Thirty-four percent (34%) of Connecticut’s fatal crashes were estimated to have been alcohol-impaired driving crashes (BAC \geq 0.08), a higher rate than that seen nationwide (28%).

**Table 1-1. Alcohol-Related (BAC \geq 0.01+) Driving Fatalities/
Alcohol-Impaired (BAC \geq 0.08+) Driving Crashes, 2016**

	Connecticut	U.S.
Percentage of Alcohol-Related Driving Fatalities	41.8%	33.4%
Percentage of Alcohol-Impaired Driving Crashes	33.6%	27.5%

Source: FARS Imputed Alcohol Data Annual Report File 2016

When BAC test results are either not available or unknown, NHTSA employs a statistical model to estimate alcohol involvement. Multiple imputation data has been used in this Plan; Table 1-2 presents the imputed results. Note: using this method can produce slight differences in totals due to rounding.

Table 1-2. Alcohol-Impaired Driving Crashes/Fatalities

State Of Connecticut	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Number of Alcohol-Impaired Driving Fatal <u>Crashes</u>	92	116	92	96	95
Percent Alcohol-Impaired Driving Fatal <u>Crashes</u>	37%	44%	39%	37%	34%
Number of Alcohol-Impaired Driving <u>Fatalities</u>	100	126	97	103	100
Percent Alcohol-Impaired Driving <u>Fatalities</u>	38%	44%	39%	38%	34%

Source: FARS Imputed Alcohol Data Final Files 2012-2015, Annual Report File 2016

Between 2012 and 2013, there was an increase in the number of alcohol-impaired driving fatal crashes, followed by a decrease in 2014. In 2016, the number of alcohol-impaired driving fatal crashes was the third highest in five years. The number of alcohol-impaired driving fatalities showed a similar pattern, increasing from 2012 to 2013, and then decreasing in 2014. The number of 2016 alcohol-impaired driving fatalities was the second lowest level in five years (with 2012). The percentage of all crashes related to alcohol-impaired driving was the lowest in the five-year period reviewed. The percentage of all fatalities related to alcohol-impaired driving was also lowest in five years. These figures, defined as a percentage of the total number of crashes and fatalities, remain unacceptably high and fluctuate from year to year. Table 1-3 shows Connecticut BAC test results for the years 2012 to 2016.

Table 1-3. BACs of Fatally Injured Drivers

BAC	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
0.00	71	51	54	92	74
0.01-0.07	7	5	7	7	17
0.08 –Up	49	53	47	61	53
No/Unknown Result	42	82	54	22	49

Source: FARS Final Files 2012-2015, Annual Report File 2016

Table 1-4 shows the number of alcohol-related driving fatalities both by county and statewide for the years 2012 to 2016, the percentage of these that were known or estimated to have been alcohol-related, and the rate of alcohol-related driving fatalities per 100,000 population. New London and Middlesex had the highest percentage of alcohol-related driving fatalities for the year 2016 (52% and 47%, respectively), followed by Hartford and New Haven counties (both at 44%). The statewide data at the bottom of the table indicate that, for the 5-year period shown, the percentage of alcohol-related fatalities ranged from 41.8 to 50.0 percent.

New London, Tolland, and Litchfield counties consistently have amongst the highest alcohol-related driving fatality rates per 100,000 of the population.

Table 1-4. Alcohol-Related (BAC ≥ 0.01+) Driving Fatalities by County

County	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Fairfield Total	53	50	47	35	72
% Alcohol	40.9%	45.4%	38.7%	55.4%	37.6%
Alcohol Rate/100,000	2.32	2.41	1.93	2.05	2.87
Hartford Total	72	79	56	63	57
% Alcohol	44.9%	54.7%	50.7%	35.1%	44.2%
Alcohol Rate/100,000	3.60	4.81	3.16	2.47	2.82
Litchfield Total	19	19	16	22	16
% Alcohol	38.9%	55.8%	38.1%	55.0%	37.5%
Alcohol Rate/100,000	3.95	5.68	3.30	6.59	3.29
Middlesex Total	15	17	13	21	18
% Alcohol	37.3%	61.8%	18.5%	39.0%	47.2%
Alcohol Rate/100,000	3.38	6.35	1.46	5.00	5.20
New Haven Total	60	63	52	65	78
% Alcohol	38.2%	47.9%	42.3%	46.0%	44.2%
Alcohol Rate/100,000	2.65	3.50	2.55	3.48	4.03
New London Total	24	29	31	29	25
% Alcohol	47.1%	33.1%	62.9%	50.7%	52.4%
Alcohol Rate/100,000	4.12	3.50	7.13	5.41	4.86
Tolland Total	17	17	18	17	11
% Alcohol	50.0%	64.1%	53.9%	51.2%	40.0%
Alcohol Rate/100,000	5.61	7.18	6.41	5.75	2.91
Windham Total	4	12	15	18	16
% Alcohol	85.0%	45.0%	44.0%	28.9%	23.1%
Alcohol Rate/100,000	2.89	4.59	5.64	4.46	3.18
Statewide					
Total Fatalities	264	286	248	270	293
% Alcohol	42.8%	50.0%	45.5%	44.6%	41.8%
Alcohol Rate/100,000	3.15	3.98	3.14	3.35	3.43

Source: FARS Imputed Alcohol Data Final Files 2012-2015, Annual Report File 2016

The number of alcohol-related driving fatalities has increased statewide from 98 in 2012 to 143 in 2013, decreased to 113 in 2014 but increased to 123 in 2016 (see “Performance Measures” table at the end of this section). Overall fatalities have increased from 264 in 2012 to 293 in 2016 (+11%). The percentage of fatalities that are alcohol-related has increased (37.1% in 2012, 41.8% in 2016). The alcohol-related driving fatality rate has shown an increase over the 5-year reporting period, from 3.15 per 100,000 population in 2012 to 3.43 in 2016.

Table 1-5 shows the age groups of drinking drivers (BAC ≥ .01) killed during the 5-year period from 2012 to 2016, along with the numbers of licensed drivers in these same age groups. The table also shows the rate of drinking drivers killed (fatalities per 100,000 licensed drivers).

The table indicates that persons between the ages of 25 and 44 made up 46 percent of the drinking drivers fatalities. The table shows that approximately 7 percent of the fatally injured drinking drivers were under the legal drinking age.

The substantial over-representation (percent licensed drivers versus percent drivers killed) of the 21-24, 25-34, and 35-44 year old age groups and the under-representation of the 55+ age group is also of significance.

Table 1-5. Fatally Injured Drinking Drivers by Age Group (BAC ≥ 0.01)

Age	Drinking Drivers Killed (2012-2016)		Licensed Drivers (2016)		Rate ³
	Number ¹	Percent of Total	Number ²	Percent of Total	
<16	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	n/a
16-20	29	7.4%	151,072	5.8%	19.2
21-24	54	13.8%	163,436	6.3%	33.3
25-34	104	26.4%	435,503	16.7%	23.8
35-44	76	19.4%	401,103	15.4%	19.0
45-54	65	16.4%	496,288	19.0%	13.0
55-64	41	10.3%	470,597	18.0%	8.6
65-69	10	2.6%	174,939	6.7%	5.9
>69	14	3.6%	318,069	12.2%	4.5
Total	393	100.0%	2,611,007	100.0%	15.0

1. Source: FARS, Imputed Alcohol Data Final Files 2012-2015, Annual Report File 2016

2. Source: FHWA

3. Fatality rate per 100,000 Licensed Drivers

Table 1-6 shows additional characteristics of these drivers and their crashes. The table shows that the fatally injured drinking drivers were predominately males (83% overall) and were most often killed in single vehicle crashes (69%). Overall, 83 percent of the victims had valid licenses, 5 percent had a previous DUI conviction, and 92 percent were Connecticut residents. Approximately 68 percent of the fatalities took place on arterial type roadways, 14 percent were on collector roadways, and 19 percent were on local roadways. The second part of Table 1-6 shows that during the period of 2012-2016 drinking driver fatalities were most likely to have occurred on overnight periods on Saturdays and Sundays (these are likely

in the overnight periods of Friday into Saturday and Saturday into Sunday). Friday, Saturday and Sunday account for approximately 60 percent of all alcohol-related driving fatalities. The table shows that 41 percent of the fatalities occurred during the late night hours of midnight to 5:59 a.m., 25 percent took place between 8:00 p.m. and midnight, and 34 percent occurred during the daytime hours from 6:00 a.m. to 7:59 p.m.

Table 1-6. Characteristics of Fatality Injured Drinking Drivers (BAC ≥ 0.01), 2012-2016

	2012 (N=69)	2013 (N=89)	2014 (N=73)	2015 (N=76)	2016 (N=86)	Total (N=393)
Age						
<21	6.5%	11.2%	4.8%	6.7%	6.4%	7.3%
21-34	42.3%	43.4%	46.6%	32.1%	37.4%	40.3%
35-49	27.7%	30.1%	26.2%	30.5%	25.0%	27.9%
50+	23.5%	15.3%	22.4%	30.6%	31.2%	24.5%
Sex						
Male	81.4%	77.6%	87.9%	81.3%	84.8%	82.5%
Female	18.6%	22.4%	12.1%	18.7%	15.2%	17.5%
Number of Vehicles						
Single Vehicle	60.2%	75.5%	74.9%	71.6%	61.0%	68.8%
Multiple Vehicle	39.8%	24.5%	25.1%	28.4%	39.0%	31.2%
License Valid	88.5%	85.0%	76.3%	81.3%	83.5%	82.9%
Previous DUI	5.3%	5.6%	4.1%	4.6%	6.5%	5.3%
Connecticut Resident	96.4%	85.9%	90.9%	94.3%	94.7%	92.2%
Road Type						
Arterial	65.8%	64.2%	71.4%	73.1%	65.1%	67.7%
Collector	13.4%	12.5%	10.1%	14.7%	16.7%	13.5%
Local	20.8%	23.3%	18.6%	12.2%	18.2%	18.7%

Source: FARS Alcohol Imputed Data Final Files 2012-2015, Annual Report File 2016

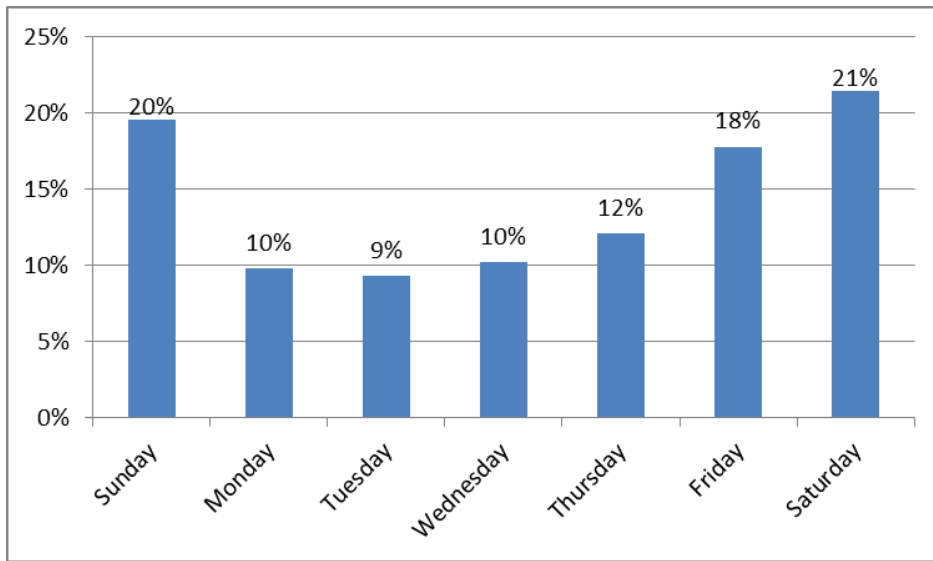
**Table 1-6. Characteristics of Fatality Injured Drinking Drivers (BAC ≥ 0.01) 2012-2016
(Continued)**

	2012 (N=69)	2013 (N=89)	2014 (N=73)	2015 (N=76)	2016 (N=86)	Total (N=393)
Day						
Sunday	21.8%	25.1%	26.7%	27.1%	17.8%	23.6%
Monday	14.0%	4.5%	9.8%	9.4%	12.7%	9.9%
Tuesday	7.1%	14.1%	12.3%	8.9%	6.5%	9.9%
Wednesday	5.2%	4.4%	7.9%	11.9%	13.3%	8.6%
Thursday	12.3%	7.3%	11.7%	11.9%	13.3%	11.2%
Friday	9.7%	13.5%	18.0%	8.5%	14.4%	12.9%
Saturday	30.0%	31.1%	13.5%	22.4%	22.0%	24.0%
Time						
Midnight-05:59	41.3%	50.9%	30.6%	39.2%	39.3%	40.6%
06:00-19:59	36.9%	21.8%	43.2%	39.6%	31.7%	34.1%
20:00-23:59	21.8%	27.2%	26.2%	21.3%	29.0%	25.3%
Month						
January	6.1%	3.6%	7.0%	4.0%	6.1%	5.3%
February	12.0%	4.0%	7.4%	4.6%	7.8%	7.0%
March	2.9%	9.8%	2.7%	5.8%	9.8%	6.5%
April	6.9%	10.4%	7.6%	6.3%	7.1%	7.8%
May	6.5%	12.0%	11.2%	10.6%	10.0%	10.2%
June	10.1%	9.0%	11.2%	11.9%	11.0%	10.6%
July	9.4%	5.9%	9.7%	2.6%	11.0%	7.7%
August	5.9%	17.5%	12.7%	8.1%	9.8%	11.1%
September	7.8%	7.4%	10.0%	10.7%	8.9%	8.9%
October	12.1%	8.1%	7.5%	12.6%	5.8%	9.1%
November	8.7%	7.2%	5.9%	14.8%	4.8%	8.1%
December	11.7%	5.1%	7.2%	7.9%	7.8%	7.8%

Source: FARS Alcohol Imputed Data Final Files 2012-2015, Annual Report File 2016

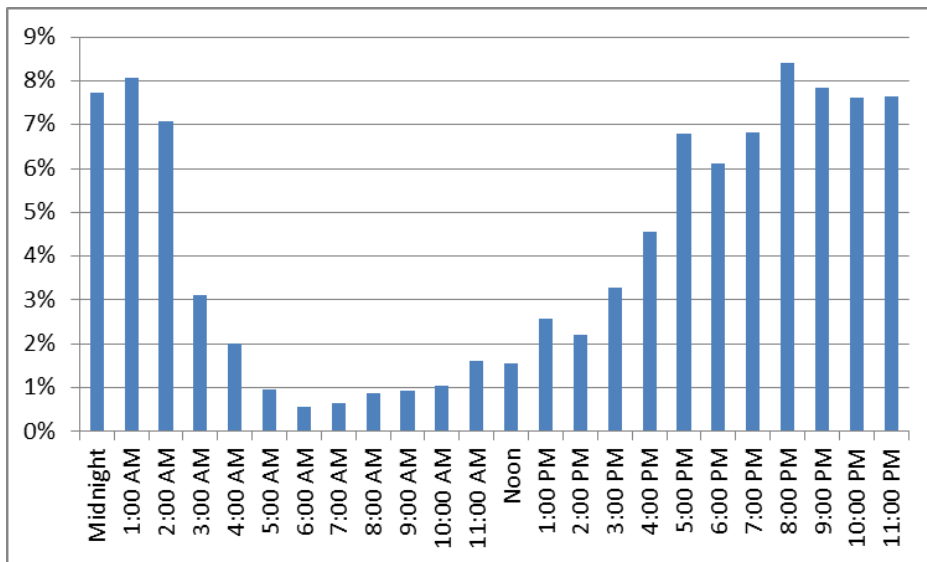
The distributions of crashes related to alcohol, medication or other drugs by time of day and day of week are shown in Figures 2 and 3. Note that 2015-2016 injury crash data reporting does not allow for separate computation of alcohol-related crashes from the more general impaired crashes. As such, the 2015-2016 impaired-related injury data presented here includes impairment related to alcohol, medication, or other drug. Monday through Thursday have fewer crashes and the frequency then builds through the weekend days. The frequency of crashes builds up in the afternoon and evening hours, peaking during the 11p.m. to 2a.m. period.

Figure 2. Alcohol-Related and Other Impaired-Related Crashes by Day of Week 2016



Source: Connecticut Crash Data Repository

Figure 3. Alcohol-Related and Other Impaired-Related Crashes by Time of Day 2016



Source: Connecticut Crash Data Repository

Table 1-7 shows the percentage of Connecticut non-fatal crashes in the year 2016 in which police reported that alcohol, medication or other drug was involved. The table shows that alcohol, medication or other drug is a greater factor in severe crashes than less severe crashes. For instance, 2016 results indicate 13 percent of “A”-injury crashes and 6 percent of “B”-injury crashes involved an impairing substance compared to 3 percent of “C”-injury and 2 percent of Property Damage Only crashes. Note that these data are not comparable to previous years due to changes in crash data reporting.

The lower percentage of impairing substance involvement in injury and property-damage only crashes also reflects the general unstated policy of many law enforcement agencies that unless a DUI arrest is made, alcohol, medication or other drug involvement is not indicated as a contributing factor in the crash. Crashes which result in property damage only or B and C type injuries are generally less likely to involve alcohol, medication or other drug.

Table 1-7. Percent of Crashes Police Reported Alcohol, Medication, or Other Drug Involved

Maximum Severity Level	2016
A Injury	12.5%
B Injury	6.0%
C Injury	3.2%
No Injury	2.1%
Injury Crashes	4.8%
Total Crashes	2.9%

Source: Connecticut Crash Data Repository

Table 1-8 is a list of tracking information utilized to chart the State’s progress for the number of impaired driving related crashes and fatalities, and the percent of impaired driving-related crashes and fatalities as a percentage of total crashes. The five-year passenger vehicle injury crash data below is utilized as part of evaluation criteria in the awarding of Comprehensive DUI Enforcement Grants. The data includes statistical information that provides a query for municipal statewide motor vehicle crash ranking. The information is gathered by Preusser Research Group utilizing census and vehicle crash data. The established ranking is included in the written application review process.

Table 1-8. Impaired Driving Summary

2012-2016 Passenger Vehicles Injury Crashes											Cross County Ranks							
County	Town	2015 Population	Single Vehicle Nighttime Crashes (9 PM to 5:59 AM)	Rank (N Night)	Single Vehicle Nighttime Crashes (9 PM to 5:59 AM) / 100K Population	Rank (Rate Night)	Alcohol Related Crashes	Rank (N Alc Rel)	Alcohol Related Crashes / 100K Population	Rank (Alc Rel Rate)	Mean Rank (Range = 1 to N towns in county)	Overall Rank	Rank (N Night)	Rank (Rate Night)	Rank (N Alc Rel)	Rank (Alc Rel Rate)	Mean Rank (Range = 1 to N towns in county)	Overall Rank
1	Redding	9,293	16	15	172.2	1	16	10	172.2	2	7	1	69	25	85	55	58.5	42
1	Darien	21,787	35	7	160.6	2	40	22	183.6	1	8	2	23	30	45	45	35.75	11
1	Bethel	19,529	19	12	97.3	7	24	15	122.9	9	10.75	3	54	87	70	112	80.75	81
1	Easton	7,625	7	21	91.8	8	8	7	104.9	11	11.75	4	117	97	120	134	117	143
1	Newtown	28,022	24	11	85.6	10	29	19	103.5	12	13	5	38	106	60	136	85	87
1	Brookfield	17,143	17	14	99.2	6	11	13	64.2	20	13.25	6	62	86	107	159	103.5	120
1	Wilton	18,714	16	15	85.5	11	18	18	96.2	14	14.5	7	69	108	83	139	99.75	113
1	Sherman	3,668	3	23	81.8	12	2	1	54.5	22	14.5	7	150	113	157	164	146	163
1	Trumbull	36,628	29	9	79.2	13	48	31	131.0	8	15.25	9	32	118	34	104	72	68
1	New Canaan	20,387	15	17	73.6	17	14	9	68.7	18	15.25	9	72	126	93	157	112	137
1	Weston	10,387	8	20	77.0	14	7	12	67.4	19	16.25	11	106	121	128	158	128.25	155
1	Westport	27,899	19	12	68.1	18	41	31	147.0	5	16.5	12	54	137	43	85	79.75	78
1	Shelton	41,296	28	10	67.8	19	39	29	94.4	15	18.25	13	35	138	47	140	90	95
1	Monroe	19,833	11	19	55.5	22	26	25	131.1	7	18.25	13	92	151	66	103	103	119
1	New Fairfield	14,126	5	22	35.4	23	5	7	35.4	23	18.75	15	135	164	141	167	151.75	166
1	Ridgefield	25,244	15	17	59.4	21	16	17	63.4	21	19	16	72	147	85	160	116	140
1	Danbury	84,657	106	3	125.2	3	120	69	141.7	6	20.25	17	6	59	7	89	40.25	14
1	Stratford	52,609	35	7	66.5	20	62	49	117.9	10	21.5	18	23	140	21	119	75.75	75
1	Greenwich	62,695	64	5	102.1	5	59	81	94.1	16	26.75	19	13	81	23	141	64.5	52
1	Fairfield	61,523	47	6	76.4	15	91	85	147.9	4	27.5	20	18	122	12	84	59	43
1	Bridgeport	147,629	153	1	103.6	4	142	108	96.2	13	31.5	21	4	79	5	138	56.5	37
1	Norwalk	88,485	67	4	75.7	16	149	130	168.4	3	38.25	22	8	124	4	58	48.5	22
1	Stamford	128,874	117	2	90.8	9	113	165	87.7	17	48.25	23	5	100	9	147	65.25	56
3	Marlborough	6,430	10	20	155.5	3	16	15	248.8	4	10.5	1	97	34	85	14	57.5	40
3	East Windsor	11,400	19	15	166.7	2	36	33	315.8	1	12.75	2	54	27	49	5	33.75	8
3	Plainville	17,773	30	9	168.8	1	53	41	298.2	2	13.25	3	30	26	30	6	23	3
3	Suffield	15,662	24	13	153.2	4	22	22	140.5	20	14.75	4	38	35	74	93	60	46
3	East Granby	5,199	7	26	134.6	7	7	5	134.6	22	15	5	117	50	128	98	98.25	109
3	Windsor Locks	12,537	10	20	79.8	17	30	24	239.3	5	16.5	6	97	117	57	17	72	68
3	Hartland	2,127	3	29	141.0	5	2	6	94.0	27	16.75	7	150	43	157	142	123	151
3	Berlin	20,560	25	12	121.6	10	44	39	214.0	7	17	8	37	63	38	30	42	16
3	South Windsor	25,789	13	17	50.4	26	44	15	170.6	10	17	8	82	160	38	57	84.25	84
3	Wethersfield	26,367	29	11	110.0	11	43	34	163.1	13	17.25	10	32	69	40	67	52	30
3	Burlington	9,623	8	23	83.1	15	11	11	114.3	24	18.25	11	106	111	107	123	111.75	135
3	Granby	11,298	7	26	62.0	23	16	8	141.6	17	18.5	12	117	145	85	90	109.25	132
3	Windsor	29,016	22	14	75.8	19	41	26	141.3	18	19.25	13	43	123	43	91	75	73
3	Canton	10,330	8	23	77.4	18	8	11	77.4	28	20	14	106	120	120	152	124.5	153
3	Farmington	25,629	33	8	128.8	8	66	67	257.5	3	21.5	15	27	55	19	11	28	5
3	Rocky Hill	20,021	13	17	64.9	22	22	23	109.9	25	21.75	16	82	142	74	129	106.75	125
3	Glastonbury	34,678	19	15	54.8	24	49	30	141.3	19	22	17	54	154	33	92	83.25	82
3	Southington	43,817	38	7	86.7	14	68	55	155.2	14	22.5	18	21	105	18	76	55	33
3	Bloomfield	20,749	11	19	53.0	25	34	34	163.9	12	22.5	18	92	158	53	63	91.5	99
3	East Hartford	50,821	65	2	127.9	9	85	70	167.3	11	23	20	11	56	14	60	35.25	10
3	Simsbury	24,348	8	23	32.9	27	26	19	106.8	26	23.75	21	106	165	66	132	117.25	145
3	Avon	18,414	5	28	27.2	29	9	12	48.9	29	24.5	22	135	167	117	166	146.25	164
3	Enfield	44,323	30	9	67.7	21	77	60	173.7	9	24.75	23	30	139	17	53	59.75	45
3	Newington	30,604	10	20	32.7	28	46	36	150.3	16	25	24	97	166	35	82	95	104
3	Bristol	60,452	65	2	107.5	12	136	105	225.0	6	31.25	25	11	75	6	23	28.75	7
3	West Hartford	63,053	43	6	68.2	20	83	85	131.6	23	33.5	26	19	136	15	101	67.75	59
3	New Britain	72,808	60	4	82.4	16	110	102	151.1	15	34.25	27	14	112	10	79	53.75	31
3	Manchester	58,007	53	5	91.4	13	108	121	186.2	8	36.75	28	15	98	11	43	41.75	15
3	Hartford	124,006	172	1	138.7	6	174	123	140.3	21	37.75	29	3	48	3	94	37	13
5	Roxbury	2,187	7	10	320.1	1	5	0	228.6	6	4.25	1	117	5	141	21	71	64
5	Harwinton	5,493	10	7	182.0	5	10	11	182.0	7	7.5	2	97	19	113	47	69	63
5	Bridgewater	1,659	5	14	301.4	2	2	0	120.6	17	8.25	3	135	6	157	116	103.5	120
5	Litchfield	8,212	12	5	146.1	10	19	16	231.4	5	9	4	86	39	80	20	56.25	35
5	Kent	2,869	5	14	174.3	6	5	6	174.3	11	9.25	5	135	23	141	52	87.75	92
5	Salisbury	3,638	7	10	192.4	3	5	8	137.4	16	9.25	5	117	16	141	96	92.5	100

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5	Plymouth	11,813	19	4	160.8	8	13	9	110.0	19	10	7	54	29	98	128	77.25	76
5	Thomaston	7,621	12	5	157.5	9	12	14	157.5	14	10.5	8	86	32	101	73	73	71
5	Morris	2,293	3	16	130.8	13	4	3	174.4	10	10.5	8	150	54	152	51	101.75	117
5	New Hartford	6,764	8	9	118.3	14	12	13	177.4	9	11.25	10	106	65	101	50	80.5	80
5	North Canaan	3,194	3	16	93.9	15	8	13	250.5	4	12	11	150	90	120	13	93.25	102
5	Norfolk	1,643	3	16	182.6	4	1	4	60.9	24	12	11	150	18	165	161	123.5	152
5	Colebrook	1,436	2	19	139.3	12	2	4	139.3	15	12.5	13	159	45	157	95	114	138
5	Washington	3,466	6	12	173.1	7	2	6	57.7	25	12.5	13	128	24	157	163	118	147
5	Barkhamsted	3,685	2	19	54.3	24	10	6	271.4	2	12.75	15	159	155	113	8	108.75	131
5	Sharon	2,706	1	23	37.0	25	7	5	258.7	3	14	16	164	163	128	10	116.25	141
5	Canaan	1,185	0	26	0.0	26	5	3	421.9	1	14	16	169	169	141	2	120.25	148
5	Bethlehem	3,473	2	19	57.6	22	4	2	115.2	18	15.25	18	159	148	152	121	145	161
5	Woodbury	9,636	9	8	93.4	16	8	19	83.0	20	15.75	19	103	92	120	150	116.25	141
5	Goshen	2,904	2	19	68.9	21	2	2	68.9	23	16.25	20	159	135	157	156	151.75	166
5	Warren	1,417	1	23	70.6	20	1	1	70.6	22	16.5	21	164	131	165	154	153.5	168
5	New Milford	27,276	38	1	139.3	11	43	44	157.6	13	17.25	22	21	44	40	71	44	18
5	Watertown	21,911	20	3	91.3	17	38	41	173.4	12	18.25	23	50	99	48	54	62.75	47
5	Corwall	1,387	1	23	72.1	19	0	5	0.0	26	18.25	23	164	128	168	168	157	169
5	Winchester	10,829	6	12	55.4	23	8	24	73.9	21	20	25	128	152	120	153	138.25	160
5	Torrington	34,906	31	2	88.8	18	62	57	177.6	8	21.25	26	29	102	21	49	50.25	27
7	Chester	4,277	7	8	163.7	2	7	6	163.7	3	4.75	1	117	28	128	64	84.25	84
7	Haddam	8,292	13	3	156.8	3	12	11	144.7	8	6.25	2	82	33	101	86	75.5	74
7	Westbrook	6,902	13	3	188.4	1	6	9	86.9	14	6.75	3	82	17	138	148	96.25	105
7	Middlefield	4,407	6	11	136.1	4	7	11	158.8	4	7.5	4	128	49	128	70	93.75	103
7	Cromwell	14,034	17	2	121.1	6	32	23	228.0	1	8	5	62	64	55	22	50.75	28
7	East Haddam	9,081	8	7	88.1	9	11	7	121.1	10	8.25	6	106	104	107	115	108	129
7	Deep River	4,516	6	11	132.9	5	5	5	110.7	12	8.25	6	128	51	141	127	111.75	135
7	Durham	7,301	7	8	95.9	8	11	13	150.7	6	8.75	8	117	88	107	81	98.25	109
7	East Hampton	12,858	11	5	85.5	10	28	20	217.8	2	9.25	9	92	107	63	27	72.25	70
7	Old Saybrook	10,160	11	5	108.3	7	11	14	108.3	13	9.75	10	92	71	107	131	100.25	114
7	Essex	6,586	4	14	60.7	13	8	8	121.5	9	11	11	145	146	120	114	131.25	156
7	Killingworth	6,455	4	14	62.0	12	5	4	77.5	15	11.25	12	145	144	141	151	145.25	162
7	Clinton	13,047	7	8	53.7	14	20	19	153.3	5	11.5	13	117	156	78	78	107.25	126
7	Portland	9,391	5	13	53.2	15	14	20	149.1	7	13.75	14	135	157	93	83	117	143
7	Middletown	46,756	34	1	72.7	11	55	64	117.6	11	21.75	15	25	127	26	120	74.5	72
9	Middlebury	7,634	21	15	275.1	1	12	7	157.2	13	9	1	47	7	101	75	57.5	40
9	Orange	13,944	29	9	208.0	2	50	30	358.6	1	10.5	2	32	11	31	3	19.25	1
9	Beacon Falls	6,081	12	24	197.3	4	10	7	164.4	10	11.25	3	86	14	113	62	68.75	62
9	Derby	12,700	18	17	141.7	7	30	20	236.2	2	11.5	4	59	42	57	18	44	18
9	Woodbridge	8,886	16	20	180.1	5	14	11	157.6	12	12	5	69	21	93	72	63.75	51
9	Seymour	16,475	21	15	127.5	10	32	27	194.2	4	14	6	47	57	55	35	48.5	22
9	Bethany	5,510	6	27	108.9	13	7	9	127.0	15	16	7	128	70	128	107	108.25	130
9	Southbury	19,675	14	22	71.2	24	33	13	167.7	8	16.75	8	77	130	54	59	80	79
9	Ansonia	18,854	22	12	116.7	12	13	19	69.0	25	17	9	43	67	98	155	90.75	98
9	Prospect	9,739	10	25	102.7	17	12	11	123.2	17	17.5	10	97	80	101	111	97.25	107
9	Guilford	22,350	24	10	107.4	16	21	24	94.0	22	18	11	38	76	76	143	83.25	82
9	North Haven	23,828	34	8	142.7	6	45	54	188.9	5	18.25	12	25	41	36	41	35.75	11
9	Cheshire	29,262	22	12	75.2	23	30	17	102.5	21	18.25	12	43	125	57	137	90.5	97
9	Oxford	13,013	14	22	107.6	15	12	13	92.2	23	18.25	12	77	74	101	144	99	112
9	Wolcott	16,673	17	18	102.0	18	19	21	114.0	19	19	15	62	83	80	125	87.5	90

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9	Madison	18,223	17	18	93.3	20	11	23	60.4	26	21.75	16	62	93	107	162	106	123
9	North Bran	14,263	8	26	56.1	26	7	8	49.1	27	21.75	16	106	150	128	165	137.25	159
9	Branford	28,145	24	10	85.3	22	45	49	159.9	11	23	18	38	109	36	68	62.75	47
9	Naugatuck	31,538	22	12	69.8	25	54	52	171.2	7	24	19	43	133	28	56	65	54
9	West Haver	54,927	49	6	89.2	21	63	53	114.7	18	24.5	20	17	101	20	122	65	54
9	East Haver	28,935	15	21	51.8	27	36	35	124.4	16	24.75	21	72	159	49	110	97.5	108
9	Meriden	59,988	79	3	131.7	9	119	85	198.4	3	25	22	7	53	8	33	25.25	4
9	Hamden	61,218	66	5	107.8	14	55	59	89.8	24	25.5	23	10	73	26	145	63.5	49
9	Wallingford	44,893	42	7	93.6	19	82	79	182.7	6	27.75	24	20	91	16	46	43.25	17
9	Waterbury	108,802	217	1	199.4	3	181	114	166.4	9	31.75	25	1	13	2	61	19.25	1
9	Milford	53,592	67	4	125.0	11	57	97	106.4	20	33	26	8	60	25	133	56.5	37
9	New Haver	130,322	181	2	138.9	8	185	132	142.0	14	39	27	2	47	1	88	34.5	9
11	Franklin	1,975	7	14	354.4	1	5	4	253.2	2	5.25	1	117	3	141	12	68.25	60
11	Voluntown	2,579	9	13	349.0	2	5	4	193.9	11	7.5	2	103	4	141	36	71	64
11	Lebanon	7,259	14	9	192.9	6	16	11	220.4	7	8.25	3	77	15	85	26	50.75	28
11	Lisbon	4,310	10	12	232.0	3	8	8	185.6	14	9.25	4	97	8	120	44	67.25	58
11	North Stor	5,256	5	17	95.1	13	13	5	247.3	4	9.75	5	135	89	98	16	84.5	86
11	Bozrah	2,603	6	16	230.5	4	5	8	192.1	13	10.25	6	128	9	141	39	79.25	77
11	Colchester	16,130	17	6	105.4	11	40	22	248.0	3	10.5	7	62	78	45	15	50	25
11	Lyme	2,374	5	17	210.6	5	0	2	0.0	21	11.25	8	135	10	168	168	120.25	148
11	Preston	4,707	7	14	148.7	7	24	24	509.9	1	11.5	9	117	37	70	1	56.25	35
11	Old Lyme	7,521	11	11	146.3	8	10	11	133.0	17	11.75	10	92	38	113	100	85.75	88
11	East Lyme	19,343	18	5	93.1	15	21	11	108.6	19	12.5	11	59	95	76	130	90	95
11	Sprague	2,951	3	20	101.7	12	4	2	135.5	16	12.5	11	150	84	152	97	120.75	150
11	Salem	4,183	3	20	71.7	20	9	4	215.2	8	13	13	150	129	117	29	106.25	124
11	Ledyard	15,025	14	9	93.2	14	29	19	193.0	12	13.5	14	77	94	60	37	67	57
11	Montville	19,396	27	3	139.2	9	35	29	180.4	15	14	15	36	46	51	48	45.25	20
11	Griswold	11,830	5	17	42.3	21	23	19	194.4	10	16.75	16	135	161	72	34	100.5	115
11	Stonington	18,370	17	6	92.5	16	43	43	234.1	5	17.5	17	62	96	40	19	54.25	32
11	Groton	39,692	32	2	80.6	18	50	35	126.0	18	18.25	18	28	116	31	109	71	64
11	Waterford	19,281	15	8	77.8	19	20	26	103.7	20	18.25	18	72	119	78	135	101	116
11	New Lond	27,179	24	4	88.3	17	58	49	213.4	9	19.75	20	38	103	24	31	49	24
11	Norwich	39,899	50	1	125.3	10	88	87	220.6	6	26	21	16	58	13	25	28	5
13	Willington	5,908	12	4	203.1	2	19	11	321.6	1	4.5	1	86	12	80	4	45.5	21
13	Bolton	4,947	9	7	181.9	3	14	8	283.0	2	5	2	103	20	93	7	55.75	34
13	Ellington	15,916	18	2	113.1	5	26	15	163.4	5	6.75	3	59	68	66	66	64.75	53
13	Union	843	5	10	593.1	1	1	5	118.6	13	7.25	4	135	1	165	117	104.5	122
13	Tolland	14,849	12	4	80.8	7	23	14	154.9	6	7.75	5	86	114	72	77	87.25	89
13	Andover	3,262	4	11	122.6	4	4	5	122.6	12	8	6	145	61	152	113	117.75	146
13	Stafford	11,837	12	4	101.4	6	15	13	126.7	11	8.5	7	86	85	91	108	92.5	100
13	Somers	11,432	8	8	70.0	8	15	13	131.2	8	9.25	8	106	132	91	102	107.75	128
13	Columbia	5,434	3	13	55.2	12	7	5	128.8	9	9.75	9	150	153	128	105	134	158
13	Mansfield	26,043	17	3	65.3	10	35	21	134.4	7	10.25	10	62	141	51	99	88.25	93
13	Hebron	9,552	4	11	41.9	13	25	14	261.7	3	10.25	10	145	162	69	9	96.25	105
13	Vernon	28,959	20	1	69.1	9	54	38	186.5	4	13	12	50	134	28	42	63.5	49
13	Coventry	12,438	8	8	64.3	11	16	24	128.6	10	13.25	13	106	143	85	106	110	133
15	Chaplin	2,255	8	6	354.8	1	5	6	221.7	1	3.5	1	106	2	141	24	68.25	60
15	Putnam	9,372	15	4	160.1	3	18	10	192.1	5	5.5	2	72	31	83	40	56.5	37
15	Hampton	1,849	2	13	108.2	9	4	1	216.3	2	6.25	3	159	72	152	28	102.75	118
15	Ashford	4,251	5	10	117.6	8	9	5	211.7	3	6.5	4	135	66	117	32	87.5	90

Table 1-8. Impaired Driving Summary (cont'd)

2012-2016 Passenger Vehicles Injury Crashes													Cross County Ranks											
County	Town	2015 Population	Single Vehicle Nighttime Crashes (9 PM to 5:59 AM)	Rank (N Night)	Single Vehicle Nighttime Crashes (9 PM to 5:59 AM) / 100K Population	Rank (Rate Night)	Alcohol Related Crashes	Rank (N Alc Rel)	Alcohol Related Crashes / 100K Population	Rank (Alc Rel Rate)	Mean Rank (Range = 1 to N towns in county)	Overall Rank	Rank (N Night)	Rank (Rate Night)	Rank (N Alc Rel)	Rank (Alc Rel Rate)	Mean Rank (Range = 1 to N towns in county)	Overall Rank						
15	Pomfret	4,163	6	9	144.1	5	6	2	144.1	10	6.5	4	128	40	138	87	98.25	109						
15	Sterling	3,764	4	11	106.3	10	6	1	159.4	7	7.25	6	145	77	138	69	107.25	126						
15	Woodstock	7,838	8	6	102.1	11	7	7	89.3	14	9.5	6	106	82	128	146	115.5	139						
15	Scotland	1,686	3	12	177.9	2	2	5	118.6	11	7.5	7	150	22	157	117	111.5	134						
15	Killingly	17,131	21	1	122.6	7	28	22	163.4	6	9	8	47	62	63	65	59.25	44						
15	Thompson	9,290	14	5	150.7	4	14	18	150.7	9	9	8	77	36	93	80	71.5	67						
15	Eastford	1,750	1	14	57.1	14	2	3	114.3	12	10.75	11	164	149	157	124	148.5	165						
15	Canterbury	5,089	1	14	19.7	15	8	10	157.2	8	11.75	12	164	168	120	74	131.5	157						
15	Brooklyn	8,259	7	8	84.8	12	7	18	84.8	15	13.25	13	117	110	128	149	126	154						
15	Plainfield	15,077	20	2	132.7	6	29	45	192.3	4	14.25	14	50	52	60	38	50	25						
15	Windham	24,799	20	2	80.6	13	28	31	112.9	13	14.75	15	50	115	63	126	88.5	94						
County Stats																								
9	New Haven	859,470	1067	1	124.1	1	1235	2	143.7	6	2.5	1												
3	Hartford	895,841	840	3	93.8	5	1466	1	163.6	3	3	2												
11	New London	271,863	299	4	110.0	4	506	4	186.1	1	3.25	3												
5	Litchfield	183,603	215	5	117.1	2	288	5	156.9	4	4	4												
1	Fairfield	948,053	856	2	90.3	7	1080	3	113.9	8	5	5												
15	Windham	116,573	135	7	115.8	3	173	8	148.4	5	5.75	6												
13	Tolland	151,420	132	8	87.2	8	254	6	167.7	2	6	7												
7	Middlesex	164,063	153	6	93.3	6	232	7	141.4	7	6.5	8												
	Connecticut	#####	3697		103.0		5234		145.8															

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2.0 Program Management and Strategic Planning

2.1 Connecticut Impaired Driving Task Force

The Connecticut Impaired Driving Task Force members are key stakeholders from a variety of impaired driving related backgrounds. The Task Force is comprised of a variety of disciplines including the Highway Safety Office, the Department of Motor Vehicles, the Office of the Chief State's Attorney, the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection Police Officer Standards and Training Council (POSTC) and Division of Scientific Services (DSS), State and local law enforcement, universities, hospitals, MADD, AAA and researchers. The Task Force meets on a quarterly basis during the months of November, February, May and August during each federal fiscal year.

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2.2 Strategic Planning

The Connecticut Impaired Driving Task Force mission is to save lives and reduce injuries due to impaired driving on Connecticut roadways through program leadership, innovation, and facilitation of effective partnerships with public and private organizations.

The purpose of the Connecticut Impaired Driving Strategic Plan is to follow the NHTSA Task Force guidelines of identifying specific impaired driving problems within Connecticut, make recommendations, identify and overcome obstacles impeding effective countermeasures, and maintaining the exchange of information and cooperation among various stakeholders. The plan will be updated on an annual basis based upon the most current data trends and new initiatives.

The Connecticut Impaired Driving Strategic Plan will also evaluate performance goals and objectives by data evaluation, high visibility enforcement efforts, successful prosecution of DUI offenders and training.

The Connecticut Impaired Driving Strategic Plan performance goals will follow the 2019 Connecticut Highway Safety Plan performance measure for impaired driving. The measure is to maintain the five year moving average of 105.0 alcohol impaired driving fatalities (BAC \geq .08+) during the 2015-2019 five year period.

The performance objectives are to decrease alcohol related crashes, injuries and fatalities through high visibility enforcement and successful prosecution of DUI offenders by:

- Increasing the number of law enforcement agencies receiving impaired driving enforcement grants beyond the 76 that participated in 2018.
- Increasing the number of cooperating law enforcement agencies participating in high-visibility regional DUI enforcement.
- Increasing the number of certified Standardized Field Sobriety Test (SFST) practitioners and instructors by providing ongoing statewide coordination of SFST training to law enforcement. Increasing law enforcement recognition and conviction of various types of impaired driving beyond alcohol impairment by providing Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) and Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) training.
- Supporting all national high-visibility impaired driving holiday mobilizations by providing funding for overtime enforcement and media buys.
- Increasing successful prosecution and conviction of DUI offenders and lowering the percent of adjudications other than guilty.
- Targeting areas with a data driven approach to problem identification.

The following performance measures shown in Table 2.1 have been selected based on their ability to indicate trends in impaired driving over extended periods of time. While some absolute numbers may be higher from year to year, moving average and trend data may show modest projected decreases over time. These projections are then applied during the goal selection process. Starting in 2015, the impaired injury crash data includes impairment related to alcohol, medication, or other drug. The 2015-2016 impaired injury crash data is therefore not comparable to previous years reported.

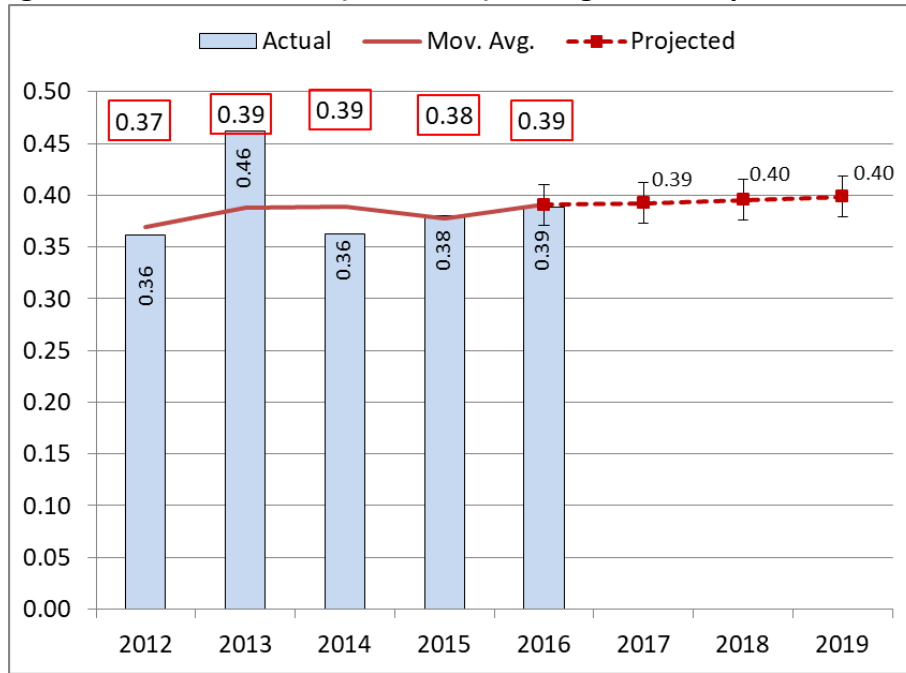
Table 2.1 Performance Measures

Performance Measures	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Alcohol-Impaired Driving Fatalities	100	126	97	103	100
Alcohol-Impaired Driving Fatal Crashes	92	116	92	96	94
Percent Alcohol-Impaired Driving Fatal Crashes	37.1%	43.8%	39.1%	37.5%	33.3%
Alcohol-Related Driving Fatalities	98	143	113	120	123
Percent Alcohol-Related Driving Fatalities	37.1%	50.0%	45.6%	44.4%	41.8%
Alcohol-Related Driving Fatalities per 100M VMT	0.31	0.46	0.36	0.38	0.39
Alcohol-Related Driving Injury Crashes*	904	854	847	1,175	1,280
Percent Alcohol-Related Driving Injury Crashes	3.8%	3.7%	3.7%	4.6%	4.8%

*2015-2016 impaired injury crash data includes impairment due to alcohol, medication, or other drug

Figure 4 shows Connecticut’s alcohol-related driving fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles of travel. If the fatality rate per 100 million vehicle miles of travel were to continue, it would project to 0.39 in 2017, and a stable 0.40 through 2019.

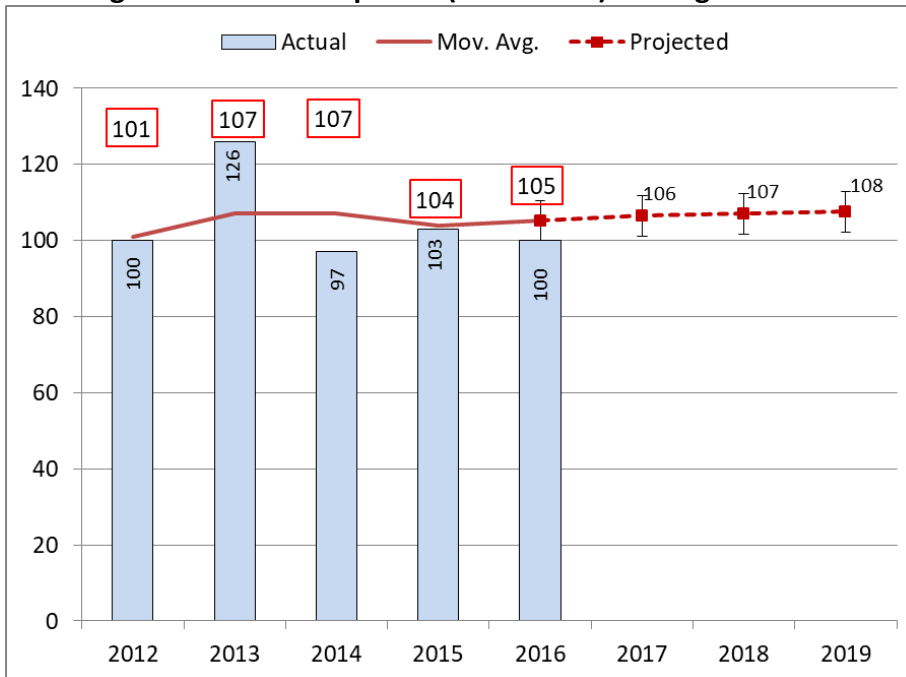
Figure 4. Alcohol-Related (BAC ≥ 0.01) Driving Fatalities per 100M VMT



Source: FARS

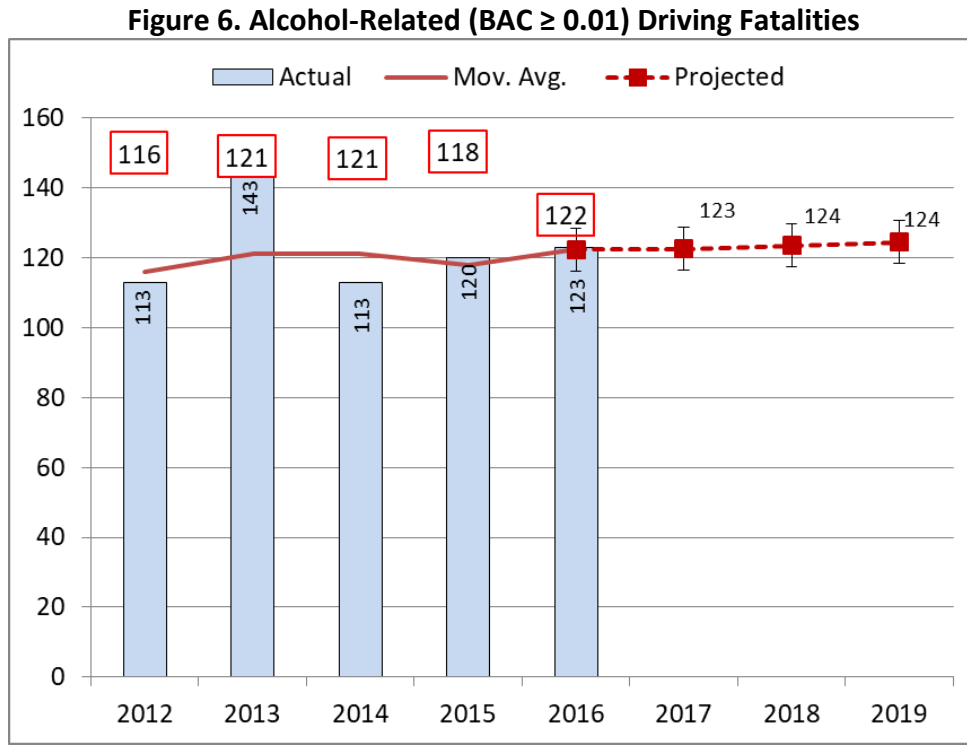
Figure 5 shows Connecticut’s alcohol-impaired driving fatalities and indicates that, if the trend continues, the number of alcohol-impaired driving fatalities would project to 106 in 2017, 107 in 2018, and 108 in 2019.

Figure 5. Alcohol-Impaired (BAC ≥ 0.08) Driving Fatalities



Source: FARS

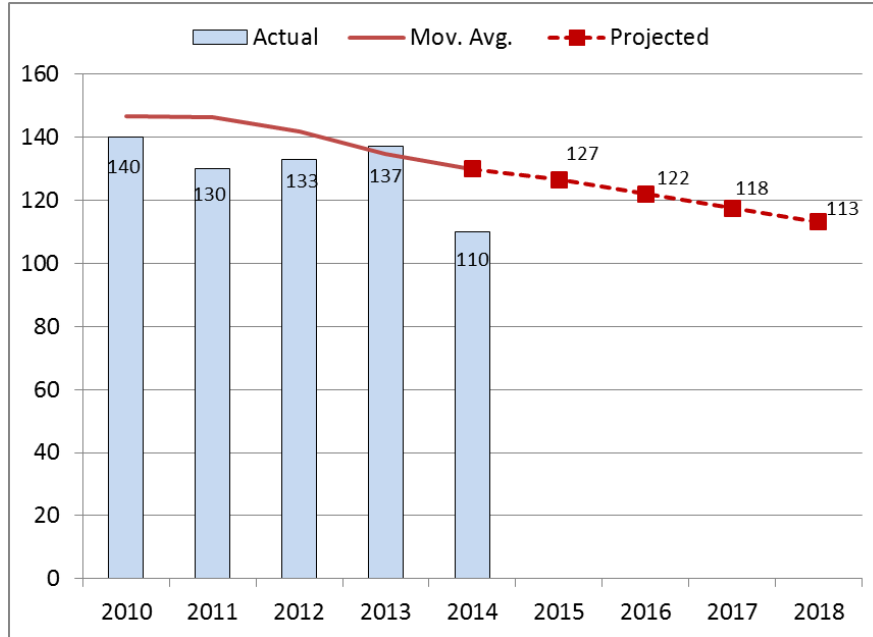
Figure 6 shows the number of alcohol related driving fatalities for the 2012 to 2016 period, along with the moving averages, and projected fatalities. If the fatality trend continues (Fig. 6), the projection would be 123 alcohol-related fatalities in 2017 and 124 in 2018 and 2019.



Source: FARS

Figure 7 shows the number of alcohol-related severe injuries for the years 2010 to 2014. Due to changes in reporting, from 2015 on, injury data related to alcohol, medication, or other drugs cannot be queried by substance type and thus is not comparable to previous years. For this reason, the same data used in the 2018 HSP for this performance measure is shown and the goal will not change for the 2019 HSP. The HSO will work to rectify this issue during the 2018 HSP period, by looking for other sources of information where alcohol-specific injury data can be obtained.

Figure 7. Alcohol-Related (BAC ≥ 0.01) Severe (“A”) Injuries



Source: Connecticut Department of Transportation

2.3 Program Management

The development of the Connecticut Impaired Driving Strategic Plan is a result of fulfilling the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act requirements of Connecticut’s identification as a Mid-Range State. Currently, Connecticut has an average impaired driving fatality rate that is higher than 0.30 and lower than 0.60. In order to qualify for the NHTSA Impaired Driving Countermeasures grant in federal fiscal year 2020, Connecticut is required to submit a statewide impaired driving plan. The contents of the plan have been approved by the Connecticut Impaired Driving Task Force and include a proposed charter and Task Force meeting minutes. Task Force members include key stakeholders from the Highway Safety Office, law enforcement, criminal justice system and police training community.

2.4 Resources

Funding will be made available for various impaired driving initiatives through the Connecticut Highway Safety Plan. Qualifying pilot programs will be funded and fiscally programmed to become self-sustaining.

All of the HSO enforcement funding distribution is performance based and data driven. DUI enforcement grant application and reimbursement materials are continuously updated in order to improve the grant and reimbursement process.

Training in the law enforcement operational model of Data Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety will continue to be conducted at POSTC.

The HSO will continue to work with Preusser Research Group in obtaining data that will be used along with HSO statistical data to identify towns that have high alcohol related crashes and fatalities.

2.5 Plan Approval

This Strategic Plan will be updated annually and will be based on current data trends and analyses. The Task Force chairman will update the plan with input from Task Force members. Data information will be obtained from the latest Connecticut Highway Safety Plan and will be based on the most current data available.

A draft version of the plan was distributed via email to all Task Force members for review and approval on May 29, 2019. Additional revisions were then applied to the plan in response to comments provided by Task Force members. The final version of the plan was created on June 12, 2019.

3.0 Prevention

3.1 Community-Based Programs

The HSO partners with Kramer International's 'Save a Life Tour'. This tour travels the country providing a distracted and impaired driving presentation for high school students. The program is conducted at approximately 60 high schools. Schools will be selected by partnering with the Connecticut Association of Schools, who will assist in identifying involved administrations in different regions of the state that would best reach a diverse population. Given the extreme dangers of distracted driving especially with young and inexperienced drivers, the HSO plans to impact the lives of many students with this program and also garner earned media attention to be broadcasted throughout the state.

The HSO also administers the 'Choices Matter' program. This program provides educational training for younger drivers related to drinking and driving and is also conducted at high schools throughout the state. HSO grant funding is also provided to 'The Governor's Prevention Partnership' for a youth led underage drinking prevention program.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) provides an educational outreach program, titled, "Power of Parent's, It's Your Influence". This program is funded by the HSO. It involves a 30-minute workshop given to parents of middle school and high school age children. The program is based on a handbook, which motivates parents to talk with their teens about the dangers of alcohol. Handbooks are presented to every parent in attendance at each workshop. The workshops are presented by trained facilitators who have each attended a facilitator training led by the MADD Connecticut Youth Department. A Program Specialist

oversees the implementation of this program. Approximately 50 presentations will be conducted over the course of the next fiscal year.

AAA provides an educational outreach program in the form of a driving improvement program aimed at drivers 60 years of age and older. The four hour program includes a module that focuses on impaired driving from alcohol, drugs, and distractions. The program covers the effects of impairment on driving and provides information on Connecticut impaired driving laws.

3.2 Promote Responsible Alcohol Service and Transportation Alternatives

While there are no current tasks under this initiative, the Task Force is currently evaluating countermeasures for this component area.

4.0 Criminal Justice System

4.1 Laws

Connecticut Impaired Driving laws under the CT General Statute 14-227a, 14-227a(g)(penalty provision) and 14-111 as amended on July 1, 2015 are as follows:

First Offense	Second Offense Within Connecticut or Out-Of-State (within 10 years of last conviction)	Third Offense (within 10 years of last conviction)
Fine: \$500 to \$1,000	Fine: \$1,000 to \$4,000	Fine: \$2,000 to \$8,000
Jail: Not more than 6 months jail, 48 consecutive hours of which may not be suspended or reduced in any manner, or Not more than 6 months jail execution suspended and probation with 100 hours of community service in lieu of the 48 hours in jail	Jail: Not more than 2 years jail, 120 consecutive days of which may not be suspended or reduced in any manner, and probation with 100 hours of community service and substance abuse evaluation and treatment if deemed necessary	Jail: Not more than 3 years jail, 1 year of which may not be suspended or reduced in any manner, and probation with 100 hours of community service and substance abuse evaluation and treatment if deemed necessary
License Suspension: 45 days Ignition Interlock Device: 1 year mandatory	License Suspension: 45 days Ignition Interlock Device: 3 years mandatory, during the first year may drive only to or from work, school, an alcohol or drug abuse treatment program, an IID service center, or an appointment with a probation officer	License Suspension: Revoked for life, but may apply for reinstatement after 2 years Ignition Interlock Device: If approved, must drive vehicle equipped with Ignition Interlock Device for lifetime, from date of reinstatement, but can request a hearing to have IID condition removed after 15 years

4.2 Enforcement

High-visibility enforcement objectives will continue to be accomplished through coordinated sobriety checkpoint activity and roving/saturation patrols. Law enforcement agencies are offered DUI overtime enforcement grants. In order to fulfill the Impaired Driving Program countermeasures, the HSO will make an extra effort to add additional saturation patrols and checkpoints during holiday crackdowns and weekends. These grants will be available to police departments for the holiday/high travel periods and for non-holiday travel periods creating year-round sustained enforcement. Enforcement will continue to be targeted at high DUI activity periods identified in the statewide problem identification and by local police departments based on specific community core hours of related alcohol activity through this task. The Highway Safety Office will make every effort to encourage DUI checkpoint activity every weekend throughout the year. It is anticipated that approximately 80 agencies will participate as sub-grantees and an estimated 100 DUI checkpoints and approximately 5,000 roving/saturation patrols will be conducted statewide throughout 2019-2020. Enforcement will target high risk regions and communities where DUI activity is known to be significant, based on a multi-year data analysis of passenger vehicle injury crashes.

The HSO will continue to assist law enforcement agencies throughout the year with their enforcement activities by addressing issues that impact the scheduling of those activities. Efforts will be made by the HSO to accommodate requests for the rescheduling of enforcement activities cancelled due to manpower or weather.

An overview of existing training efforts within the Police Officer Standards and Training Council (POSTC) established a base line of current training initiatives. Current courses that provide impaired driving enforcement training include Standardized Field Sobriety Test (SFST), Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE), High Visibility Enforcement (HVE) and At Scene Traffic Crash Investigation. In addition to these courses, Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) training is available for officers who meet approved curriculum standards who are aspiring to become DREs. Further development of additional training courses will be examined by POSTC in conjunction with the HSO.

The Highway Safety Office will continue to increase the support for judicial and law enforcement agencies to train personnel in the latest methods of DUI enforcement. It is anticipated that approximately 10 training sessions will be conducted and 250 officers will be trained through this program. This task will ensure that NHTSA approved SFST procedures are implemented uniformly by practitioners throughout the State. Funding will also include overtime expenses, travel and lodging for instructors as well as materials to support this task, including SFST stimulus pens and SFST reference notebooks.

4.3 Publicizing High Visibility Enforcement

Connecticut law enforcement agencies communicate their impaired driving law enforcement efforts through press releases in local papers and by conducting sobriety checkpoints. This enforcement activity increases the local public perception of the detrimental effects of driving while impaired. Media campaigns are conducted during the major holiday crackdowns to assist in the enforcement message.

4.4 Prosecution

A statewide Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor (TSRP) position will be funded within the Office of the Chief State's Attorney. The TSRP will assist in successfully prosecuting DUI and drug impaired driving related cases through DUI enforcement related training programs for professionals from all related fields. This training will include up to two statewide prosecutors meetings and up to 15 local geographical area trainings. The groups include but are not limited to, prosecutors, law enforcement personnel, judges and hearing officers. The TSRP will also act in an advisory capacity to State and local law enforcement agencies and the Highway Safety Office on all DUI and/or drug impaired driving legislation. The TSRP will also develop and update training manuals aiding successful identification and prosecution of DUI offenders for both law enforcement and judicial officials. Other project activities include prosecutorial consultant activity and DUI law review. Reports on TSRP activities will be submitted monthly to the HSO for project monitoring and reimbursement.

4.5 Adjudication

The best manner to improve the prosecution and adjudication of impaired drivers, as determined by Task Force members, is to provide training to area prosecutors through Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor (TSRP) activities. This training will be focused in the areas of current DUI legislation, Standardized Field Sobriety Test (SFST), Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) and Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) training components. Efforts will be made by the HSO and the TSRP to continue this training during the 2020 federal fiscal year. The Task Force may have selected Task Force members attend periodic meetings with Department of Motor Vehicles officials to discuss concerns and provide updates on educational opportunities.

4.6 Administrative Sanctions and Driver Licensing Programs

Funding will continue to be provided to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) for two Administrative Per Se Hearing Attorneys. Funding these positions provides representation for the DMV for select Administrative Per Se hearings. Having counsel review all arrests and then represent the DMV has shown to increase the percentage of DUI-related license suspensions upheld and result in more DUI convictions. Monthly case reporting to the HSO will be required for project monitoring and reimbursement.

The Per Se attorneys are continuing to train officers through both formal training courses and individual consultations. Formal training includes instruction at all five Connecticut police academies and advanced training courses. Individual consultations include one-on-one meetings with law enforcement to prepare them for Per Se appearances and to provide advice as needed. Current Per Se training methods have greatly improved from training methods in prior years and have resulted in a better relationship between the Per Se attorneys and the law enforcement community. Improved communications between the Per Se attorneys and the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection Division of Scientific Services (DSS) have also improved the Per Se hearing process, which has resulted in more cases being processed and more administrative sanctions.

Beginning with arrest dates on or after July 1, 2015, all driver license suspensions for failing or refusing a chemical alcohol test will be forty-five (45) days. The installation of an ignition interlock device (IID) will be required prior to restoration for all alcohol related suspensions. Following restoration, the IID must be maintained for at least the length of time listed below:

IID requirement for drivers under 21 years old			
Blood Alcohol Level	First Offense	Second Offense	Third or Subsequent Offense
Test results of .02 or higher	1 year	2 years	3 years

IID requirement for drivers 21 years old and older			
Blood Alcohol Level	First Offense	Second Offense	Third or Subsequent Offense
Test results of .08 or higher	6 months	1 year	2 years

IID requirement for ALL drivers			
Refusal of Test	First Offense	Second Offense	Third or Subsequent Offense
Refusal to submit to chemical testing	1 year	2 years	3 years

5.0 Communication Program

The HSO provides funding for the purchase and distribution of public outreach and education materials. A comprehensive campaign includes the development and purchase of public information and education materials in the form of brochures, posters, and other items carrying messaging to discourage impaired driving and provide information about related laws and associated risks. Delivery of public education and information materials is accomplished through outreach at sporting and concert venues, public safety fairs, school safety days, corporate safety days and other community events. Public information and education efforts continue to be conducted through a variety of public outreach venues. Impaired Driving messages and images including “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over”, “Buzzed

Driving is Drunk Driving” and “Fans Don’t Let Fans Drive Drunk” are currently prominently placed at several of the State’s entertainment venues (including but not limited to: Dunkin’ Donuts Park, Hartford XL Center, Bridgeport’s Harbor Yard, Rentschler Field, Dodd Stadium, Live Nation theatres, Lime Rock Park, Stafford Motor Speedway and Thompson International Speedway) through the paid media project. In support of the visual messages, public outreach is conducted at these venues through tabling opportunities that provide opportunities to educate motorists about the importance of not driving impaired.

6.0 Alcohol and Other Drug Misuse: Screening, Assessment, Treatment and Rehabilitation

The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) is the state’s lead agency for the prevention and treatment of alcohol and other substance abuse. As such, it provides a variety of prevention and treatment services on a regional basis to persons with substance use disorders. Both substance abuse prevention and treatment services are provided to a broad range of populations. Prevention services increase resiliency factors that reduce the likelihood of substance abuse, while treatment services are aimed at assisting those with substance use disorders to recover from their illness. DMHAS administers and funds prevention coalitions covering all 169 towns and community-based prevention programs provide services statewide or at the regional or local level. DMHAS also funds and monitors community-based substance abuse treatment programs and operates three inpatient state treatment facilities.

During the 2013 legislative session, the legislature enacted *Public Act No. 13-26, An Act Concerning the Department of Mental Health And Addiction Services’ Reporting Requirements*. The act amended state statute Sec. 19a-490h by no longer requiring Connecticut hospitals to annually submit their screening protocol or provide a report on its implementation to DMHAS. Each hospital is still, however, required to establish protocols for screening patients for alcohol and substance abuse. The act was effective July 1, 2013. State statute Sec. 19a-490h currently reads as follows:

Sec. 19a-490h. Emergency room screening of trauma patients for substance abuse. Assistance by Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. (a) Each hospital licensed by the Department of Public Health as a short-term general hospital, outpatient surgical facility or outpatient clinic shall include in the record of each trauma patient a notation indicating the extent and outcome of screening for alcohol and substance abuse. For purposes of this section, "trauma patient" means a patient of sufficient age to be at risk of alcohol and substance abuse with a traumatic injury, as defined in the most recent edition of the International Classification of Disease, who is admitted to the hospital on an inpatient basis, is transferred to or from an acute care setting, dies or requires emergent trauma team activation. (b) Each such hospital shall establish protocols for screening patients for alcohol and substance abuse. (c) The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, after consultation with the Department of Public Health, shall assist each hospital required to conduct alcohol and substance abuse screening pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) of this

section with the development and implementation of alcohol and substance abuse screening protocols.

7.0 Program Evaluation and Data

As stated in the 2019 CT Highway Safety Plan, the problem identification process begins early in the calendar year with the examination of a variety of traffic and roadway related data. The analysis of this data identifies both general and specific patterns of concern, and from a review of historical patterns, results in a projection of future data trends. Other problems and deficiencies are identified through programmatic review.

Problem identification takes place on multiple levels. The first and earliest form of problem identification begins with reviewing projects from the previous fiscal year and requesting project level input from highway safety partners. This process may include sending out a project concept letter to stakeholders, partners and program managers, or in some program areas, holding meetings with project directors and stakeholders.

Requests for local problem identifications may be sent to highway safety stakeholders. These include 94 local law enforcement agencies, 53 Resident State Troopers, 11 State Police Troops, 3 State Police District Headquarters, the State Police Headquarters Traffic Unit and other police departments.

In addition, HSO staff meets with several local municipalities to discuss DUI plans for their jurisdictions. Other meetings are held with the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection and the Office of the Chief State's Attorney in order to establish a cooperative working partnership.

The next level of problem identification takes place when the most recent crash, injury and fatality data become available (currently 2016 crash data). The data is analyzed by the HSO data contractor to identify major problem areas, over-represented groups, demographics, and other "drill-down" factors in an attempt to determine who, what, where, when and why crashes with fatalities and injuries are taking place. Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) and injury data, annual observation belt use surveys, awareness surveys, licensing, population, registration, citation and arrest/adjudication data, toxicology data, as well as state vehicle miles traveled (VMT) data are all used in this process.

To assist in analyzing and setting core performance measures and goals, this data includes a five year moving average to further normalize data trends over time and includes a projection based on the five year moving average.

Projects are selected using criteria that include: response to identified problems, potential for impacting performance goals, innovation, clear objectives, adequate evaluation plans and cost effective budgets. Sub-grantees are selected based on an ability to demonstrate significant programmatic impact based on data driven problem analysis.

In addition to the highway safety stakeholders listed above, the following is a list of partners the HSO works closely with on an annual basis:

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) continue to provide leadership and technical assistance. Various state agencies are active participants, including the Offices of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection State Police and Division of Scientific Services (DSS), the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, the Department of Public Health, the Department of Motor Vehicles, the Division of Criminal Justice (including the Centralized Infractions Bureau and the Office of the Chief State's Attorney) and the Office of Policy and Management. Local law enforcement agencies, through coordinated efforts with the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association, are also essential partners. Regional and municipal planning agencies and organizations assist greatly in the planning of traffic records projects. State colleges and universities, including the University of Connecticut and Central Connecticut State University, are key partners in traffic records projects. Civic and non-profit groups, schools and hospitals also serve as cooperative partners. These include the Governor's Prevention Partnership, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), the Connecticut Coalition to Stop Underage Drinking, SAFE KIDS, the Connecticut Motorcycle Riders Association, AAA, the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference, Yale-New Haven Hospital, Connecticut Children's Medical Center, St. Francis, Lawrence Memorial and Hartford Hospitals and private sector and business organizations. Connecticut also actively participates as a member of the Governors Highway Safety Association and the National Association of State Motorcycle Safety Administrators.

8.0 Impaired Driving Task Force Meeting Minutes

Following are the meeting minutes to all Connecticut Impaired Driving Task Force meetings. The minutes to the most current meeting are shown first, followed by the minutes of all prior meetings in reverse chronological order.

Connecticut Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force May 1, 2019

Mission Statement

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Amy Parmenter – AAA Allied Group
Dr. Julie Tison – Preusser Research Group

The 25th DUI Task Force meeting was held on May 1, 2019. In attendance were:

Christopher Henry – Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Division Administrator
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Amy Parmenter – AAA Allied Group
Dr. Eric Jackson – Transportation Safety Research Center Director
Brandon O’Brien – Transportation Safety Research Center Crash Data Liaison
Alec Slatky – AAA Northeast
Shannon Trice – NHTSA Region 2 Program Manager (by conference call only)
Michael Morris – NHTSA Region 2 Law Enforcement Liaison (by conference call only)

Agenda items were:

- Greetings & Introductions
- Police Training Update
- Per Se Hearing Evaluations
- Update on Connecticut Forensic Toxicology DUI/DUID Capabilities
- Connecticut DUI Crash Trends
- Marijuana Legalization Update
- Marijuana-Impaired Driving Research Proposal
- Open Agenda Items
- Next Meeting Date

Minutes to Connecticut Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force Meeting

On May 1, 2019, the Connecticut Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force met in Newington, Connecticut for the purpose of reviewing the agenda items listed above. The focus remains on strategies associated with the reduction and prevention of impaired driving behaviors.

Police Training Update

- Eugene Interlandi, the Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force Chairman and the Highway Safety Office Impaired Driving Program Manager, gave an update on DUI related police training. He reported that a Standardized Field Sobriety Test (SFST) course is scheduled to be held on May 29-31, 2019, at the Police Officer Standards and Training Council (POSTC) in Meriden, CT. Another SFST course is tentatively scheduled for June 12-14, 2019, at the Old Saybrook Police Department.
- There are also three Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) courses planned. The first is scheduled for June 6-7, 2019, at the Newtown Police Department. Two other ARIDE courses are scheduled for June 27-28, 2019. One will be held at POSTC and the other will be held at the Waterford Police Department. The SFST and ARIDE courses are prerequisites for Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) training.
- Mr. Interlandi also provided information on 2019 Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) training. A Connecticut DRE class is scheduled to be held from Monday, September 9, through Friday, September 20, 2019, at Goodwin College in East Hartford, CT. The East Hartford training encompasses the academic phase of DRE training, which is the first of two phases of training

that must be completed for certification. The second phase of DRE training is the field certification phase, which is scheduled to be held in October 2019 in Phoenix, Arizona.

Per Se Hearing Evaluations

- Thomas Donohue and Ilisa Ring from the Department of Motor Vehicles continue to work in their capacity as Per Se Hearing Attorneys. Their focus is to review Administrative Per Se license suspension cases, to identify defects and to reduce the number of revocations that are dismissed. During the January through March 2019 quarterly period, they reviewed a total of 1,704 reports. They presented 174 cases at hearings.
- They are also continuing to review reports deemed to be non-processable. During the January through March 2019 quarterly period, they reviewed a total of 271 non-processable reports in addition to the 1,704 total reports reviewed for a grand total of 1,975. Through their intervention, they were able to process 14 non-processable reports.
- Mr. Donohue and Ms. Ring reported that they are continuing to train new police recruits. They have also been utilizing mock trails in many of their training initiatives. Additionally, they have been involved in the training of prosecutors in conjunction with Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor (TSRP) training activities.
- They also reported recently attending training for the Draeger breathalyzer instrument. They found this training to be very informative. The Draeger training was held at the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection Division of Scientific Services and was provided by a Draeger representative.
- They reported that the volume of calls received has increased substantially. The calls generally come from law enforcement and attorneys and relate to both alcohol and drug issues. They are also continuing to receive calls from prosecutors for their advice and assistance with cases. Defense attorneys are also a source of calls for advice.
- Ms. Ring reported the status of a recent legislative proposal to amend state statute Sec. 14-227c of Title 14. A proposal was drafted to amend some of the statute language in regards to the collection of blood or breath samples following crashes resulting in death or serious injury. This proposal was part of a larger Division of Criminal Justice (DCJ) bill (S.B. No. 1054). DCJ provided public hearing testimony on this bill to the Judiciary Committee, but the bill did not make it out of committee.

Update on Connecticut Forensic Toxicology DUI/DUID Capabilities

- Dr. Michael Rickenbach from the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection Division of Scientific Services (DSS) gave an overview of DSS activities. He first summarized DSS Chemical Analysis Section goals, then provided annual totals of cases and requests received. Evidence Receiving Unit (ERU) totals were provided for FY 2017 and FY 2018. For FY 2017, approximately 8,500 ERU cases and 19,000 ERU requests were received. For FY 2018, approximately 8,200 ERU cases and 17,000 ERU requests were received.
- Dr. Rickenbach then provided information on the types of cases received by the Toxicology Unit. Cases received are related to driving under the influence of ethanol and/or drugs, sexual assaults and Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) cases. OCME cases include homicides, suicides and motor vehicle crashes.
- Toxicology Unit totals were then provided. For 2018, the Toxicology Unit received over 2,000 cases. The unit also received over 2,500 requests. Additionally, approximately 500 requests were received for serum ethanol conversions.

- Dr. Rickenbach then gave examples of types of scenarios relative to the Toxicology Unit. Approximately four different scenarios were presented and some additional less common scenarios were touched upon. The scenarios illustrated common types of requests received.
- Different types of evidence analysis were then discussed. These types include enzyme multiplied immunoassay technique (EMIT) and enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA). EMIT is used for urine samples and ELISA is used for blood samples.

Connecticut DUI Crash Trends

- Marisa Auguste from the Connecticut Transportation Safety Research Center (CTSRC) presented information on Connecticut DUI crash statistics for the 2015-2018 time period. Various graphics were presented that showed DUI crash attributes. The information presented included DUI crashes, DUI injury crashes and DUI fatal crashes by year, DUI crashes by time and by day of the week, DUI crash collision types, and the age and gender of impaired persons.
- Location information was also presented that included maps of areas in the state with the highest density of DUI crashes. Location information also included information on roadways that experienced a high frequency of DUI crashes.
- DUI crash totals were also broken out by investigating police agency for municipal police department investigated crashes, and by town of occurrence for State Police investigated crashes. Separate bar graphs were used to display crash totals for municipal towns and for State Police towns.

Marijuana Legalization Update

- Amy Parmenter from AAA Allied Group shared information on two public hearings regarding the legalization of recreational marijuana. Both hearings were held at the Legislative Office Building on Friday, March 22, 2019. One hearing was before General Law Committee and the other was before the Judiciary Committee.
- Ms. Parmenter first testified at the General Law Committee, but was directed to testify at the Judiciary Committee in regards to impaired driving related testimony. The Judiciary Committee hearing mostly pertained to H.B. No. 1085 – An Act Concerning the Legalization of the Retail Sale and Possession of Cannabis and Concerning Erasure of Criminal Records in the Case of Convictions Based on the Possession of a Small Amount of Cannabis, and H.B. No. 7372 – An Act Concerning Driving While Under the Influence of an Intoxicating Drug.
- Ms. Parmenter then provided testimony at the Judiciary Committee hearing. She first stated that AAA opposes the legalization of recreational marijuana because of traffic safety concerns. She then offered AAA's support of H.B. No. 7372. AAA's support of the bill is primarily for the funds that would be set aside for the training of law enforcement as Drug Recognition Experts (DREs).
- She testified that drug impaired driving is not a problem that can be solved by setting more money aside. Police recruitment has gone down, which affects the number of candidates available to be trained as DREs. She pointed out that there is no correlation between the amount of THC in the blood and the level of impairment. She also pointed out that many cases are being nulled every day because of the complexities involved with proving drug impairment.
- Ms. Parmenter indicated that the state legislature has been breaking down marijuana related proposals into components to establish a framework for a legal marijuana industry in Connecticut.

Marijuana-Impaired Driving Research Proposal

- Dr. Eric Jackson and Marisa Auguste from the Connecticut Transportation Safety Research Center (CTSRC) spoke about a research proposal for a marijuana study. The research proposal has been initiated in response to H.B. 5152 – An Act Requiring a Study of Marijuana-Impaired Driving and Methods to Detect Marijuana-Impaired Driving. The bill was proposed by the Public Safety and Security Committee in January 2019.
- The CTSRC submitted a white paper to the DOT that highlights the need for a study of marijuana-impaired driving. The white paper includes background information on the issue and outlines the proposed study tasks.
- Dr. Jackson and Ms. Auguste gave a summary of steps that the CTSRC plan to take in order to conduct a study of marijuana-impaired driving and methods of detection. The steps were broken out by the following study tasks:
 - Task 1: Review research on how marijuana impairs drivers
 - Task 2: Identify magnitude of marijuana-impaired crashes in Connecticut
 - Task 3: Examine policies and laws in other states that legalized recreational use
 - Task 4: Examine the accuracy of methods/devices used to detect marijuana-impairment
 - Task 5: Make recommendations regarding methods/devices used to detect impairment
 - Task 6: Make recommendations regarding training of officers in impairment detection
- Information was also presented on institutions offering certifications, degrees, and courses on cannabis-related businesses and horticulture. The University of Connecticut has even begun teaching an undergraduate course on caring for medicinal marijuana plants. Cannabis was reported as the fastest growing industry in the United States.

Open Agenda Items

- Eugene Interlandi, the Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force Chairman and the Highway Safety Office Impaired Driving Program Manager, distributed a one page report that summarized marijuana-related laws by state. The report was produced by the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) and is current as of April 10, 2019.

Next meeting:

Wednesday, August 7, 2019 – 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM – CTDOT Administration Building, Room 2324

Connecticut Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force February 6, 2019

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The 24th DUI Task Force meeting was held on February 6, 2019. In attendance were:

Christopher Henry – Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Division Administrator
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Agenda items were:

- Greetings & Introductions
- FY 2012-2018 DUI Enforcement Grant Summary
- Per Se Hearing Evaluations
- Overview of Impaired Driving Problem Cases
- The Governor’s Prevention Partnership Peer-to-Peer Program
- Marijuana Legalization - Is Connecticut Next?
- 2019 Legislative Session Impaired Driving Proposals
- Open Agenda Items
- Next Meeting Date

Minutes to Connecticut Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force Meeting

On February 6, 2019, the Connecticut Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force met in Newington, Connecticut for the purpose of reviewing the agenda items listed above. The focus remains on strategies associated with the reduction and prevention of impaired driving behaviors.

FY 2012-2018 DUI Enforcement Grant Summary

- Eugene Interlandi, the Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force Chairman and the Highway Safety Office Impaired Driving Program Manager, reported information on FY 2012-2018 DUI enforcement grant activities. He reported that he had recently completed a review of “Enforcement Recap” submittals for all FY 2018 Comprehensive DUI Enforcement grants. Participating police departments are continuing to report difficulties staffing DUI grant shifts. A shortage of available manpower is the primary reason for the staffing difficulties.
- Mr. Interlandi presented some graphics with information from the last seven years of DUI enforcement activity. The graphs displayed FY 2012-2018 grant funded DUI enforcement hours worked, grant funded DUI arrests and DUI arrest rates per enforcement hours. Each graph indicated a downward trend. FY 2018 grant activity did not include town funded grant activity, which may have impacted DUI enforcement hours and arrests. In prior years, 25% of all DUI grant activity was town funded.
- Grant funded DUI arrests for the last three years were as follows:
 - FY 2016 1,304
 - FY 2017 1,214
 - FY 2018 1,007

- Mr. Interlandi also provided an update on the status of FY 2019 DUI enforcement grants. A total of 70 FY 2019 Comprehensive DUI Enforcement grants have so far been reviewed and approved. A total of 69 FY 2018 Comprehensive DUI Enforcement grants had been approved at this time last year.

Per Se Hearing Evaluations

- Thomas Donohue and Ilisa Ring from the Department of Motor Vehicles continue to work in their capacity as Per Se Hearing Attorneys. Their focus is to review Administrative Per Se license suspension cases, to identify defects and to reduce the number of revocations that are dismissed. During the October through December 2018 quarterly period, they reviewed a total of 1,796 reports. They presented 173 cases at hearings.
- They are also continuing to review reports deemed to be non-processable. During the October through December 2018 quarterly period, they reviewed a total of 300 non-processable reports in addition to the 1,796 total reports reviewed for a grand total of 2,096. Through their intervention, they were able to process 14 non-processable reports.
- They reported that they presented 737 cases during calendar year 2018. This is an increase of 64 cases from the previous calendar year. Out of the 737 cases presented, 78 cases resulted in a license restoration.
- They remarked that the Fernschild requirement has had an effect on OUI cases. Mr. Donohue read an excerpt from an OUI arrest form from an actual OUI case. The information presented demonstrated how the absence of specific information on chemical alcohol test refusals could affect the outcome of the case and the likelihood of upholding a license suspension. They commented that the proper completion of the OUI arrest form by law enforcement is an educational issue, and is stressed at every training class in which Mr. Donohue and Ms. Ring serve as instructors.
- They taught eight classes to law enforcement during the October through December 2018 quarterly period. The long term goal continues to be the reduction of errors in police reports and to improve the chance of any case that goes to hearing resulting in a license suspension. They are keeping abreast of drug issues, and educating law enforcement of these issues at these training classes.

Overview of Impaired Driving Problem Cases

- Dr. Robert Powers from the University of New Haven shared information on DUI toxicology. He presented information on problem DUI cases. He defined a problem case as one that involves inadequate behavioral observations, toxicologic findings, or both, to support prosecution in the case of a driver reasonably expected to have been impaired.
- He presented examples of typical problems in DUI cases. These problems include:
 - Can't back extrapolate
 - BAC CI extends below 0.08 g/dL
 - Behavioral observations incomplete, absent or invalid (e.g., age and underlying medical condition)
- He also presented examples of typical problems in DUI cases that involved the use of drugs. These problems include:
 - Urine rather than blood (shows the necessity of behavior observations)
 - Can use drugs in blood to explain impairment, but not to infer impairment

- He presented examples of two problem cases. The first case involved alcohol and the second case involved drugs. The examples demonstrated how problem DUI cases present prosecutorial challenges.

The Governor's Prevention Partnership Peer-to-Peer Program

- Monique Price-Taylor from The Governor's Prevention Partnership shared the work of the Peer-to-Peer program. The focus of the program is the promotion of healthy decision making through educational activities on skill development and leadership opportunities. The prevention of violence, underage drinking, and alcohol and drug abuse are major program objectives. Program funding is provided by the DOT.
- The program strategy is "E3: Encourage, Empower, Engage". E3 utilizes a peer-to-peer approach to mentor and educate high school age youth through curriculum focused educational activities. E3 is led by trained high school students under the guidance of a youth advisor.
- The implementation of program activities is done through community or school based organizations. The number of schools and students participating in the program has increased during the last few years. The students are given surveys both before and after program training to measure program impact.

Marijuana Legalization - Is Connecticut Next?

- Amy Parmenter from AAA spoke of a shift in the tone of some opposition to the legalization of recreational marijuana due to the Governor's support of it. AAA's goal, Parmenter stated, is to step up efforts to educate lawmakers in such a way as to influence/shape policy around impaired driving and related traffic safety concerns.
- Ms. Parmenter pointed to at least five legislative proposals referencing the legalization of marijuana. Though many believe that the legalization of recreational marijuana is likely to occur in Connecticut, Ms. Parmenter indicated that there is still a good deal of opposition to it. She mentioned that AAA wants to be part of the process. Ms. Parmenter plans to participate in any upcoming legislative hearings on proposed marijuana legislation.
- Mr. Alec Slatky, also from AAA, shared that he and Ms. Parmenter are tentatively organizing an educational marijuana round table for lawmakers in early March, possibly engaging some members of the task force. The intention is to address proposed per se limits and other complexities of marijuana relative to traffic safety and enforcement.

2019 Legislative Session Impaired Driving Proposals

- Brenda Hans, the Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor from the Office of the Chief State's Attorney, gave a presentation on impaired driving proposals that are being submitted for the 2019 legislative session. The session convened in January 2019 and will adjourn in June 2019. The proposals include House bills, Senate bills, DCJ bills, DMV bills and Public Defender bills. A summary of the proposals is as follows:
 - H.B. 5595 – An Act Authorizing and Regulating the Retail Sale of Marijuana
 - H.B. 5152 – An Act Concerning a Study to Determine a Way to Detect When a Driver is Under the Influence of Marijuana
 - H.B. 5865 – An Act Concerning Operating a Motor Vehicle While Under the Influence of Marijuana
 - H.B. 5881 – An Act Concerning Driving While Under the Influence of Marijuana
 - DCJ Bill – An Act Concerning Driving While Intoxicated

- DMV Bill on 14-227k(a)(1) – requires a person to install an ignition interlock device before that person’s license is reinstated
 - DMV/DCJ Bill on 14-227c(c) – allows the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to suspend an operator’s license if breath, urine or blood samples indicate an elevated blood alcohol content
 - H.B. 5862 – An Act Concerning a Task Force For a Reduction in Blood Alcohol Limits
 - H.B. 5458 – An Act Concerning Open Containers in Motor Vehicles
 - Public Defender’s Bill/H.B. 6484 – An Act Concerning the Installation of an Ignition Interlock Device (IID) on a Motor Vehicle for a Person Who does Not Own a Motor Vehicle
 - Public Defender’s Bill – An Act Allowing the Alcohol Education Program (AEP) for Commercial Driver’s License (CDL) Holders
 - Public Defender’s Bill – An Act Providing a Lookback Period and a Maximum Period for License Suspensions
 - S.B. 506 – An Act Concerning Serial Offenders of DUI Laws
 - S.B. 719 – An Act Appropriating Funds to the Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Program
 - DCJ Bill – Civil Immunity for Healthcare Staff and Others Qualified to Conduct Blood Draws - 14-227a, 14-227c
- Ms. Hans gave a brief summary of each of these proposals. She also made mention of other traffic safety related legislative proposals. These include proposals for new seat belt and helmet laws.

Open Agenda Items

- Eugene Interlandi, the Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force Chairman and the Highway Safety Office Impaired Driving Program Manager, distributed a one page report that showed the statewide procedural outcome of DUI cases through the 2018 state fiscal year. The report was produced by the Connecticut Judicial Branch in December 2018.

Next meeting:

Wednesday, May 1, 2019 – 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM – CTDOT Administration Building, Room 2324

Connecticut Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force November 7, 2018

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The 23rd DUI Task Force meeting was held on November 7, 2018. In attendance were:

Christopher Henry – Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Division Administrator
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Joseph Cristalli – CT Highway Safety Office Principal Program Coordinator
Eugene Interlandi – CT Highway Safety Office Impaired Driving Program Manager
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Gregory Carver – CT Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services Special Investigator
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Officer Timothy Budwitz – Hartford Police Department
Mitchell Doucette – Connecticut Children’s Medical Center
Bob Garguilo – Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD)
Alec Slatky – American Automobile Association (AAA)
Tony Cashman – Cashman + Katz
Chelsea Fortier – Cashman + Katz

Agenda items were:

Greetings & Introductions
Status of Law Enforcement Liaison (LEL) Position
Per Se Hearing Evaluations
Courtroom Training for Certified Drug Recognition Experts
Issues with Implementation of Legal Driving Limit for Cannabis Intoxicated Driving
Alcohol Compliance Check Random Sample Study
FY 2019 Impaired Driving Media Campaign
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Next Meeting Date

Minutes to Connecticut Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force Meeting

On November 7, 2018 the Connecticut Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force met in Newington, Connecticut for the purpose of reviewing the agenda items listed above. The focus remains on strategies associated with the reduction and prevention of impaired driving behaviors.

Status of Law Enforcement Liaison (LEL) Position

- Joseph Cristalli, the Highway Safety Office Principal Program Coordinator, gave an update on the status of filling the vacant Law Enforcement Liaison (LEL) position. The former LEL retired from state service in August 2018. The LEL position is vital to the objectives of the Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force.
- Mr. Cristalli reported that the DOT did obtain approval to fill the position. An employment opportunity announcement was posted on the state’s official job openings website with a closing date of Tuesday, November 6, 2018. Interviews are expected to be conducted soon from the pool of candidates who applied for the position.
- Mr. Cristalli also mentioned that the Connecticut Transportation Safety Research Center recently filled a vacant crash data liaison position. The Highway Safety Office works closely with the center on a variety of highway safety initiatives.
- He also shared information on a new initiative to enhance Connecticut’s Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) program. The Highway Safety Office is planning to provide grant funding for DRE

instructors to better assist in DRE training and other related training. The details of the project are currently being worked out with NHTSA.

Per Se Hearing Evaluations

- Thomas Donohue and Ilisa Ring from the Department of Motor Vehicles continue to work in their capacity as Per Se Hearing Attorneys. Their focus is to review Administrative Per Se license suspension cases, to identify defects and to reduce the number of revocations that are dismissed. During the July through September 2018 quarterly period, they reviewed a total of 1,860 reports. They presented 201 cases at hearings, 19 more than last quarter.
- They are also continuing to review reports deemed to be non-processable. During the July through September 2018 quarterly period, they reviewed a total of 273 non-processable reports in addition to the 1,860 total reports reviewed for a grand total of 2,133. Through their intervention, they were able to process 14 non-processable reports.
- The amount of total defects decreased from last quarter. There were 204 defects in July, 224 in August and 171 in September. The decline is attributed to the new OUI arrest form (form A-44) and enhanced training efforts.
- Mr. Donohue and Ms. Ring reported that they are scheduling additional mock trials for new state police recruits. The trials are being coordinated with Police Officer Standards and Training Council (POSTC) training staff. The mock trials held earlier this year were received well by participants and effective as a training tool. They are hopeful that this type of training will continue to be offered. They are also involved in other training efforts with the law enforcement community.
- They reported that the volume of calls received from officers seeking their advice has increased. Calls relate to both alcohol and drug issues. They are also continuing to receive calls from prosecutors for their advice and assistance with cases.
- Ms. Ring shared information on a case that resulted in the paralysis of one of the vehicle occupants. The case involved an impaired driver responsible for a crash that resulted in the paralysis. The investigating officer was able to obtain a blood draw from the hospital. The blood test indicated an elevated blood alcohol content. However, the case did not result in a license suspension because of legalities regarding one of the state statutes. The statute pertains to the collection of blood samples following crashes resulting in death or serious physical injury. The language of the statute is being reviewed for a possible amendment consideration.

Courtroom Training for Certified Drug Recognition Experts

- Amy Parmenter from AAA announced that AAA will be sponsoring a Courtroom Training course for certified Drug Recognition Experts (DREs) from NHTSA Region 2 states. The course will be held on December 10-11, 2018 at the Police Officer Standards and Training Council (POSTC) in Meriden, CT. The course is intended to prepare DREs to excel when testifying and during cross examination in the courtroom on drug impaired cases.
- She mentioned that 38 of the 40 available seats for this course have so far been filled. It is anticipated that the remaining two seats will also be filled in time for the December course. If any seats remain unfilled, they will be offered to NHTSA Region 1 states.
- Ms. Parmenter also touched upon the recent Connecticut gubernatorial election. The Connecticut governor-elect may be likely to support the legalization of marijuana for recreational purposes. AAA has adopted a policy against the legalization of recreational marijuana because of traffic safety concerns.

Issues with Implementation of Legal Driving Limit for Cannabis Intoxicated Driving

- Mitchell Doucette from the Connecticut Children’s Medical Center (CCMC) gave a presentation on current issues and potential solutions in regards to the road-side detection of cannabis impairment. Driving after using cannabis impacts motor function skills and decision making, and reduces one’s ability to correctly drive a motor vehicle.
- Research suggests the impairment threshold to be 5 ng/ml blood THC level. An immediate test is needed to determine cannabis impairment since THC levels in blood cannot be backward extrapolated.
- Mr. Doucette’s presentation included state by state comparisons of cannabis laws, including the availability of cannabis and legal driving limits.
- Information was also presented on road-side oral fluid testing, which included its common uses and its road-side applications in other countries.

Alcohol Compliance Check Random Sample Study

- Gregory Carver and Stephanie Moran from the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) presented information on a statewide alcohol retailer compliance study. The study included a variety of establishments with active alcohol permits. These include restaurants, package stores, grocery stores, cafes and wineries.
- Mr. Carver and Ms. Moran presented a graph that showed the percent of high school students reporting past 30-day alcohol use and binge drinking. Data used in the graph was compiled from school health survey results.
- The purpose of the study was to determine a statewide baseline for alcohol sales to minors, and to assess the results of the interventions. Population based random sampling was used for the study.
- The process began in November 2017. An inspection form was developed and youth inspectors were used to purchase alcohol in the establishments. Inspection activities began in January 2018 and were completed in July 2018.
- Survey results show that restaurants and urban areas experienced the highest non-compliance rates. Store owners were less likely to sell alcohol to underage individuals versus store employees.
- A need for improved merchant education was revealed by the study, as well as a need to continue and strengthen compliance efforts.

FY 2019 Impaired Driving Media Campaign

- Chelsea Fortier from Cashman + Katz gave an overview of the upcoming 2018-2019 impaired driving media campaign. The campaign will cover a broad mix of media, including television, billboards, digital display banners and social media. Six key advertising periods are planned, beginning with the Thanksgiving/Christmas/New Year’s period from November 19, 2018, through January 1, 2019. The other five periods include the Super Bowl, St. Patrick’s Day, Memorial Day, the 4th of July and Labor Day.
- Ms. Fortier also played the television spot for the task force members. The television spot along with the other media spots for this campaign involve the depiction of a mug shot within a social media framework.

Open Agenda Items

- Eugene Interlandi, the Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force Chairman and the Highway Safety Office Impaired Driving Program Manager, shared information from an October 2018 NHTSA

publication entitled “2017 Fatal Motor Vehicle Crashes: Overview”. He distributed a one page excerpt from the report that showed total fatalities and alcohol impaired driving fatality totals by state for the years 2016 and 2017. He reported that during the latest 10-year period available, the percentage of alcohol impaired driving fatalities to total fatalities in Connecticut was 39%. This percentage exceeds the national average of 30% for the same 10-year period.

- Officer Scott Plourde from the Manchester Police Department reported that three additional participants have successfully completed a recent Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) training class. He reported that the three class participants passed both the academic and certification training phases and are now certified DREs. The three new DREs include two State Police troopers and one municipal police officer. There are now 53 DREs in Connecticut including the three new DREs.

Next meeting:

Wednesday, February 6, 2019 – 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM – CTDOT Administration Building, Room 2324

Connecticut Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force August 1, 2018

Mission Statement

The mission of the Connecticut Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force is to save lives and reduce injuries due to impaired driving on Connecticut roadways through program leadership, innovation, and facilitation of effective partnerships with public and private organizations.

Committee Members

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Julie Tison – Preusser Research Group
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The 22nd DUI Task Force meeting was held on August 1, 2018. In attendance were:

Christopher Henry – Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Division Administrator
Joseph Cristalli – CT Highway Safety Office Principal Program Coordinator
Eugene Interlandi – CT Highway Safety Office Impaired Driving Program Coordinator
Nicholas Just – CT Highway Safety Office Program Manager
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Amy Parmenter – American Automobile Association (AAA)
Brian Clarke – CT Department of Motor Vehicles Program Coordinator
Officer Matthew Cornell – Hartford Police Department
Alec Slatky – American Automobile Association (AAA)

Agenda items were:

- Greetings & Introductions
- 2019 Impaired Driving Strategic Plan
- Additional 2018 Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Training
- Manchester DUI Checkpoint Activities
- Per Se Hearing Evaluations
- AAA Provides Up-close Look at Colorado Dispensary
- 2018 Legislative Session Summary
- Open Agenda Items
- Next Meeting Date

Minutes to Connecticut Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force Meeting

On August 1, 2018 the Connecticut Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force met in Newington, Connecticut for the purpose of reviewing the agenda items listed above. The focus remains on strategies associated with the reduction and prevention of impaired driving behaviors.

2019 Impaired Driving Strategic Plan

- Eugene Interlandi, the Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force Chairman and the Highway Safety Office Impaired Driving Program Coordinator, distributed hard copies of the 2019 Connecticut Impaired Driving Strategic Plan. An electronic version of the plan had been emailed to all task force members on May 23, 2018, for review and approval. Additional revisions were then applied to the plan in response to comments by task force members. The final version of the plan was created on June 6, 2018.
- He indicated that the plan is required in order for Connecticut to be eligible for NHTSA Section 405 funds. Section 405 provides funds for impaired driving countermeasures. Qualification criteria require the existence of an active impaired driving task force and further require the development of an impaired driving plan approved by the task force.
- The data portion of the plan was updated by extracting that information from the Impaired Driving section of the latest Highway Safety Plan. The meeting minutes were updated to add the minutes from the last four task force meetings. The 2019 plan includes the meeting minutes from all 21 task force meetings from March 2013 to May 2018. The narrative sections of the plan were reviewed and modified as needed.
- Mr. Interlandi informed task force members that suggested modifications to the plan narrative can be submitted to him at any time. The plan will be finalized each year around June and submitted to NHTSA at that time for inclusion with the Section 405 grant application.

Additional 2018 Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Training

- Officer Scott Plourde from the Manchester Police Department provided information on an upcoming Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) training class. The DRE class will be held from Monday, August 20 through Friday, August 31, 2018 at the Hilton Burlington in Burlington, Vermont. Four Connecticut candidates have been approved to attend the Vermont DRE class. The Connecticut DRE class participants will include two State Police troopers and two municipal police officers.
- The Vermont training encompasses the academic phase of DRE training, which is the first of two phases of training that must be completed for certification. The second phase of DRE training is the field certification phase. The field certification phase requires travel to the Maricopa County Jail in Phoenix, Arizona, where each class participant will be required to conduct a number of drug influence evaluations while under the supervision of a DRE instructor. The field certification phase is scheduled to be held in September 2018.
- There are currently 50 DREs in Connecticut. That number is expected to increase to 54 to include the Vermont class participants.
- Additionally, three current Connecticut DREs recently completed the Instructor Development Course (IDC) to become DRE instructors. The academic phase of the IDC training was held in June 2018 in Greensboro, North Carolina, and the field certification phase was held in July 2018 in Paterson, New Jersey. All three IDC class participants are now DRE instructors. There are currently seven DRE instructors in Connecticut including the three new instructors.
- Amy Parmenter from AAA added that AAA will be sponsoring a Courtroom Training course for certified DREs from NHTSA Region 2 states. The course will be held on December 10-11, 2018 at the Police Officer Standards and Training Council (POSTC) in Meriden, CT.

Manchester DUI Checkpoint Activities

- Sgt. Jamie Taylor from the Manchester Police Department provided information on two recent DUI checkpoints conducted in the town of Manchester. The checkpoints were held on Friday, May 18, 2018 and Friday, June 22, 2018. The May checkpoint was conducted on Main Street in the vicinity of St. James Street and the June checkpoint was conducted on SR 502 in the vicinity of Cemetery Road near the East Hartford town line.
- Sgt. Taylor reported that 25 vehicles were pulled over during the May checkpoint and 35 vehicles were pulled over during the June checkpoint. Officers working the checkpoints also ran plates to improve enforcement efforts.
- An increase in the number of drivers smoking marijuana while driving was reported. Many of these drivers claim to be unaware of Connecticut laws as they pertain to marijuana impaired driving. An increase in huffing incidents among drivers in town was also reported. The huffing incidents generally occur inside a vehicle with its windows rolled up to trap the vapors inside the vehicle.
- Sgt. Taylor mentioned that the Manchester Police Department uses the Enfield Police Department's Breath Alcohol Testing (BAT) Mobile Unit during its checkpoint activities. Citizen volunteers also assist with checkpoint operations such as lighting and other checkpoint tasks.

Per Se Hearing Evaluations

- Thomas Donohue and Ilisa Ring from the Department of Motor Vehicles continue to work in their capacity as Per Se Hearing Attorneys. Their focus is to review Administrative Per Se license suspension cases, to identify defects and to reduce the number of revocations that are dismissed. During the April through June 2018 quarterly period, they reviewed a total of 1,774 reports. They presented 182 cases at hearings.
- They are also continuing to review reports deemed to be non-processable. During the April through June 2018 quarterly period, they reviewed a total of 159 non-processable reports in addition to the 1,774 total reports reviewed for a grand total of 1,933. Through their intervention, they were able to process 14 non-processable reports.
- The amount of total defects increased from last quarter. The increase is mostly due to the Fernschild decision, which has resulted in an increased workload for the Per Se Hearing Attorneys. There were 214 defects in April, 234 in May and 263 in June. This represents a 29% increase compared to last quarter.
- Mr. Donohue provided additional information on the increase in case defects. He reported that during the January-July 2017 time period, there was a total of 1,228 defects. During the January-July 2018 time period, the defects total increased to 1,482. This represents over a 20% increase in defects between the two comparable time periods.
- Ms. Ring distributed copies of the newly revised OUI arrest form (form A-44). The form was revised to address the new Fernschild requirement. Section H of the A-44 form includes additional information that must be captured in cases involving a chemical alcohol test refusal.
- Mr. Donohue and Ms. Ring also reported that they participated in a series of mock trials held for new state police recruits at the Police Officer Standards and Training Council (POSTC) in Meriden, CT. This is the first time they participated in the program and it was a huge success. They are hoping to participate in additional programs of this nature to better prepare law enforcement for courtroom appearances.
- They also shared information on an unusual license suspension case that involved a golf cart chase.

AAA Provides Up-close Look at Colorado Dispensary

- Amy Parmenter from AAA coordinated a FaceTime presentation with Jana Tidwell from AAA Mid-Atlantic in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Ms. Tidwell had recently visited a marijuana dispensary in Denver, Colorado, and shared some photographs from her visit. The photographs provided examples of various types of marijuana products currently available for purchase at the dispensary. These include dissolvable THC, remedy oils, body lotions, chewables, beverages, cookies, brownies and truffles. Photographs of the inside of the dispensary store were also shared.
- The presentation included a poster from the store’s medical section that provided information on the medical benefits of cannabis. The poster displayed a pie chart that showed a distribution of these medical benefits by four types of cannabinoids. The four types of cannabinoids included cannabidiol (CBD), cannabinol (CBN), cannabigerol (CBG) and tetrahydrocannabinol (THC).
- Ms. Tidwell commented that the store was modern, clean and inviting, product packaging and presentation were extremely attractive and the staff was friendly and well-versed. She also pointed out that the downtown Denver store was cleaner and more appealing than stores outside the downtown area, most likely due to the downtown business and tourist clientele.

2018 Legislative Session Summary

- Brenda Hans, the Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor from the Office of the Chief State’s Attorney, gave a presentation on traffic safety proposals that were submitted during the 2018 legislative session. The session convened in February 2018 and adjourned in May 2018. During this session, the Division of Criminal Justice proposed one new traffic safety law and four revisions to the existing statutory scheme for existing traffic safety laws.
- The one new proposed law regarded marijuana and driving. The bill proposed that no occupants of a motor vehicle can smoke marijuana and the driver can’t ingest it in any form. This bill was not presented.
- Proposed revisions to existing traffic safety laws involved the following:
 - Civil immunity for OUI blood draw (14-227a(d)) – medical staff or hospitals are not liable in a civil lawsuit for blood draws at the request of law enforcement absent “gross negligence” – bill was presented but not passed
 - Records of juveniles (46b-124) – offenses that must be disclosed to the DMV to determine if sanctions against a juvenile’s motor vehicle operator’s license are warranted – bill was passed
 - Civil immunity for blood draw in motor vehicle death (14-227c) – medical staff or hospitals are not liable in a civil lawsuit for blood draws at the request of law enforcement absent “gross negligence” – bill was presented but not passed
 - Motor vehicle fatality - referral to State’s Attorney (14-108a) – in cases involving motor vehicle fatalities, if the police can’t determine the cause of death, the case is referred to the State’s Attorney – bill was passed
- Additional traffic safety laws sponsored by other traffic safety partners related to school bus driver license status, Ignition Interlock Device (IID) fees for indigent persons, hearings on license suspensions, license suspensions for drivers under age 21 and electronic proof of insurance. All these bills were passed.
- Unsuccessful traffic safety legislative proposals related to seat belts for all occupants and open containers in vehicles.

Open Agenda Items

- Officer Matthew Cornell from the Hartford Police Department provided information on underage drinking enforcement activities in the town of Hartford. The Hartford Police Department has received grant funding for underage drinking enforcement for the second year. Grant activities again involve patrols of the parking lots and adjacent areas of the Xfinity Theater during the summer concerts. He reported that the Hartford Police Department has staffed nine concerts to date. Out of those nine concerts, the Hartford Police Department made a total of 110 arrests. The Hartford Police Department is planning to staff additional concerts this summer through the underage alcohol enforcement grant.

Next meeting:

Wednesday, November 7, 2018 – 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM – CTDOT Administration Building, Room 2324

Connecticut Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force May 2, 2018

Mission Statement

The mission of the Connecticut Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force is to save lives and reduce injuries due to impaired driving on Connecticut roadways through program leadership, innovation, and facilitation of effective partnerships with public and private organizations.

Committee Members

Christopher Henry – Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Division Administrator

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Julie Tison – Preusser Research Group
Tara Casanova Powell – Casanova Powell Consulting

The 21st DUI Task Force meeting was held on May 2, 2018. In attendance were:

Christopher Henry – Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Division Administrator
Robbin Cabelus – CT Highway Safety Office Director
Eugene Interlandi – CT Highway Safety Office Impaired Driving Program Coordinator
Edmund Hedge – CT Highway Safety Office Law Enforcement Liaison
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Diana Lejardi – CT Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services Public Information Officer
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Julie Tison – Preusser Research Group
Kathryn Faraci – CT Highway Safety Office Supervisor
Cynthia Watts Elder – CT Department of Motor Vehicles Per Se Manager
Cheryl Winakor – Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD)
Alec Slatky – American Automobile Association (AAA)

Agenda items were:

- Greetings & Introductions
- Summary of Connecticut Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Training
- State Police DUI Enforcement Activities
- Per Se Hearing Evaluations
- MADD Power of Parents Program
- Proposed Marijuana Legislation
- Connecticut’s Opioid Crisis
- Open Agenda Items
- Next Meeting Date

Minutes to Connecticut Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force Meeting

On May 2, 2018 the Connecticut Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force met in Newington, Connecticut for the purpose of reviewing the agenda items listed above. The focus remains on strategies associated with the reduction and prevention of impaired driving behaviors.

Summary of Connecticut Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Training

- Edmund Hedge, the Highway Safety Office Law Enforcement Liaison, provided a summary on the Connecticut Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) training class that was held in March 2018 at the Police Officer Standards and Training Council (POSTC) in Meriden, CT. A total of 14 Connecticut candidates were enrolled in the class. Out of the 14 Connecticut class participants, 12 successfully completed the class.
- The Meriden class was the academic phase of DRE training. The 12 class participants then traveled to the Maricopa County Jail in Phoenix, Arizona at the end of April 2018 for the DRE certification phase. The certification phase requires each participant to conduct a number of drug influence evaluations while under the supervision of a DRE instructor. He reported that all 12 Arizona class participants passed the certification phase and are now certified Drug Recognition Experts (DREs). The 12 new DREs include one State Police trooper and eleven municipal police officers.
- A map was presented to the task force members that displayed the locations of all Connecticut DREs. Currently, there are 51 DREs in Connecticut. This total includes the 39 DREs before the March/April 2018 training plus the 12 new DREs that completed the March/April 2018 training.
- Mr. Hedge also reported that another Connecticut DRE training class is scheduled to be held in August 2018 at POSTC. The field certification phase will take place in September 2018 and will again be held at the Maricopa County Jail in Phoenix, Arizona. The class will include both Connecticut and Rhode Island participants.
- Additional Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) courses are also planned, as well as a one day update course for all Connecticut DREs.

State Police DUI Enforcement Activities

- Sgt. Corey Eppers from the Connecticut State Police provided information on State Police DUI enforcement activities. The State Police expanded DWI project is composed of four components. The four components include Holiday Enforcement, Large Events and Public Gatherings Enforcement, Breath Alcohol Testing (BAT) Mobile Enforcement Deployment and Roving DWI Patrol Enforcement Deployment.
- Sgt. Eppers reported that marijuana is often encountered during traffic stops and that marijuana use is now more open compared to prior years. He mentioned that DREs are now more important with the increase of drug use among Connecticut drivers. In addition to marijuana, an increase in opioid use has also been noticed statewide.
- He then gave a summary of State Police DUI enforcement activities. Their Highway Safety Office funded expanded DWI project has allowed for the increase of patrols that target impaired driving. Selective enforcement is conducted throughout the state during both holiday periods and other time periods that have been known to experience a high incidence of DWI violations. Enforcement techniques include a combination of DUI checkpoints and roving patrols.
- He also spoke about BAT Mobile activities. These include both enforcement and educational activities. Enforcement activities include facilitating the processing of arrestees and educational

activities include speaking engagements at schools and special events. The BAT Mobile activities have been successful and well received.

Per Se Hearing Evaluations

- Thomas Donohue and Ilisa Ring from the Department of Motor Vehicles continue to work in their capacity as Per Se Hearing Attorneys. Their focus is to review Administrative Per Se license suspension cases, to identify defects and to reduce the number of revocations that are dismissed. During the January through March 2018 quarterly period, they reviewed a total of 1,742 reports. They presented 181 cases at hearings, which is approximately a 10% increase from last quarter.
- They are also continuing to review reports deemed to be non-processable. During the January through March 2018 quarterly period, they reviewed a total of 168 non-processable reports in addition to the 1,742 total reports reviewed for a grand total of 1,910. Through their intervention, they were able to process 17 non-processable reports.
- The amount of total defects decreased from last quarter. There were 192 defects in January, 171 in February and 190 in March. A single case can contain multiple defects.
- Mr. Donohue reported that the Fernschild decision has resulted in an increased workload for the Per Se Hearing Attorneys. The Fernschild decision requires officers to describe the behavior, conduct or verbal communication or combination thereof when reporting a DUI test refusal. He also reported that the OUI arrest form has recently been revised to address the new Fernschild requirement.
- Mr. Donohue and Ms. Ring are continuing to train officers to prepare them for court appearances and to offer legal advice as needed. They were recently asked to assist in the training of prosecutors at a prosecutor training session conducted by the Office of the Chief State's Attorney. They have also been receiving more calls from prosecutors for their advice and assistance with cases.
- Mr. Donohue noted an increase in cases involving motor vehicle traffic fatalities where more than one individual was impaired. He mentioned that cases of this nature are difficult to prosecute.
- The status of proposed ignition interlock device (IID) legislation was then discussed. The proposed bill addresses IID requirements for individuals who are indigent. Its proposed language has been amended several times since its initial proposal. The bill is currently in the Connecticut House of Representatives.

MADD Power of Parents Program

- Johanna Krebs from Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) gave an update on the MADD Power of Parents program. The MADD Power of Parents program allows parents of middle school and high school students to discuss the dangers and consequences of underage drinking. The program is evidence and research based. The goal of the program is to influence parenting behavior to prevent underage drinking.
- The Highway Safety Office funds the MADD Connecticut project. Under the Connecticut project, MADD Connecticut employs a Program Specialist position to reach the program's goals and objectives. The Program Specialist travels throughout the state to facilitate parent workshops.
- MADD Connecticut works with local community coalitions, youth services, support groups, Parent Teacher Association (PTA) groups and school programs in the administration of the Power of Parents project. They have built strong relationships over the years with partner organizations but are always looking to gain new partners to strengthen the project.

- Ms. Krebs also provided information on the MADD Annual Law Enforcement Recognition Ceremony. MADD Connecticut has conducted this ceremony for the past 31 years to honor police officers and troopers statewide for their efforts to increase roadway safety through impaired driving education and enforcement activities. She announced that this year's ceremony will be held on Wednesday, May 23, 2018 at the Aqua Turf Club in Southington.

Proposed Marijuana Legislation

- Amy Parmenter from AAA gave a brief update on proposed marijuana legislation. Four bills were raised during the current legislation session, but three of the four bills have since died. AAA has been involved in the legislative process in regards to the marijuana bills and has provided testimony against the legalization of recreational marijuana.
- One bill is still active and is headed to the General Assembly for consideration. The bill was approved by the appropriations committee. The proposed legislation calls for the development of a plan for the legalization and regulation of cannabis. There is no indication at this time whether the Connecticut House of Representatives or the Connecticut Senate will take up the issue.

Connecticut's Opioid Crisis

- Diana Lejardi from the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) gave a presentation on the opioid crisis in Connecticut. DMHAS is the lead state agency for adult mental health and substance use services. Nearly 107,000 people were served by DMHAS in FY 2017. DMHAS also operates two state hospitals and seven local mental health authorities. They also administer and fund 160 non-profit agencies that provide individuals with substance use and mental health services.
- The presentation provided statistical information on heroin use both nationally and in Connecticut. The Northeast has experienced nearly a 150% increase in heroin abuse or dependence since 2007. New England has the highest overdose rate when compared to other comparable regions in the country. In Connecticut, admission for heroin has been steadily increasing since 2011 and along with other opiates has accounted for more than half of all substance abuse admissions. Besides heroin, Ms. Lejardi's presentation also covered prescription painkillers and synthetic opiates. Information was provided on accidental drug intoxication deaths, death rates by town and substances involved in heroin overdose deaths.
- The presentation also highlighted prevention and treatment services. The "Change the Script" campaign was discussed, which is a statewide public awareness campaign intended to help communities deal with the prescription drug and opioids misuse crisis. Recovery coaches were also discussed.

Open Agenda Items

- On Thursday, March 15, 2018, the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) along with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) hosted a Drugged Driving Summit. The summit was hosted to launch NHTSA's drug-impaired driving initiative to tackle drugged driving on a national scale. Summit speakers included GHSA members and highway safety partners from various states. Agenda topics included research, toxicology, media campaigns, drug counseling and drugged driving enforcement. A video from the summit was viewed at the meeting. The video featured Chief Robert Ticer from the Loveland Police Department in Loveland, Colorado. Chief Ticer spoke about marijuana use in Colorado and the Colorado

Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) and Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) programs.

Next meeting:

Wednesday, August 1, 2018 – 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM – CTDOT Administration Building, Room 2324

Connecticut Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force February 9, 2018

Mission Statement

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Agenda items were:

- Greetings & Introductions
- FY 2017 Impaired Driving Grant Summary
- POSTC Training Course Update
- Connecticut Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Training
- Per Se Hearing Evaluations
- AAA Clubs Recreational Marijuana Survey Results
- The Seven Categories of Drugs and Their Indicators
- Open Agenda Items
- Next Meeting Date

Minutes to Connecticut Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force Meeting

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FY 2017 Impaired Driving Grant Summary

- Eugene Interlandi, the Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force Chairman and the Highway Safety Office Impaired Driving Program Coordinator, reported information on FY 2017 DUI grant activities. He reported that he had recently completed a review of “Enforcement Recap” submittals for all FY 2017 Comprehensive DUI Enforcement grants. Participating police departments are continuing to report problems staffing DUI grant shifts due to manpower issues. Weather conditions also impact grant activities. The number of enforcement hours worked on grant funded activities in FY 2017 was down about 11% from FY 2016. The previous year’s review revealed that the number of enforcement hours worked on grant funded activities in FY 2016 was down about 10% from FY 2015. When compared to FY 2015, the number of enforcement hours worked in FY 2017 was down about 20%.
- Checkpoint hours have dropped significantly. The number of checkpoint hours worked in FY 2017 was down about 54% from FY 2016 and about 62% from FY 2015.
- DUI arrests in FY 2017 were down about 7% from FY 2016. DUI arrests in FY 2016 were down slightly by about 4% from FY 2015. When compared to FY 2015, the number of DUI arrests in FY 2017 was down about 11%. Grant funded DUI arrests for the last three years were as follows:
 - FY 2015 1,365
 - FY 2016 1,304
 - FY 2017 1,214
- Mr. Interlandi also provided an update on the status of FY 2018 impaired driving grants. Since the last task force meeting in November, an additional 28 Comprehensive DUI Enforcement grants have been reviewed and approved. This brings the total number of Comprehensive DUI Enforcement grants to 69. A preliminary review of FY 2018 grant activities seem to indicate that both the number of enforcement hours and DUI arrests are continuing to decline.

POSTC Training Course Update

- Edmund Hedge, the Highway Safety Office Law Enforcement Liaison, provided an update on Police Officer Standards and Training Council (POSTC) in-service training courses. He reported that 73 participants completed the Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST) courses and an additional 35 participants completed the Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) courses held during October-December 2017. These totals include both State Police troopers and municipal police officers.
- Mr. Hedge also provided information on two ARIDE courses that were held in January 2018. One course was held on January 16-17, 2018 and the other was held on January 23-24, 2018. Both January ARIDE courses were held at POSTC in Meriden, CT. An additional 32 participants completed the January ARIDE courses. This results in a total of 67 participants that completed all ARIDE courses held from October 2017 to January 2018. The ARIDE course is a prerequisite for Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) training.

Connecticut Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Training

- Edmund Hedge, the Highway Safety Office Law Enforcement Liaison, provided information on a Connecticut Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) training class. The DRE class will be held from Monday, March 12 through Friday, March 23, 2018 at the Police Officer Standards and Training

Council (POSTC) in Meriden, CT. DRE training is designed primarily for officers who meet the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Drug Evaluation and Classification Program (DECP) curriculum standards. Prerequisites to DRE training include Standard Field Sobriety Tests (SFST) and Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) training.

- Interviews will be conducted to select candidates for class enrollment. The interviews are scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, February 13-14, 2018. Mr. Hedge has scheduled a total of 18 Connecticut candidates for the DRE interviews. He anticipates that approximately 10-14 candidates will be selected for DRE class enrollment. The variance is due to the fact that the state of Rhode Island will be sending participants to the Connecticut DRE class. The number of Connecticut candidates selected for class enrollment will depend on the number of seats that will be occupied by Rhode Island participants. DRE class participants will include both State Police troopers and municipal police officers.
- The Meriden training encompasses the academic phase of DRE training, which is the first of two phases of training that must be completed for certification. The curriculum contains courses in physiology, vital signs and extensive information on each of the seven categories of drug abuse. Several written examinations are also included.
- The second phase of DRE training is the field certification phase. The certification phase requires travel to the Maricopa County Jail in Phoenix, Arizona, where each class participant will be required to conduct a number of drug influence evaluations while under the supervision of a DRE instructor. There are two groups scheduled for the certification phase during two separate weeks. One group will go the first week and the other group will go the second week. The DRE certification phase is scheduled to be held in April 2018 for both groups.
- There are currently 38 DREs in Connecticut. That number is expected to increase to include this year's Meriden class participants. All DREs are required to conduct four evaluations every two years in order to maintain DRE certification.

Per Se Hearing Evaluations

- Thomas Donohue and Ilisa Ring continue to work in their capacity as Per Se Hearing Attorneys. Their focus is to review Administrative Per Se license suspension cases, to identify defects and to reduce the number of revocations that are dismissed. During the October through December 2017 quarterly period, they reviewed a total of 1,882 cases and presented 164 of these cases at hearings.
- They are also continuing to review license suspension cases deemed to be non-processable. During the October through December 2017 quarterly period, they reviewed a total of 256 non-processable cases in addition to the 1,882 total cases reviewed. They were able to save and process 28 cases, which is an increase of 10 from last quarter.
- The amount of total defects significantly increased from last quarter. There were 172 defects in October, 208 in November and 224 in December. A single case can contain multiple defects.
- The increase in defects is mainly due to the Fernschild decision. The court in Fernschild cases held that officers must describe the behavior, conduct or verbal communication or combination thereof that led to a finding of refusal and not merely note their conclusion. The Fernschild decision is the result of an October 2017 Connecticut Appellate Court decision.
- They are also continuing to train officers to prepare them for court appearances and to offer legal advice as needed. They are addressing the Fernschild decision and its new refusal requirement through these trainings. They are also in the process of modifying the OUI arrest form to specifically address this new requirement.

- They indicated that they have noticed an increase in motor vehicle traffic fatalities related to the use of marijuana.

AAA Clubs Recreational Marijuana Survey Results

- Amy Parmenter from AAA shared information on the results of a recent AAA poll on the legalization of recreational marijuana in Connecticut. The poll was asked of 980 Connecticut drivers. The poll consisted of the following three questions:
 - Connecticut lawmakers have previously passed legislation allowing people with certain illnesses to obtain marijuana for medical purposes. Would you support or oppose legislation that would expand the law to legalize marijuana for recreational use?
 - (Among those who oppose) What is your biggest reason for opposing legalizing marijuana for recreational use: concern about traffic safety risks on Connecticut roadways, concern that marijuana leads to more dangerous drug use, or concern that marijuana is a national public health issue?
 - Based on what you know, do you think police have the capability of measuring impairment from marijuana by administering a roadside test similar to the blood-alcohol (BAC) test for alcohol, or not?
- Ms. Parmenter shared the results of the survey with those task force members present at the meeting. Information shared included the total results from all 980 drivers polled as well as results separated by gender and age. She mentioned that the survey results have not yet been released to the public but may be at some point in the future.

The Seven Categories of Drugs and Their Indicators

- Officer Scott Plourde from the Manchester Police Department gave a presentation on the seven categories of drugs and some of their indicators. Officer Plourde is a certified Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) in Connecticut. He is also an instructor for several of the POSTC in-service training courses, including the Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST) and Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) courses. His presentation to the task force was a general overview of some of the material presented as part of the ARIDE course curriculum.
- Drug use may have an effect on a person's ability to drive, which is commonly referred to as drug-impaired driving. Officer Plourde presented information on each of the seven drug categories. The seven categories of drugs include the following:
 - Central Nervous System (CNS) Depressants
 - Central Nervous System (CNS) Stimulants
 - Hallucinogens
 - Dissociative Anesthetics
 - Narcotic Analgesics
 - Inhalants
 - Cannabis
- Officer Plourde reviewed each of the seven drug categories and provided examples of their indicators. Each drug category has its own observable signs and symptoms of impairment, which vary based on numerous factors. These factors include but are not limited to dose, age, sex and tolerance. Officer Plourde's presentation included examples of drugs from each of the seven categories. Information on overdose signs and symptoms was also presented as well as medical conditions that may mimic drug impairment.

Open Agenda Items

- Eugene Interlandi, the Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force Chairman and the Highway Safety Office Impaired Driving Program Coordinator, distributed a one page report that showed the statewide procedural outcome of DUI cases through the 2017 state fiscal year. The report was produced by the Connecticut Judicial Branch and reflects information drawn from their databases on Friday, January 19, 2018.
- Mr. Interlandi also shared some information on behalf of Monique Price-Taylor from the Governor's Prevention Partnership. A Health and Wellness Fair is scheduled to take place on Monday, May 14, 2018, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm to kick off National Prevention Week. The event will be held on the lawn of the Connecticut State Capitol. Between 200 and 300 participants are expected to attend. Ms. Price-Taylor provided her contact information for any task force members interested in participating in this event.
- Johanna Krebs from Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) provided information on this year's MADD Law Enforcement Recognition Ceremony. MADD Connecticut conducts this ceremony to honor police officers and troopers statewide for their efforts to increase roadway safety through impaired driving education and enforcement activities. She announced that this year's ceremony will be held on Wednesday, May 23, 2018 at the Aqua Turf Club in Southington.

Next meeting:

Wednesday, May 2, 2018 – 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM – CTDOT Administration Building, Room 2324

Connecticut Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force November 1, 2017

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The 19th DUI Task Force meeting was held on November 1, 2017. In attendance were:

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Julie Tison – Preusser Research Group
Tara Casanova Powell – Casanova Powell Consulting
Jean Miller – CT Highway Safety Office Data Contractor
Dawn Grodzki – CT Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services Manager
Cynthia Watts Elder – CT Department of Motor Vehicles Per Se Manager
Donald Bridge – CT Department of Motor Vehicles Commercial Vehicle Safety Division
Officer Jamie Taylor – Manchester Police Department
Eric Cavoli – Cashman + Katz
Chelsea Fortier – Cashman + Katz

Agenda items were:

Greetings & Introductions
FY 2018 Impaired Driving Grant Status Update
POSTC Training Course Update

Per Se Hearing Evaluations
AAA Initiatives to Study the Legalization of Recreational Marijuana
2017 Northeast Transportation Safety Conference
FY 2018 Impaired Driving Media Campaign
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On November 1, 2017 the Connecticut Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force met in Newington, Connecticut for the purpose of reviewing the agenda items listed above. The focus remains on strategies associated with the reduction and prevention of impaired driving behaviors.

FY 2018 Impaired Driving Grant Status Update

- Eugene Interlandi, the Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force Chairman and the Highway Safety Office Impaired Driving Program Coordinator, provided an update on the status of FY 2018 impaired driving grants. A total of 54 FY 2018 impaired driving grants have been reviewed and approved by the program manager. A total of 41 of the 54 grants are Comprehensive DUI Enforcement grants, 27 of which are municipal police department grants and the other 14 of which are resident trooper grants. There are also four Underage Alcohol Enforcement grants, six salary grants and three other grants that have been reviewed and approved for FY 2018.
- Mr. Interlandi pointed out that the Highway Safety Office has modified the FY 2018 Comprehensive DUI Enforcement grant application. Grant applicants are no longer required to select roving patrol dates for the entire year when completing the grant application. Instead, applicants now select the number of days they plan to patrol for defined periods within the grant year. All activities must be conducted on eligible dates defined by the Highway Safety Office. This change will allow for greater flexibility in grant activity dates and hopefully increase grant activities.
- Another significant change for FY 2018 DUI grants is that participating towns are no longer required to cover 25% of the project costs. The intent of this change is to alleviate the financial burden for participating towns and to hopefully acquire new partners that have not applied for DUI grants in prior years because of the town match requirement.
- Out of the 41 towns that currently have FY 2018 Comprehensive DUI Enforcement grants, only 14 have started grant activities. The other 27 will all start their grant activities later in November or early December.

POSTC Training Course Update

- Chief Thomas Flaherty from the Police Officer Standards and Training Council (POSTC) provided an update on POSTC in-service training courses. He reported that there had been a ten month lapse in training, which he attributed to a lack of funding and the unavailability of training instructors. He announced that POSTC has now been able to schedule a series of police training courses during October-December 2017. The scheduled courses include both Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST) and Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) courses.
- An SFST course is currently being held on October 30 - November 1, 2017, and an ARIDE course is being held later this week on November 2-3, 2017. Another SFST course will be held on November 27-29, 2017, and another ARIDE course will be held on November 30 -December 1, 2017. All the October/November courses will be held at POSTC in Meriden, CT. Additional SFST

courses are also scheduled to be held the weeks of December 4-8, 2017 and December 18-22, 2017. These additional courses will be hosted by the Newtown Police Department and the Connecticut State Police respectively.

- Chief Flaherty also provided information on an upcoming Connecticut Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) training class. The DRE class is scheduled to be held from Monday, March 12 through Friday, March 23, 2018 at POSTC. The field certification phase of the March DRE training is scheduled to be held in April 2018 in Arizona. Both the SFST and ARIDE courses scheduled during October-December 2017 are prerequisites for DRE training.
- Chief Flaherty also mentioned that POSTC hosted PC tablet training on Wednesday, October 25, 2017, for all new Connecticut DREs. All Connecticut DREs are now utilizing these PC tablets for the electronic collection and submission of DRE evaluation information.

Per Se Hearing Evaluations

- Thomas Donohue and Ilisa Ring continue to work in their capacity as Per Se Hearing Attorneys. Their focus is to review Administrative Per Se license suspension cases, to identify defects and to reduce the number of revocations that are dismissed. During the July through September 2017 quarterly period, they reviewed a total of 1,924 cases and presented 163 of these cases at hearings.
- They are also continuing to review license suspension cases deemed to be non-processable. During the July through September 2017 quarterly period, they reviewed a total of 328 non-processable cases in addition to the 1,924 total cases reviewed. They were able to save and process 18 cases, which is a decrease from last quarter.
- The amount of total defects significantly decreased from last quarter. There were 153 defects in July, 150 in August and 148 in September. A single case can contain multiple defects.
- They are also continuing to train officers to prepare them for court appearances and to offer legal advice as needed. They also recently provided training for DESPP Division of Scientific Services staff members who work in the toxicology field.
- They also shared examples of a couple recent license suspension cases. One case involved a nurse who was witness to a Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) test refusal. This incident occurred at Yale New Haven Hospital. The hospital was initially reluctant to provide any information and based their rationale for their decision on the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). Subpoenas were subsequently issued both to the nurse and the hospital. The nurse did eventually agree to provide testimony after the issuance of the subpoenas. Another case involved a positive alcohol test result that was obtained from a urine sample. Blood test results were not used in this case since the blood was drawn late. This case did ultimately result in a conviction strictly from the results of the urine test.

AAA Initiatives to Study the Legalization of Recreational Marijuana

- Amy Parmenter from AAA shared information on AAA initiatives to study the legalization of recreational marijuana. She began by reiterating that AAA has adopted a policy against the legalization of recreational marijuana. The AAA Connecticut offices have been in contact with their AAA counterparts throughout the United States in regards to current marijuana and driving trends and have been discussing possible approaches to address the issue. One such approach is the establishment of a task force to study marijuana and driving. This would be a separate task force from the Highway Safety Office's Impaired Driving Task Force that would focus strictly on marijuana and driving issues.

- Ms. Parmenter added that marijuana bills will most likely be proposed in future legislative sessions, and that AAA is open to feedback on other approaches to address the marijuana issue. The bills proposed earlier this year had gained a good amount of support, but there was also strong opposition to the bills. The growing, producing, selling and taxing of marijuana are also major topics of concern that would have to be examined closely in regards to the marijuana issue.
- Tara Casanova Powell, the Principal from Casanova Powell Consulting, pointed out that studies indicate that there had been a great deal of conflicting information regarding the benefits of marijuana legalization prior to states legalizing the use of recreational marijuana during the time the marijuana issue was being debated. Legislators and the community were misinformed of the projected benefits of marijuana legalization. Those states are now dealing with unforeseen consequences including measuring impairment and retraining of K-9 units as a result of marijuana legalization.

2017 Northeast Transportation Safety Conference

- Several task force members had recently attended the 2017 Northeast Transportation Safety Conference. The conference was held at the Radisson Hotel on October 24-25, 2017, in Cromwell, CT. The conference brought together engineering, enforcement, education and other highway safety professionals with the goal of sharing the latest ideas, strategies and actions that can reduce the fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads. Impaired driving topics were included on the conference agenda.
- Task force members who served as presenters at this conference included Thomas Donohue, Ilisa Ring and Kevin Borrup. Mr. Donohue gave a presentation on the positive and negative consequences of implementing traffic safety laws. He spoke about the court process and presented historical data on alcohol involved fatalities in Connecticut. Ms. Ring's presentation included information on the anticipated legalization of marijuana and its effect on driving. She spoke about Connecticut's Per Se law and the license suspension process. Mr. Borrup's presentation focused on the social network. He spoke about safety messages and major changes in technology that will impact transportation in the future.
- Impaired driving related topics included on the conference agenda included marijuana and driving, the toxicology of driving impaired and law enforcement challenges for distracted and impaired driving. The marijuana and driving session was moderated by task force member Amy Parmenter.

FY 2018 Impaired Driving Media Campaign

- Eric Cavoli and Chelsea Fortier from Cashman + Katz gave a presentation on the upcoming impaired driving media campaign. The campaign is scheduled to begin the week before Thanksgiving. The presentation provided information on creative concepts for the upcoming campaign. Campaign concepts include reinforcing the consequences of driving impaired and countering the confidence of individuals who believe they can drive impaired and not suffer any of those consequences.
- Two campaign concepts were presented. The first concept involved a mug shot of someone arrested for driving impaired. The mug shot is depicted within a social media framework. The second concept involved a vehicle utilized as a visual device. The vehicle is covered with statements and symbols that indicate the vehicle's driver is impaired. The first concept reinforces the consequences, while the second concept counters the confidence of impaired drivers.

Open Agenda Items

- Eugene Interlandi, the Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force Chairman and the Highway Safety Office Impaired Driving Program Coordinator, shared information from an October 2017 NHTSA publication entitled “2016 Fatal Motor Vehicle Crashes: Overview”. He distributed a one page excerpt from the report that showed total fatalities and alcohol impaired driving fatality totals by state for the years 2015 and 2016. He reported that during the latest 10-year period available, the percentage of alcohol impaired driving fatalities to total fatalities in Connecticut was 38%. This percentage exceeds the national average of 30% for the same 10-year period.
- Mr. Interlandi also shared some information on behalf of Fran Mayko from AAA. AAA Northeast is sponsoring a half-day Teen Driving Summit on Wednesday, December 6, 2017, from 8:00 am to 1:30 pm at the Four Points by Sheraton in Meriden, CT. The theme of the summit is “AAA to Z: A Safety Summit for the New Generation of Drivers”. The target audience will be 15-19 year old novice and prospective teen drivers. Because the audience is primarily teens, the program is going to be highly interactive. Law enforcement, traffic safety advocates, driving school instructors and task force members are all invited to attend. A flyer with information on the event and registration instructions was passed out to all meeting attendees.

Next meeting:

Wednesday, February 7, 2018 – 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM – CTDOT Administration Building, Room 2324

Connecticut Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force August 2, 2017

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Tara Casanova Powell – Traffic Injury Research Foundation USA Director of Research
Dr. Eric Jackson – Transportation Safety Research Center Director
Michael Morris – NHTSA Region 2 Law Enforcement Liaison (by conference call only)

Agenda items were:

- Greetings & Introductions
- 2018 Impaired Driving Strategic Plan
- Summary of Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Training
- Status of TSRP Position
- Per Se Hearing Evaluations
- Ignition Interlock Device (IID) Update
- 2016 TIRF USA Ignition Interlock Device (IID) Survey Final Report
- Open Agenda Items
- Next Meeting Date

Minutes to Connecticut Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force Meeting

On August 2, 2017 the Connecticut Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force met in Newington, Connecticut for the purpose of reviewing the agenda items listed above. The focus remains on strategies associated with the reduction and prevention of impaired driving behaviors.

2018 Impaired Driving Strategic Plan

- Eugene Interlandi, the Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force Chairman and the Highway Safety Office Impaired Driving Program Coordinator, distributed hard copies of the 2018 Connecticut Impaired Driving Strategic Plan. An electronic version of the plan had been emailed to all task force members on May 24, 2017, for review and approval. Additional revisions were then applied to the plan in response to comments by task force members. The final version of the plan was created on June 7, 2017.
- He indicated that the plan is required in order for Connecticut to be eligible for NHTSA Section 405 funding, which provides funds for impaired driving countermeasures. Qualification criteria require the development of an impaired driving plan and further require that the plan be approved by an impaired driving task force.
- The core tasks identified in the 2018 plan are consistent with those identified in the 2017 plan. The data portion of the plan was updated by extracting that information from the Impaired Driving Section of the latest Highway Safety Plan. The meeting minutes were updated to add the minutes from the last four task force meetings. The 2018 plan includes the meeting minutes from all 17 task force meetings from March 2013 to May 2017. The narrative sections of the plan were reviewed and modified as needed.
- Mr. Interlandi asked task force members to review the sections of the plan that relate to their specific job functions. Any suggested modifications to the plan narrative can be submitted to him at any time. The plan will be finalized each year around June and submitted to NHTSA at that time for inclusion with the Section 405 grant application.

Summary of Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Training

- Edmund Hedge, the Highway Safety Office Law Enforcement Liaison, provided a summary on the Connecticut Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) training class that was held in the spring at the Police Officer Standards and Training Council (POSTC) in Meriden, CT. Out of the 11 Connecticut class participants, 10 traveled to the Maricopa County Jail in Phoenix, Arizona at the end of May 2017

for the DRE certification phase. The certification phase requires each participant to conduct a number of drug influence evaluations while under the supervision of a DRE instructor. He reported that 9 out of the 10 Arizona class participants passed the certification phase and are now certified Drug Recognition Experts (DREs).

- The 2017 spring class was only the second class to be held in Connecticut. Mr. Hedge reported that he is planning two DRE training classes in Connecticut for FY 2018. He plans to improve the site logistical items that were identified as needing improvement such as 6 gig flash drives, printers/scanner/fax for the DRE training classes planned for FY 2018.
- The Connecticut DRE program began in 2011 with 4 DREs. Currently, there are 40 DREs in Connecticut. This total includes the 31 DREs before the 2017 spring training plus the 9 new DREs that completed the 2017 spring training. All DREs are required to conduct four evaluations every two years in order to maintain DRE certification.
- Mr. Hedge also reported that PC tablets have recently been purchased for all Connecticut DREs. The tablets will be used for the electronic capture and submittal of DRE evaluation data. This electronic reporting initiative is being taken with the assistance of the Connecticut Transportation Safety Research Center and the State University of New York (SUNY).

Status of TSRP Position

- Joseph Cristalli, the Highway Safety Office Principal Program Coordinator, gave an update on the status of filling the vacant Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor (TSRP) position. The former TSRP left state service in January 2017. The position has since been unfilled. The TSRP position is vital to the objectives of the Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force.
- Mr. Cristalli reported that the Division of Criminal Justice plans to fill the vacant TSRP position from a pool of eligible candidates within their agency. Plans also include to backfill the vacated position of the candidate selected for the TSRP position. Interviews have been conducted and a candidate has already been selected for the TSRP position. However, since the Division of Criminal Justice is currently unable to backfill the candidate's vacated position, the TSRP position has yet to be filled. It is not known at this time when the candidate's vacated position will be backfilled.

Per Se Hearing Evaluations

- Thomas Donohue and Ilisa Ring continue to work in their capacity as Per Se Hearing Attorneys. Their focus is to review Administrative Per Se license suspension cases, to identify defects and to reduce the number of revocations that are dismissed. During the April through June 2017 quarterly period, they reviewed a total of 1,943 cases and presented 177 of these cases at hearings.
- They are also continuing to review license suspension cases deemed to be non-processable. During the April through June 2017 quarterly period, they reviewed a total of 194 non-processable cases in addition to the 1,943 total cases reviewed. They were able to save and process 30 cases, which is an increase from last quarter.
- The amount of total defects remains similar to last quarter. There were 146 defects in April, 172 in May and 202 in June. A single case can contain multiple defects.
- They are also continuing to train officers to prepare them for court appearances. They noted that the interest in training varies among police departments. Some departments are very interested in training while others are not so interested.

- They reported that videos are now being viewed more often during Per Se hearings. The use of videos often shows that the recollection of the client may not be consistent with the video evidence.
- They also shared examples of a couple license suspension cases. One case involved a fatality where urine was procured by warrant, which was the first case of this kind. Another case involved a driver whose Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) readings were 0.4021 and 0.3939. Mr. Donohue and Ms. Ring acted out this particular case to provide the task force with a better understanding of what goes on during a typical Per Se hearing. Ms. Ring took the role of the defense attorney and questioned Mr. Donohue, who took the role of the arresting officer. This demonstration highlighted the types of questions arresting officers are asked at Per Se hearings and the tactics used by defense attorneys to discredit those officers.

Ignition Interlock Device (IID) Update

- Thomas Donohue and Ilisa Ring provided an update on the use of ignition interlock devices (IIDs). During the April through June 2017 quarterly period, they represented the DMV in 3 IID hearings.
- They reported that two new IID vendors have recently been approved.
- They also reported that the new IID regulations have now been formally approved and are available on the Connecticut Secretary of the State website.
- Ms. Ring plans to attend a NHTSA Region 2 technical assistance meeting on IIDs. The meeting is being held in White Plains, New York on August 8-9, 2017. The purpose of this IID initiative is to support States to enhance the implementation and delivery of IIDs to eligible drunk driving offenders through sharing of information. Trends and technology will also be discussed. Other Region 2 states will also be represented at this meeting.

2016 TIRF USA Ignition Interlock Device (IID) Survey Final Report

- Tara Casanova Powell, the Director of Research from the Traffic Injury Research Foundation USA (TIRF USA), presented information on a national survey of the number of total installed and active installed ignition interlocks in the United States in 2015, and from January 1, 2016 through August 31, 2016. TIRF USA in partnership with the Association of Ignition Interlock Program Administrators (AIIPA) and TIRF in Canada conducted the survey. These data provide a comprehensive picture of interlock installations across the United States and comparisons are made to data from the previous year where feasible.
- The presentation highlighted information from the 2016 annual report. The report summarizes a variety of results including impaired driving arrest and conviction data by state, the percentage of convictions per impaired driving arrests, the total number of installed interlocks and total number of active installed devices at a specific point in time in 2015 and 2016, as reported by both state agencies and manufacturers. The report also contains the total number and active number of installed devices according to offense categories, and the percentage of installed interlocks per impaired driving arrests and convictions according to states and manufacturers. The proportion of offenders deemed eligible to install a device, and the proportion of offenders that actually installed the device were also calculated.
- These data on ignition interlock installations are critical in the evaluation of state interlock programs. Reporting annual total number of installed interlocks can help interlock program managers gauge program effectiveness and opportunities for improvement and growth.

Open Agenda Items

- Eugene Interlandi, the Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force Chairman and the Highway Safety Office Impaired Driving Program Coordinator, reported preliminary information on FY 2017 DUI enforcement grant activities. Information was extracted from the October 2016 through Memorial Day 2017 time period. He reported that both DUI arrests and enforcement hours show a decrease compared to previous years for the same time period. He noted that most grant activities do not begin until sometime after the start of the grant period in October and that the number of participating police departments varies from year to year. These factors affect grant activity levels. Grant funded DUI arrests and enforcement hours for the last three years from the start of the grant period through Memorial Day were as follows:
 - FY 2015 DUI Arrests – 831 Enforcement Hours – 32,838
 - FY 2016 DUI Arrests – 844 Enforcement Hours – 31,543
 - FY 2017 DUI Arrests – 764 Enforcement Hours – 29,506
- Officer Michael Diana from the Hartford Police Department provided information on underage drinking enforcement activities in the town of Hartford. The Hartford Police Department has recently received grant funding for underage drinking enforcement. Grant activities involve patrols of the parking lots and adjacent areas of the Xfinity Theater during the summer concerts. Large numbers of people under the age of 21 attend these concerts. He reported that the Hartford Police Department has staffed four concerts to date. Out of those four concerts, the Hartford Police Department made a total of 94 arrests. All arrestees were aged 16-20 and issued misdemeanor summonses. One concert also involved over 90 hospitalizations, the majority of which were alcohol related. The Hartford Police Department is planning to staff an additional six concerts this summer through the underage alcohol enforcement grant.
- Two short videos were also viewed at the meeting. The first was a three minute prevention video on underage drinking produced by the Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. It presented information on the dangers of underage drinking and featured the Connecticut State Police and the Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center. The second was a six minute excerpt from an interview of former NBA player Shaquille O’Neal. Mr. O’Neal is involved with responsibility.org, which is an organization that promotes alcohol responsibility. Mr. O’Neal spoke about his mission to bring awareness to impaired driving and in particular his goal to influence young people to make responsible decisions.

Next meeting:

Wednesday, November 1, 2017 – 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM – CTDOT Administration Building, Room 2324

Connecticut Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force May 3, 2017

Mission Statement

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Tara Casanova Powell – Traffic Injury Research Foundation USA Director of Research

The 17th DUI Task Force meeting was held on May 3, 2017. In attendance were:

Eugene Interlandi – CT Highway Safety Office Impaired Driving Program Coordinator
Edmund Hedge – CT Highway Safety Office Law Enforcement Liaison
Thomas Donohue – CT Department of Motor Vehicles Per Se Attorney
Ilisa Ring – CT Department of Motor Vehicles Per Se Attorney
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Agenda items were:

Greetings & Introductions
Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Training
Per Se Hearing Evaluations
Ignition Interlock Device (IID) Update
MADD 31st Annual Law Enforcement Recognition Ceremony
AAA Legislative Testimony on the Legalization of Recreational Marijuana
Review of Storyboard for CCMC Impaired Driving Awareness Commercial
Open Agenda Items
Next Meeting Date

Minutes to Connecticut Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force Meeting

On May 3, 2017 the Connecticut Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force met in Meriden, Connecticut for the purpose of reviewing the agenda items listed above. The focus remains on strategies associated with the reduction and prevention of impaired driving behaviors.

Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Training

- Edmund Hedge, the Highway Safety Office Law Enforcement Liaison, provided information on a Connecticut Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) training class. The DRE class is currently being held from Monday, April 24 through Thursday, May 4, 2017 at the Police Officer Standards and Training Council (POSTC) in Meriden, CT. DRE training is designed primarily for officers who meet the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Drug Evaluation and Classification Program (DECP) curriculum standards. Prerequisites to DRE training include Standard Field Sobriety Tests (SFST) and Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) training.
- Interviews were conducted to select candidates for class enrollment. Mr. Hedge interviewed a total of 14 Connecticut candidates. A total of 11 out of the 14 candidates are enrolled in the current class. The other 3 candidates were unable to attend. There are also 8 participants from the state of Rhode Island enrolled in the Meriden class for a total of 19 class participants. The 19 class participants include both State Police troopers and municipal police officers. A one day ARIDE refresher course was held the week prior to the DRE class for all available Connecticut participants.
- The Meriden training encompasses the academic phase of DRE training, which is the first of two phases of training that must be completed for certification. The training relies heavily on SFST. The curriculum contains courses in physiology, vital signs and extensive information on each of the seven categories of drug abuse. Several written examinations are also included.
- The second phase of DRE training is the field certification phase. The certification phase requires travel to the Maricopa County Jail in Phoenix, Arizona, where each class participant will be required to conduct a number of drug influence evaluations while under the supervision of a DRE instructor. Out of the 11 Connecticut participants, 10 are planning to travel to Arizona at the end of May 2017 for the DRE certification phase.
- There are currently 31 DREs in Connecticut. That number is expected to increase to include the Meriden class participants. All DREs are required to conduct four evaluations every two years in order to maintain DRE certification.
- Mr. Hedge added that two in-state DRE classes are tentatively planned for next year.

Per Se Hearing Evaluations

- Thomas Donohue and Ilisa Ring continue to work in their capacity as Per Se Hearing Attorneys. Their focus is to review Administrative Per Se license suspension cases, to identify defects and to reduce the number of revocations that are dismissed. During the January through March 2017 quarterly period, they reviewed a total of 1,749 cases and presented 168 of these cases at hearings.
- They are also continuing to review license suspension cases deemed to be non-processable. During the January through March 2017 quarterly period, they reviewed a total of 171 non-processable cases in addition to the 1,749 total cases reviewed. They were able to save and process 27 cases, which is approximately 30% more than last quarter. They continue to credit the Toxicology and Controlled Substances Laboratory with their blood test result information, which has improved the Per Se case review process.
- The quarterly defect totals rose slightly from the last quarter. There were 168 defects in January, 162 in February and 194 in March. A single case can contain multiple defects.
- They are also continuing to train officers to prepare them for court appearances and to provide legal advice as needed.
- They reported an increase in drug involved cases. They also reported an increase in voluntary blood draws and credit the increase to better officer training.
- Dr. Michael Rickenbach from the DESPP Toxicology and Controlled Substances Laboratory, added that it is difficult to prove impairment in drug involved cases. He also added that marijuana is fat soluble and may not be detected in the bloodstream after smoking.

Ignition Interlock Device (IID) Update

- Thomas Donohue and Ilisa Ring provided an update on the use of ignition interlock devices (IID). During the January through March 2017 quarterly period, they represented the DMV in 2 IID hearings. The low number of hearings is due to the DMV Driver Services analysts' consistent application of the regulations and positive communication between the vendors and the DMV. Also, operators now must request a hearing within 21 days after receiving notice of a violation.
- They reported that two new IID vendors are currently being reviewed. If these two vendors are approved, it would increase the total number of approved vendors to eleven.
- They also reported that new IID regulations were recently approved with technical corrections. The new regulations will be formally issued in the near future.

MADD 31st Annual Law Enforcement Recognition Ceremony

- Eugene Interlandi, the Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force Chairman and the Highway Safety Office Impaired Driving Program Coordinator, provided information on the MADD 31st Annual Law Enforcement Recognition Ceremony. MADD Connecticut has conducted this ceremony for the past 30 years to honor police officers and troopers statewide for their efforts to increase roadway safety through impaired driving education and enforcement activities. Award recipients are nominated by their superiors each spring through MADD, and invited by MADD to attend the award ceremony. MADD will be honoring about 150 officers and troopers at this year's ceremony.
- He announced that this year's ceremony will be held on Thursday, May 18, 2017 at the Aqua Turf Club in Southington.

AAA Legislative Testimony on the Legalization of Recreational Marijuana

- Amy Parmenter from AAA shared information on testimonies she gave before two committees regarding the legalization of recreational marijuana. The hearings were held at the State Capitol

on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 and Wednesday, March 22, 2017. The March 7th testimony was before the Public Health Committee and the March 22nd testimony was before the Judiciary Committee.

- Lawmakers heard conflicting testimony as well-versed supporters of legalization referenced research that was inaccurate and/or outdated suggesting marijuana was not impairing and sought to discredit recent AAA research that indicates just the opposite.
- Ms. Parmenter also participated in a related press conference that addressed the legalization of recreational marijuana. The press conference was held on the morning of the March 7th hearing. She stated that AAA opposes the legalization of recreational marijuana because of traffic safety concerns. These concerns include but are not limited to an increase in the number of people drugged driving, an increase in marijuana involved fatalities and the fact that there is no way to measure drug impairment roadside. She provided information on research by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety. The research found that in the state of Washington after the legalization of recreational marijuana, the number of fatal crashes involving drivers who had used marijuana had doubled. She added that drugged driving is on the rise across the country and in particular the use of marijuana behind the wheel.
- None of the marijuana bills gained enough support to pass any of the legislative committees. The bills have since died.

Review of Storyboard for CCMC Impaired Driving Awareness Commercial

- Kevin Borrup from the Connecticut Children’s Medical Center (CCMC) gave a review of the storyboard for a CCMC impaired driving awareness commercial. CCMC is planning to film the commercial on Wednesday, May 10, 2017 with a rain date of Monday, May 15, 2017. Actors will be used for the filming. The commercial involves a teenage passenger who was seriously injured in a crash where the driver of his vehicle was impaired. Private monies are being used to fund the campaign.
- The commercial is intended to raise impaired driving awareness of both adults and teenagers. For the teenage target audience, the commercial will run as a digital pre-roll video that plays before the content the user has selected.

Open Agenda Items

- Amy Parmenter from AAA spoke about a new Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) report on drug-impaired driving. GHSA issued a news release on April 26, 2017 to express concerns about drug-impaired driving and to announce the availability of the report. The opening paragraph of the news release reads as follows:
 - “With more states legalizing marijuana and record numbers of people dying from drug overdoses, concerns about drug-impaired driving are escalating. While we have made progress in combatting drunk driving in recent decades, drug use by drivers continues to rise. In fact, in 2015 (the most recent national data available) drugs were present in 43% of the fatally-injured drivers with known test results, appearing more frequently than alcohol.”
- Ms. Parmenter added that a AAA report released on May 3, 2017 showed that in 2015, 63 percent of drivers who died in Connecticut crashes and were tested for drugs tested positive. Marijuana was the most commonly used drug among Connecticut drivers who died. Ms. Parmenter shared information from the AAA report with various media sources upon its release.

Next meeting:

Wednesday, August 2, 2017 – 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM – CTDOT Administration Building, Room 2324

Connecticut Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force February 1, 2017

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The 16th DUI Task Force meeting was held on February 1, 2017. In attendance were:

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Michelle Huggins – CT Department of Motor Vehicles Paralegal Specialist

Agenda items were:

Greetings & Introductions
FY 2016 Impaired Driving Grant Summary
POSTC Training Update
Comprehensive DUI Enforcement Activities
Per Se Hearing Evaluations
Ignition Interlock Device (IID) Update
Recap of AAA Drugged Driving Summit
Tour of the Police Officer Standards and Training Council (POSTC) Facilities
Open Agenda Items
Next Meeting Date

Minutes to Connecticut Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force Meeting

On February 1, 2017 the Connecticut Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force met in Meriden, Connecticut for the purpose of reviewing the agenda items listed above. The focus remains on strategies associated with the reduction and prevention of impaired driving behaviors.

FY 2016 Impaired Driving Grant Summary

- Eugene Interlandi, the Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force Chairman and the Highway Safety Office Impaired Driving Program Coordinator, reported information on FY 2016 grant activities. He reported that he had recently completed a review of “Enforcement Recap” submittals for all FY 2016 Comprehensive DUI Enforcement grants. Participating police departments are continuing to report problems staffing DUI grant shifts due to manpower issues. The number of enforcement hours worked on grant funded activities in FY 2016 was down about 10% from FY 2015. The previous year’s review revealed that the number of enforcement hours worked on

grant funded activities in FY 2015 was down about 7% from FY 2014. When compared to FY 2014, the number of enforcement hours worked in FY 2016 was down about 17%.

- DUI arrests in FY 2016 were down slightly by about 4% from FY 2015. DUI arrests in FY 2015 were down about 14% from FY 2014. When compared to FY 2014, the number of DUI arrests in FY 2016 was down about 18%. Grant funded DUI arrests for the last three years were as follows:
 - FY 2014 1,592
 - FY 2015 1,365
 - FY 2016 1,304
- Mr. Interlandi also provided an update on the status of FY 2017 impaired driving grants. Since the last task force meeting in November, an additional 33 Comprehensive DUI Enforcement grants have been reviewed and approved. This brings the total number of Comprehensive DUI Enforcement grants to 69. This total includes two new participating towns with approved FY 2017 grants, Plainville and Weston.

POSTC Training Update

- Chief Thomas Flaherty from the Police Officer Standards and Training Council (POSTC) provided an update on POSTC in-service training courses. He reported that approximately 123 officers have attended impaired driving training courses since May 2016. This total includes 62 officers that attended three Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) courses and approximately 61 officers that attended two High Visibility Enforcement (HVE) courses.
- There were also an additional 145 officers that attended the “Drug Interdiction & Conducting the Complete Traffic Stop” course. This course was held in December 2016. Course training was provided by the Northeast Counterdrug Training Center.
- Chief Flaherty also provided information on upcoming impaired driving training courses. These include one At Scene Traffic Crash Investigation course scheduled for March/April 2017 and one Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) course scheduled for April/May 2017. Approximately 50 officers are expected to attend these two courses.

Comprehensive DUI Enforcement Activities

- Officer Michael Diana from the Hartford Police Department provided information on DUI enforcement activities in the town of Hartford. He reported that the Hartford Police Department made 392 DUI arrests during calendar year 2016, 264 of which were made during grant funded enforcement activities. Since October 2016, a total of 108 DUI arrests were made, 84 of which were made during grant funded enforcement activities. He mentioned that DUI arrests have decreased in the downtown area, which may be a result of an increase in the use of Uber transportation services.
- Officer Diana then shared information on Freedom of Information (FOI) requests recently received by the Hartford Police Department. The FOI requests have been primarily for Breath Alcohol Testing (BAT) Mobile Unit video footage of arrestees being administered Standardized Field Sobriety Tests (SFST). The Hartford Police Department also recently received one FOI request pertaining to the operation of an evidential breath testing instrument, but recent FOI requests have been primarily for BAT Mobile Unit video footage information.

Per Se Hearing Evaluations

- Thomas Donohue and Ilisa Ring continue to work in their capacity as Per Se Hearing Attorneys. Their focus is to review Administrative Per Se cases, to identify defects and to reduce the

number of revocations that are dismissed. During the October through December 2016 quarterly period, they reviewed a total of 2,201 cases and presented 158 of these cases at hearings.

- They are continuing to review all license suspension cases including the cases deemed to be non-processable. During the October through December 2016 quarterly period, they reviewed a total of 298 non-processable cases in addition to the 2,201 total cases reviewed, 20 of which they were able to save and process. They continue to credit the Toxicology and Controlled Substances Laboratory with their test result information, which has been valuable in the license suspension hearing process.
- They reported that they are working on reducing the number of case defects, the primary one of which is the Time of Crash (TOC). They are also continuing to train many officers through both formal training courses and individual consultations to prepare them for court appearances and to provide legal advice as needed.
- They also shared examples of a couple rare types of license suspension cases. One case involved a witness that was able to provide strong testimony in a case involving a repeat DUI offender due to her firefighter training. Another case involved a driver whose Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) readings were 0.4588 and 0.4361.
- A discussion then ensued on the history of the two sample requirement in the administration of chemical testing to determine Blood Alcohol Content (BAC). Dr. Robert Powers from the University of New Haven stated that the purpose of the two sample requirement was to show the validity of the test.

Ignition Interlock Device (IID) Update

- Thomas Donohue and Ilisa Ring provided an update on the use of ignition interlock devices (IID). During the October through December 2016 quarterly period, they represented the DMV in 5 IID hearings.
- They reported that two new IID vendors are currently being reviewed. If these two vendors are approved, it would increase the total number of approved vendors from eight to ten.
- They also shared information on an IID case that involved a passenger bypassing the IID. The passenger had blown into the IID device to start the vehicle for the driver. Both the driver and passenger were arrested in this case.

Recap of AAA Drugged Driving Summit

- Amy Parmenter from AAA provided a recap of the Connecticut Drugged Driving Summit that was held on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at Goodwin College in East Hartford. The summit was a success and attendee reviews and feedback have all been positive. Summit speakers included both traffic safety and toxicology subject matter experts. The speakers provided valuable information on how drugs affect a person's ability to operate a motor vehicle. Unlike measuring alcohol content to indicate alcohol impairment, the amount of drugs in a person's system does not correlate with drug impairment. This fact was highlighted at the summit and presents a major challenge in the determination of drug impaired driving.
- Ms. Parmenter restated that AAA has adopted a policy against the legalization of recreational marijuana. She also added that marijuana legalization in other states was done by referendum. Currently, the goal of AAA is to educate lawmakers and the public on marijuana's growing role in terms of drugged driving, and the unique challenges it presents to law enforcement.

Tour of the Police Officer Standards and Training Council (POSTC) Facilities

- Chief Thomas Flaherty from the Police Officer Standards and Training Council (POSTC) then provided an overview of the history of the Connecticut Police Academy and the various types of training available to the law enforcement community. He spoke about police officer certification requirements and also provided information on entry level and basic training requirements. Afterwards, Chief Flaherty gave several task force members a tour of the Police Officer Standards and Training Council (POSTC) facilities. The tour included both classroom facilities as well as facilities utilized for physical law enforcement training.

Open Agenda Items

- Eugene Interlandi, the Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force Chairman and the Highway Safety Office Impaired Driving Program Coordinator, distributed the “Connecticut’s Impaired Driving Law” flyer to task force members. The flyer was recently updated to reflect recent changes in Connecticut’s impaired driving laws and associated penalties. The flyer is available to police agencies and other traffic safety partners to distribute as an educational reference item.
- Mr. Interlandi also shared information from an August 2016 NHTSA publication entitled “2015 Motor Vehicle Crashes: Overview”. He distributed a one page excerpt from the report that showed total fatalities and alcohol impaired driving fatality totals by state for the years 2014 and 2015. He reported that during the latest 10-year period available, the percentage of alcohol impaired driving fatalities to total fatalities in Connecticut was 39%. This percentage exceeds the national average of 31% for the same 10-year period.
- Kevin Borrup from the Connecticut Children’s Medical Center (CCMC) spoke about an upcoming CCMC media campaign. Private monies will be used to fund the campaign, which will include radio spots as well as digital pre-roll video advertisements. The CCMC is currently working on the media plan with their media consultant. Mr. Borrup mentioned that the CCMC will be looking for people to interview for the campaign. He solicited task force members for suggested candidates to participate in the interview segment of the campaign.

Next meeting:

Wednesday, May 3, 2017 – 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM – POSTC, 285 Preston Avenue, Meriden, Chief’s Conference Room

Connecticut Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force November 2, 2016

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Frances B. Mayko – AAA
Amy Parmenter – AAA
Neil Chaudhary – Preusser Research Group
Julie Tison – Preusser Research Group
Tara Casanova Powell – Traffic Injury Research Foundation USA Director of Research

The 15th DUI Task Force meeting was held on November 2, 2016. In attendance were:

Robbin Cabelus – CT Highway Safety Office Director
Joseph Cristalli – CT Highway Safety Office Principal Program Coordinator
Kathryn Faraci – CT Highway Safety Office Supervisor
Eugene Interlandi – CT Highway Safety Office Impaired Driving Program Coordinator
Edmund Hedge – CT Highway Safety Office Law Enforcement Liaison
Thomas Donohue – CT Department of Motor Vehicles Per Se Attorney
Ilisa Ring – CT Department of Motor Vehicles Per Se Attorney
Robin Schwartz – Office of the Chief State’s Attorney Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor
Dr. Michael Rickenbach – CT Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection Toxicology Lab
Sgt. Stephen Bresciano – Manchester Police Department
Marisa Auguste – Transportation Safety Research Center Behavior Analyst
Johanna Krebs – Mothers Against Drunk Driving
Julie Tison – Preusser Research Group
Tara Casanova Powell – Traffic Injury Research Foundation USA Director of Research
Officer Michael Taylor – Hartford Police Department
Shannon Trice – NHTSA Region 2 Program Manager (by conference call only)
Amy Parmenter – AAA (by conference call only)

Agenda items were:

Greetings & Introductions
FY 2017 Impaired Driving Grant Status Update
2016 Law Enforcement Summit
Per Se Hearing Evaluations
Ignition Interlock Device (IID) Update
MADD Tie One On For Safety (TOOFS) Campaign
Tour of Hartford and Naugatuck Police Departments' Breath Alcohol Testing (BAT) Mobile Units
Open Agenda Items
Next Meeting Date

Minutes to Connecticut Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force Meeting

On November 2, 2016 the Connecticut Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force met in Newington, Connecticut for the purpose of reviewing the agenda items listed above. The focus remains on strategies associated with the reduction and prevention of impaired driving behaviors.

FY 2017 Impaired Driving Grant Status Update

- Eugene Interlandi, the Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force Chairman and the Highway Safety Office Impaired Driving Program Coordinator, provided an update on the status of FY 2017 impaired driving grants. A total of 46 FY 2017 impaired driving grants have been reviewed and approved by the project manager. A total of 36 of the 46 grants are Comprehensive DUI Enforcement grants, 24 of which are municipal police department grants and the other 12 of which are resident trooper grants. There are also three Underage Alcohol Enforcement grants, six salary grants and one Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) grant that have been reviewed and approved for FY 2017.
- Mr. Interlandi mentioned that the current number of FY 2017 impaired driving grant approvals is comparable to the number of FY 2016 impaired driving grant approvals at this time last year. He also mentioned that the total number of FY 2016 Comprehensive DUI Enforcement grants for the entire grant period was 76, which included one Connecticut State Police grant, 53 municipal police department grants and 22 resident trooper grants.
- Out of the 36 towns that currently have FY 2017 Comprehensive DUI Enforcement grants, only 16 have started grant activities. The other 20 will all start their grant activities later in November.

2016 Law Enforcement Summit

- Edmund Hedge, the Highway Safety Office Law Enforcement Liaison, provided information on the 2016 Law Enforcement Summit on Traffic Safety Priorities. The summit will be held at the Webster Bank Arena in Bridgeport on Tuesday, December 13, 2016. The keynote speaker at this year's summit will be Clay Abbott, a Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor (TSRP) from Austin, Texas. The summit will also feature the Connecticut Traffic Safety Challenge, which recognizes police departments for their efforts in traffic safety.
- Mr. Hedge also provided information on police training initiatives. The Connecticut Police Academy has partnered with the Police Officer Standards and Training Council (POSTC) for the past four years to provide Standard Field Sobriety Testing (SFST), Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE), Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) and High Visibility Enforcement (HVE) training. Upcoming POSTC training courses include two ARIDE courses and one HVE

course. All three courses are scheduled to be held in November and December of 2016. Course participants will include both state and local law enforcement.

Per Se Hearing Evaluations

- Thomas Donohue and Ilisa Ring continue to work in their capacity as Per Se Hearing Attorneys. Their focus is to review Administrative Per Se cases, to identify defects and to reduce the number of revocations that are dismissed. During the July through September 2016 quarterly period, they reviewed a total of 2,057 cases and presented 192 of these cases at hearings.
- They are continuing to review all license suspension cases including the cases deemed to be non-processable. During the July through September 2016 quarterly period, they reviewed a total of 219 non-processable cases in addition to the 2,057 total cases reviewed, 20 of which they were able to save and process. This is a substantial increase in the number of cases saved. They credited the Toxicology and Controlled Substances Laboratory with the increase in saved cases.
- They are continuing to train many officers through both formal training courses and individual consultations. Formal training includes instruction at all five Connecticut police academies. Individual consultations include one-on-one meetings with law enforcement to prepare them for court appearances and to provide legal advice as needed.

Ignition Interlock Device (IID) Update

- Thomas Donohue and Ilisa Ring provided an update on the use of ignition interlock devices (IID). During the July through September 2016 quarterly period, they represented the DMV in 7 IID cases.
- They also shared information on a case that involved a violator who attempted to use an air compressor on the IID to start the vehicle. IID cases primarily involved compliance violations. The air compressor case is an example of a rare type of violation.

MADD Tie One On For Safety (TOOFS) Campaign

- Johanna Krebs from Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) presented information on MADD's Tie One On For Safety (TOOFS) campaign. The TOOFS campaign is an annual public awareness campaign that MADD promotes during the Thanksgiving through New Year's Day holiday periods. This year marks the 30th anniversary of the campaign.
- She provided information on upcoming TOOFS promotional events in the state. These include one event at the Waterford Police Department on Thursday, December 1, 2016, one event at the Hartford Police Department on Thursday, December 8, 2016 and one event at the Naugatuck Police Department on Thursday, December 15, 2016.

Tour of Hartford and Naugatuck Police Departments' Breath Alcohol Testing (BAT) Mobile Units

- The Hartford and Naugatuck Police Departments brought their Breath Alcohol Testing (BAT) Mobile Units to the DOT to allow task force members to tour the vehicles. Both vehicles were recently acquired with the assistance of federal grant funding. The task force meeting adjourned early to allow ample time for the viewing.

Open Agenda Items

- Amy Parmenter from AAA provided an update on the Connecticut Drugged Driving Summit. The summit will be held at Goodwin College in East Hartford on Tuesday, November 15, 2016, and will bring together subject matter experts, law enforcement, judges, attorneys, legislators,

pharmacists, EMT's and traffic safety partners to highlight issues and challenges surrounding the drugged driving problem. The response to the summit has been good and a strong agenda is planned.

- Ms. Parmenter also provided information on a drugged driving poll taken on Connecticut drivers. The poll question pertains to which types of drugs Connecticut drivers believe pose a serious threat to traffic safety. The poll results will be released the day before the Connecticut Drugged Driving Summit. She also added that AAA has adopted a policy against the legalization of recreational marijuana.
- Tara Casanova Powell, the Director of Research from the Traffic Injury Research Foundation USA (TIRF USA), mentioned that TIRF USA has completed its annual public opinion poll on impaired driving and can disseminate the publication to the task force members upon release.
- Edmund Hedge added that the Connecticut Drugged Driving Summit will include a history of the Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) program in Connecticut and distributed a "Connecticut Drug Recognition Expert Program" brochure to task force members.

Next meeting:

Wednesday, February 1, 2017 – 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM – POSTC, 285 Preston Avenue, Meriden, Chief's Conference Room

Connecticut Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force August 3, 2016

Mission Statement

To save lives and reduce injuries due to impaired driving on Connecticut roadways through program leadership, innovation, and facilitation of effective partnerships with public and private organizations.

Committee Members

Robbin Cabelus – CT Highway Safety Office Director
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The 14th DUI Task Force meeting was held on August 3, 2016. In attendance were:

Robbin Cabelus – CT Highway Safety Office Director
Joseph Cristalli – CT Highway Safety Office Principal Program Coordinator
Eugene Interlandi – CT Highway Safety Office Impaired Driving Program Coordinator
Edmund Hedge – CT Highway Safety Office Law Enforcement Liaison
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Johanna Krebs – Mothers Against Drunk Driving
Amy Parmenter – AAA
Tara Casanova Powell – Traffic Injury Research Foundation USA Director of Research
Cameron Brenan – CT Highway Safety Office Intern
Michael Morris – NHTSA Region 2 Law Enforcement Liaison

Agenda items were:

- Greetings & Introductions
- 2017 Impaired Driving Strategic Plan
- Per Se Hearing Evaluations
- Ignition Interlock Device (IID) Update
- MADD Drugged Driving Objectives
- AAA Drugged Driving Summit
- TIRF USA Ignition Interlock Device (IID) Survey
- Open Agenda Items
- Next Meeting Date

Minutes to Connecticut Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force Meeting

On August 3, 2016 the Connecticut Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force met in Newington, Connecticut for the purpose of reviewing the agenda items listed above. The focus remains on strategies associated with the reduction and prevention of impaired driving behaviors.

2017 Impaired Driving Strategic Plan

- Eugene Interlandi, the Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force Chairman and the Highway Safety Office Impaired Driving Program Coordinator, distributed hard copies of the 2017 Connecticut Impaired Driving Strategic Plan. An electronic version of the plan had been emailed to all task force members on June 27, 2016, for review and approval. He pointed out that the plan is required in order for Connecticut to be eligible for NHTSA Section 405 funding, which provides funds for impaired driving countermeasures. Qualification criteria require the development of an impaired driving plan and further require that the plan be approved by an impaired driving task force.
- Mr. Interlandi provided information on the current process of updating the plan. The data portion of the plan was updated by extracting that information from the Impaired Driving Section of the latest Highway Safety Plan. The meeting minutes were updated to add the minutes from the last four task force meetings. The 2017 plan includes the meeting minutes to all 13 task force meetings from March 2013 to May 2016. The narrative sections of the plan were reviewed and modified as needed. Mr. Interlandi felt that some of the narrative sections could be further improved by including information on newly emerging impaired driving issues, such as that of drugged driving.
- Mr. Interlandi stated that suggested modifications to the Impaired Driving Strategic Plan can be submitted to him at any time. He will maintain an active version of the plan and can apply changes to the document on a continual basis. The plan will be finalized each year around June and submitted to NHTSA at that time for inclusion with the Section 405 grant application.

Per Se Hearing Evaluations

- Thomas Donohue and Ilisa Ring continue to work in their capacity as Per Se Hearing Attorneys. Their focus is to review Administrative Per Se cases, to identify defects and to reduce the number of revocations that are dismissed. During the April through June 2016 quarterly period, they reviewed a total of 2,166 cases and presented 189 of these cases at hearings.
- They are continuing to review all license suspension cases including the cases deemed to be non-processable. During the April through June 2016 quarterly period, they reviewed a total of 343 non-processable cases in addition to the 2,166 total cases reviewed, 18 of which they were able to save and process.
- They reported that some recent cases have been quite aggressive in nature. As an example, they shared information on a hearing that involved a very aggressive defense attorney. The attorney brought in a variety of witnesses to testify in the case. Witnesses included bartenders, a civil engineer, a doctor, private detectives, a video technician and police officers. Despite the aggressive efforts of the defense, the suspension was upheld. Though this case is extreme, it shows that defense attorneys can be quite forceful and underscores the importance of good case preparation.
- They continue to credit good communications with improvements in case processing. Better cooperation among all involved parties has resulted in improvements in the process. They also reported receiving more requests for assistance from other hearing officers and police officers as a result of improved communications.

Ignition Interlock Device (IID) Update

- Thomas Donohue and Ilisa Ring provided an update on the use of ignition interlock devices (IID). During the April through June 2016 quarterly period, they represented the DMV in 9 IID cases, 2 of which were resolved prior to hearing. They reported that the IID cases primarily involved compliance violations.
- They also mentioned that the DMV Driver Services Unit is applying for a new FFY 2017 grant for IID personnel support. Grant activities will include mainly clerical support duties that will allow Program Coordinators and Motor Vehicle Analysts more time to review incoming cases, respond to inquiries and perform analytical IID program duties.

TSRP Update

- Thomas Donohue and Ilisa Ring provided an update from the Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor (TSRP) office that included a summary of recent activities. Information was provided on new DUI legislation enacted that includes two child endangerment statutes under Public Act No. 16-126, An Act Concerning Child Endangerment While Driving While Under the Influence. The new legislation includes new penalties for:
 - operating under the influence with a child under 18 in the vehicle
 - operating a motor vehicle specially designed for carrying children, while under the influence
- Information was also provided on DUI legislation that was not taken up by the legislature. A summary of the failed legislation is as follows:
 - expanding the two hour window for police directed chemical testing in DUI cases to include testing that takes place after two hours but its validity is supported by expert testimony
 - enacting an immunity provision for medical personnel who draw blood in accordance with lawful court orders (i.e., DUI blood warrant)
 - add a provision to 14-227a to provide for the use of blood (or urine) warrants in all cases, not just serious physical injury or fatality cases
 - add a provision to 14-227a which would permit police to obtain medical records of a suspected impaired driver if that driver is sent to the hospital for reasons other than injuries related to a suspected impaired driving incident
 - add a provision to 14-227a which would permit police to seize and revoke for 24 hours, the licenses of all arrestees who submit to urine testing or blood testing
 - increasing penalties for evading violations by those who have a history of DUI so as to eliminate the incentive to evade
 - prohibiting the use of Connecticut Alcohol and Drug Addiction Commission (CADAC) diversionary program by those charged with impaired driving and impaired boating crimes or those convicted of impaired driving or impaired boating crimes
 - replace the word “accident” with the word “incident” wherever it appears in the impaired driving statutory scheme
 - add a provision to 14-227j (IID court order statute) to permit courts to order defendants to install an IID as a condition of bond or probation, when the motorist is arrested for operating under suspension (alcohol related), tampering with an IID or failing to use an IID as ordered, or drinking while driving
- An overview of TSRP goals for FFY 2017 was also presented. Goals include revisiting the legislation that failed and continuing to pursue these legislative proposals. Other goals include increased training for prosecutors, developing MOUs with hospitals on blood warrants and

working with other agencies and private entities on the impairing effects of prescription medicals.

MADD Drugged Driving Objectives

- Johanna Krebs from Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) reported that MADD has recently been involved with legislative efforts to pass new DUI legislation. MADD worked with the Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor (TSRP) on the new child endangerment legislation and credits the TSRP for her efforts in developing legislative proposals to address the impaired driving problem in Connecticut.
- Ms. Krebs also reported that MADD has been proactively addressing the problem of increased drugged driving incidents. MADD does recognize the limitations regarding the drugged driving issue. Drug impairment is more difficult to determine than alcohol impairment due to a variety of reasons. MADD does regard drugged driving as impaired driving and changed its mission statement in 2015 to include the fight against drugged driving. Ms. Krebs also reported working with representatives of state agencies such as the DOT and DMV to pursue both drunk driving and drugged driving countermeasures.

AAA Drugged Driving Summit

- Amy Parmenter from AAA provided information on AAA summits that address the issue of drugged driving. There have been 11 such summits held nationwide to date. The summits are educational forums that focus specifically on the challenges of drugged driving.
- Ms. Parmenter announced that AAA is planning to host a drugged driving summit in Connecticut. She is currently in the process of planning the Connecticut summit and is putting together a planning committee. The Connecticut summit will bring together subject matter experts, law enforcement, prosecutors, judges, legislators, educators, physicians, Drug Recognition Experts (DREs) and traffic safety professionals to highlight issues and challenges surrounding the drugged driving problem. The AAA Drugged Driving Summit will focus on the problem that exists today in Connecticut. That problem includes what appears to be a growing number of people who are driving while high on marijuana, the growing senior population driving under the influence of prescription drugs and the drugged driving problem caused by the opioid epidemic.
- She announced that the Connecticut summit is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, November 15, 2016.

TIRF USA Ignition Interlock Device (IID) Survey

- Tara Casanova Powell, the Director of Research from the Traffic Injury Research Foundation USA (TIRF USA), presented information on a national survey of the number of total installed and active installed ignition interlocks in the United States in 2014, and from January 1, 2015 through August 31, 2015. These data provide a comprehensive picture of interlock installations across the United States and are a useful benchmark for state ignition interlock program administrators and the impaired driving community to measure interlock program participation.
- Data requests were sent to state ignition interlock program managers, highway safety office directors, and department of motor vehicle staff in all 50 states, as well as 11 interlock manufacturers in September 2015. Interlock data requests included impaired driving arrest and conviction data, the total number of installed interlocks within a specified time period, as well as the number of active interlocks that were installed at a specific point in time according to

offense category. As of January 18, 2016, a total of 28 states and 8 manufacturers responded to the data request.

- The report summarizes a variety of results including impaired driving arrest and conviction data by state, the percentage of convictions per impaired driving arrests, the total number of installed interlocks and total number of active installed devices at a specific point in time in 2014 and 2015, as reported by both state agencies and manufacturers. The report also contains the total number and active number of installed devices according to offense categories, and the percentage of installed interlocks per impaired driving arrests and convictions according to states and manufacturers. The proportion of offenders deemed eligible to install a device, and the proportion of offenders that actually installed the device were also calculated.
- These requested data are critical to evaluate state interlock programs. Reporting annual total number of installed interlocks can help interlock program managers gauge program effectiveness and opportunities for improvement and growth. In addition, these data can be used in conjunction with arrest and conviction data to identify the potential eligible offender population within the state.

Next meeting:

Wednesday, November 2, 2016 – 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM – CTDOT Administration Building, Room 2324

Connecticut Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force May 4, 2016

Mission Statement

To save lives and reduce injuries due to impaired driving on Connecticut roadways through program leadership, innovation, and facilitation of effective partnerships with public and private organizations.

Committee Members

Robbin Cabelus – CT Highway Safety Office Director
Joseph Cristalli – CT Highway Safety Office Principal Program Coordinator
Kathryn Faraci – CT Highway Safety Office Supervisor
Eugene Interlandi – CT Highway Safety Office Impaired Driving Program Coordinator
Edmund Hedge – CT Highway Safety Office Law Enforcement Liaison
Michele Givens – CT Department of Motor Vehicles Per Se Attorney Supervisor
Thomas Donohue – CT Department of Motor Vehicles Per Se Attorney
Ilisa Ring – CT Department of Motor Vehicles Per Se Attorney
Robin Schwartz – Office of the Chief State’s Attorney Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor
Chief Thomas Flaherty – Police Officer Standards and Training Council
Sgt. John Netkovick – CT State Police
Lt. Scott Smith – CT State Police
Dr. Michael Rickenbach – CT Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection Toxicology Lab
Officer Michael Diana – Hartford Police Department
Officer Robert Allan – Hartford Police Department

Officer Daniel McBride – New Britain Police Department
Sgt. Stephen Bresciano – Manchester Police Department
Lt. Thomas Duncan – Stafford Police Department
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Chief Brett Mahoney – Waterford Police Department
Officer Todd O’Connell – Waterford Police Department
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The 13th DUI Task Force meeting was held on May 4, 2016. In attendance were:

Robbin Cabelus – CT Highway Safety Office Director
Joseph Cristalli – CT Highway Safety Office Principal Program Coordinator
Kathryn Faraci – CT Highway Safety Office Supervisor
Eugene Interlandi – CT Highway Safety Office Impaired Driving Program Coordinator
Edmund Hedge – CT Highway Safety Office Law Enforcement Liaison
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Ilisa Ring – CT Department of Motor Vehicles Per Se Attorney
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Kevin Borrup – Connecticut Children’s Medical Center
Frances B. Mayko – AAA
Amy Parmenter – AAA
Tara Casanova Powell – Traffic Injury Research Foundation USA Director of Research
Jean Miller – CT Highway Safety Office Data Contractor
Officer Timothy Budwijnz – Hartford Police Department
Officer Michael Taylor – Hartford Police Department
Sgt. Gregory Cunningham – RI State Police
Trooper Wesley Pugh-Pennington – RI State Police

Agenda items were:

Greetings & Introductions
POSTC Training Update
Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Training
DUI and Distracted Driving Enforcement Activities
Per Se Hearing Evaluations
Ignition Interlock Device (IID) Update
MADD Law Enforcement Recognition Ceremony
AAA Foundation Research on Cannabis and Driving
Open Agenda Items
Next Meeting Date

Minutes to Connecticut Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force Meeting

On May 4, 2016 the Connecticut Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force met in Newington, Connecticut for the purpose of reviewing the agenda items listed above. The focus remains on strategies associated with the reduction and prevention of impaired driving behaviors.

POSTC Training Update

- Chief Thomas Flaherty from the Police Officer Standards and Training Council (POSTC) provided an update on POSTC in-service training courses. He reported that 126 officers have attended impaired driving training courses since the last task force meeting in February. Courses that provide impaired driving enforcement training include Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST), Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE), High Visibility Enforcement (HVE) and At Scene Traffic Crash Investigation.
- Chief Flaherty reported that two ARIDE courses, two HVE courses and one At Scene Traffic Crash Investigation course have been held since February. He also reported that the POSTC training course participants were generally veteran officers.

Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Training

- Eugene Interlandi, the Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force Chairman and the Highway Safety Office Impaired Driving Program Coordinator, provided information on a Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) training class. The DRE class was held from April 18 through April 28, 2016 at the Rhode Island Department of Public Safety. The training was designed primarily for officers who meet IACP/NHTSA approved curriculum standards that are aspiring to become DREs.
- Interviews are conducted to select candidates for class enrollment. Edmund Hedge, the Highway Safety Office Law Enforcement Liaison, interviewed a total of 18 candidates. A total of 12 out of the 18 candidates were selected to attend the class. The other 6 candidates will be placed in future training classes. Candidate selection preference was given to candidates already trained in Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) and Standard Field Sobriety Testing (SFST) level law enforcement certification. Candidates included both Connecticut State Police troopers and municipal police officers.
- The Rhode Island training encompassed the academic phase of DRE training, which is the first of two phases of training that must be completed for certification. The curriculum contained courses in physiology, vital signs, Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST) and extensive information on each of the seven categories of drug abuse. The training also included several written examinations. A total of 10 candidates successfully completed the Rhode Island training and must now complete the second phase of training.

- The second phase of DRE training is the field certification phase. The certification phase requires travel to a Phoenix, Arizona correctional facility where the candidate will be required to conduct a number of drug influence evaluations while under the supervision of a DRE instructor. All 10 candidates are planning to travel to Arizona at the end of May 2016 for the DRE certification phase.
- There are currently 20 DREs in Connecticut. That number is expected to increase through the DRE training program. Additional information on DRE training is available from the Drug Evaluation and Classification Program (DECP) website at www.decp.org.
- Mr. Hedge added that the DRE course curriculum changes often to comply with DECP standards. He also mentioned that Connecticut is planning to host a DRE training class next year.

DUI and Distracted Driving Enforcement Activities

- Sgt. Stephen Bresciano from the Manchester Police Department gave an overview of DUI and Distracted Driving enforcement activities in the town of Manchester. In regards to DUI activities, he reported seeing a significant increase in both daytime DUI incidents and incidents of drugged driving. The types of drugs involved in drugged driving include but are not limited to marijuana, heroin and prescription drugs. He also mentioned that the legalization of recreational marijuana is likely in the near future and would have an impact on drugged driving.
- In addition to DUI enforcement, the Manchester Police Department also recently participated in the Highway Safety Office Distracted Driving Enforcement campaign. The campaign ran from April 4 through April 30, 2016. Sgt. Bresciano reported that through 18 distracted driving checkpoints, the Manchester Police Department issued 1,683 tickets, including 556 for cell phone violations. The majority of tickets issued were for seat belt and child safety seat violations.
- Sgt. Bresciano reported that approximately 50-60 of the drivers ticketed for cell phone violations were repeat offenders. He also reported incidents of drivers lap texting while driving. The Manchester Police Department also encountered several drug related violations during the Distracted Driving Enforcement campaign. These include an AM DUI incident involving marijuana and a drug case that resulted in a \$4,000 seizure.
- He also reported that there was a lack of media coverage during the campaign, and suggested increased media coverage for future campaigns.
- Amy Parmenter from AAA provided information on upcoming AAA sponsored impaired driving summits. Upcoming summits include one in Maine on May 16, 2016 and another in Ohio on June 14, 2016. The summits bring together subject matter experts to discuss a coordinated approach to addressing impaired driving issues. Ms. Parmenter added that Connecticut is planning to host an impaired driving summit in the future.

Per Se Hearing Evaluations

- Thomas Donohue and Ilisa Ring continue to work in their capacity as Per Se Hearing Attorneys. Their focus is to review Administrative Per Se cases, to identify defects and to reduce the number of revocations that are dismissed. During the January through March 2016 quarterly period, they reviewed a total of 2,102 cases and presented 167 of these cases at hearings.
- They are continuing to review all license suspension cases including the cases deemed to be non-processable. During the January through March 2016 quarterly period, they reviewed a total of 276 non-processable cases in addition to the 2,102 total cases reviewed, 17 of which they were able to save and process. Many of the non-processable cases were drug involved cases.

- Mr. Donohue and Ms. Ring presented further information on non-processable drug involved cases. From March 2015 to current, they reviewed a total of 864 cases that were not able to be processed due to drug involvement. Multiple drugs were involved in many cases, and as a result the 864 cases involved 1,480 incidents of drug presence. A distribution of the 1,480 drug incidents by the seven categories of drugs is as follows:

○ Marijuana	457
○ Narcotic Analgesics	335
○ CNS Depressants	360
○ CNS Stimulants	196
○ Hallucinogens	1
○ Dissociative Anesthetics	104
○ Inhalants	3
○ Unknown	24
- They continue to credit good communications with the Toxicology and Controlled Substances Laboratory and the Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor with improvements in case processing.
- They are continuing to teach classes to assist police officers in preparing for the license suspension hearing process, and are regularly included on the agenda for each POSTC High Visibility Enforcement (HVE) training course.

Ignition Interlock Device (IID) Update

- Thomas Donohue and Ilisa Ring provided an update on the use of ignition interlock devices (IID). During the January through March 2016 quarterly period, they represented the DMV in 6 IID cases, 2 of which were resolved prior to hearing. They reported that the majority of IID cases involved users not using the device properly or failing to comply with the mandatory device calibration requirements.
- They also reported that there are now eight approved IID vendors in Connecticut.

MADD Law Enforcement Recognition Ceremony

- Eugene Interlandi, the Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force Chairman and the Highway Safety Office Impaired Driving Program Coordinator, provided information on MADD's Law Enforcement Recognition Ceremony. MADD Connecticut has conducted this ceremony for the past 29 years to honor police officers and troopers statewide for their efforts to increase roadway safety through impaired driving education and enforcement activities. For the past 29 years, awards have been given to hundreds of law enforcement officials in recognition of their contributions to highway safety. Award recipients are nominated by their superiors each spring through MADD, and invited by MADD to attend the award ceremony. Each award recipient receives a framed certificate of appreciation along with a specially designed MADD lapel pin.
- He announced that this year's ceremony will be held on Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at Central Connecticut State University, and will mark the 30th annual ceremony.

AAA Foundation Research on Cannabis and Driving

- Fran Mayko from AAA announced that a new AAA Foundation study on the effects of cannabis on driving has recently been completed. The study provides information on the relationship between changes in cannabis laws and the incidence of cannabis impaired driving. The study focuses on the state of Washington, where the use of cannabis has recently been legalized for recreational use.

- She announced that the study has not yet been released to the public, but is scheduled to be released on May 10, 2016.

Open Agenda Items

- Eugene Interlandi, the Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force Chairman and the Highway Safety Office Impaired Driving Program Coordinator, shared information from a March 2016 NHTSA publication entitled “2014 Motor Vehicle Crashes: Overview”. He distributed a one page excerpt from the report that showed total fatalities and alcohol impaired driving fatality totals by state for the years 2013 and 2014. He also reported that during the latest 10-year period available, the percentage of alcohol impaired driving fatalities to total fatalities in Connecticut was 38%. This percentage exceeds the national average.
- Dr. Robert Powers from the University of New Haven shared information on a court case that involved drug impairment. The case involved a fatal motor vehicle crash in which a pedestrian was killed. There was no indication of drug use by the driver, but significant THC and Carboxy THC levels were determined in the decedent’s postmortem blood sample. The argument was made that (A) the levels were not consistent with impairment, (B) the metabolite profile did not suggest recent ingestion, (C) the levels were inaccurate due to postmortem redistribution and (D) the presence of the stimulant, cocaine, would have counteracted any CNS depressant effect of THC. The case highlights the difficulty in trying to prove impairment in THC-related cases.
- Amy Parmenter from AAA offered assistance with media coverage. She offered to contact the press in regards to any stories task force members may have about people driving under the effect of marijuana. She also offered to engage her media contacts in any other stories related to impaired driving.

Next meeting:

Wednesday, August 3, 2016 – 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM – CTDOT Administration Building, Room 2324

Connecticut Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force February 10, 2016

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The 12th DUI Task Force meeting was held on February 10, 2016.

In attendance were:

Kathryn Faraci – CT Highway Safety Office Supervisor
Eugene Interlandi – CT Highway Safety Office Impaired Driving Program Coordinator
Thomas Donohue – CT Department of Motor Vehicles Per Se Attorney
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Tara Casanova Powell – Traffic Injury Research Foundation USA Director of Research

Dr. Eric Jackson – Transportation Safety Research Center Director

Julie Tison – Preusser Research Group

Agenda items were:

- Greetings & Introductions
- Highway Safety Grant Status Update
- POSTC Training Update
- Comprehensive DUI Enforcement Activities and Issues
- Per Se Hearing Evaluations
- Ignition Interlock Device (IID) Update
- Division of Criminal Justice Legislative Efforts
- Open Agenda Items
- Next Meeting Date

Minutes to Connecticut Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force Meeting

On February 10, 2016 the Connecticut Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force met in Newington, Connecticut for the purpose of reviewing the agenda items listed above. The focus remains on strategies associated with the reduction and prevention of impaired driving behaviors.

Highway Safety Grant Status Update

- Eugene Interlandi, the Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force Chairman and the Highway Safety Office Impaired Driving Program Coordinator, reported information on FY 2015 grant activities. He reported that he had recently completed a review of the FY 2015 Comprehensive DUI Enforcement grants. The FY 2015 enforcement recaps reported by each participating police department revealed manpower issues to be a common problem among practically all departments. The number of enforcement hours worked on grant funded activities in FY 2015 was down about 7% from FY 2014, but was still higher than the previous two years (FY 2012 and FY 2013). DUI arrests in FY 2015 were down about 14% from FY 2014, and were also lower than FY 2012 and FY 2013 DUI arrests.
- Mr. Interlandi calculated a rate of DUI arrests per 100 hours of enforcement for the last four grant periods, and presented these rates at the meeting. This DUI rate has been declining from year to year. For FY 2012, the rate of DUI arrests per 100 hours of enforcement was 3.26. For FY 2013, this rate dropped to 2.71. For FY 2014, this rate dropped to 2.62. For FY 2015, this rate dropped again to 2.42.
- Mr. Interlandi also provided an update on the status of FY 2016 impaired driving grants. Since the last task force meeting in November, an additional 28 Comprehensive DUI Enforcement grants have been reviewed and approved. This brings the total number of Comprehensive DUI Enforcement grants to 69. There are a total of 90 towns in the 2016 Highway Safety Plan eligible for Comprehensive DUI Enforcement grants, 69 of which now have grants and 21 of which have not applied for grants.

POSTC Training Update

- Chief Thomas Flaherty from the Police Officer Standards and Training Council (POSTC) provided information on police training initiatives. He reported that 236 officers have attended impaired driving training courses since the last task force meeting in November. These courses provide

training for Standard Field Sobriety Testing (SFST), Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE), Drug Recognition Expert (DRE), High Visibility Enforcement (HVE) and At Scene Traffic Crash Investigation. Chief Flaherty reported that there have been training courses for both new recruits and for veterans. He reported that there have been two recruit level SFST courses, four ARIDE courses, two HVE courses and one At Scene Traffic Crash Investigation course.

- Chief Flaherty also provided information on upcoming training courses. An ARIDE training course will be held later in February, an HVE training course is scheduled for March and DRE training courses are scheduled for April and May.
- Kathryn Faraci mentioned that recently, AAA National conducted a national survey of Highway Safety Office's and inquired how they could support the Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Program nationally. It was through this survey that AAA Allied Group from West Hartford contacted us to help support our goals in conducting this training. AAA Allied Group went beyond that and extended the partnership not only to support the DRE Program, but also to help provide the support for a "wet lab" training session for one full year which includes HVE trainings as well as DRE Trainings. This portion of Impaired Driving training hands on training (dosing subjects in a controlled environment) is crucial in ensuring that law enforcement is proficient in the Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST's). It is anticipated with AAA's support that we can provide up to 12 WET LABS at POSTC in the future.

Comprehensive DUI Enforcement Activities and Issues

- Officer Michael Diana from the Hartford Police Department gave an overview of DUI enforcement activities in the town of Hartford. On a positive note, he credited both CTfastrak and Uber with a decrease in impaired driving in Hartford. These services have helped to reduce impaired driving by offering alternative transportation options to individuals who consume alcohol when visiting Hartford.
- Officer Diana then discussed issues encountered during DUI checkpoints in his town. He mentioned that protestors attend most checkpoints holding signs. There is one individual who protests checkpoints statewide on a regular basis. This individual feels that checkpoints violate his public rights. He is organized and trying to illustrate that checkpoints are not financially effective. He also uses social media outlets to promote his opinions.
- Officer Diana also mentioned that he is beginning to plan for the summer concert season. Last summer, the Hartford Police Department issued 146 underage infractions and made 259 arrests at the XFINITY Theatre in Hartford through underage alcohol enforcement grant activities. Underage enforcement activities during summer concerts are often coordinated with DUI roving patrols to allow for increased enforcement.

Per Se Hearing Evaluations

- Thomas Donohue and Ilisa Ring continue to work in their capacity as Per Se Hearing Attorneys. Their focus is to review Administrative Per Se cases, to identify defects and to reduce the number of revocations that are dismissed. During the October through December 2015 quarterly period, they reviewed a total of 2,254 reports and presented 180 cases.
- They are continuing to review all license suspension cases including the cases deemed to be non-processable. They reported that the number of non-processable cases had increased in 2015 from 2014 due to an increase in drug involved cases. Yet they were able to process 25 non-processable reports during the quarter, a significant increase from past quarters. They credited increased communications with the Toxicology and Controlled Substances Laboratory

and the Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor with the improvement in case processing. Also, officers are now better trained.

- They are continuing to teach classes to assist police officers in preparing for the license suspension hearing process. They are regularly included on the agenda for each POSTC High Visibility Enforcement (HVE) training course. They are also fielding many questions from officers and records department staff in regards to impaired driving, and reported that they have been receiving more drug related questions.
- They also reported participating in a recertification training session at the Toxicology and Controlled Substances Laboratory that helped them gain a better understanding of the process.

Ignition Interlock Device (IID) Update

- Thomas Donohue and Ilisa Ring provided an update on the use of ignition interlock devices (IID). During the October through December 2015 quarterly period, they represented the DMV in 6 IID hearings. They reported the majority of IID users are using the device properly, and estimated an additional 300 devices are installed each month.
- They reported that one new IID vendor has been approved and that another new IID vendor is currently being reviewed. This will increase the total number of approved vendors from seven to nine pending approval of the new vendor.
- It was discovered that car rental companies in Connecticut have been allowing drivers with IID restrictions to rent vehicles. Car rental companies are not required to check for IID restrictions on drivers who rent vehicles from them, and as a result drivers with IID restrictions have been able to rent vehicles without IID devices. The Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor is currently working on composing a letter to the car rental companies to address the issue and request that they check for IID restrictions before allowing drivers to rent vehicles.

Division of Criminal Justice Legislative Efforts

- Robin Schwartz, the Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor from the Office of the Chief State's Attorney, provided an overview of current legislative proposals to combat impaired driving. She commented that she will pursue these proposals despite the likelihood that legislators may be reluctant to support them. The following is a summary of these legislative proposals:
 - New OUI child endangerment to penalize those who drive with kids in the car or school vehicles (with or without kids)
 - New penalties in the evading statute to discourage people with OUI histories from evading to avoid the higher penalties in the OUI statute
 - Delete language in OUI statutes that refer to "motor vehicle accident" and replace language with "motor vehicle incident"
 - Amend language in OUI statute to permit introduction of chemical tests results commenced more than 2 hours after operation if expert testimony can be introduced to establish reliability
 - Include a search warrant provision in impaired driving statute
 - Add immunity provision to impaired driving statute (for those who draw blood or obtain urine samples at direction of police)
 - Expand reach of court ordered IIDs for drinking offenses
 - Amend the Connecticut Alcohol and Drug Addiction Commission (CADAC) to preclude use of program by defendants charged with impaired driving offenses

- Dr. Michael Rickenbach from the DESPP Toxicology and Controlled Substances Laboratory, commented on the 2 hour window item. He shared the fact that it is not universally accepted within the toxicology discipline, nor is there scientific certainty in BAC values, to back extrapolate chemical test results to a point or range in time. Additionally, it is anticipated that the DSS Laboratory will establish a standard operating procedure (SOP) which describes the assumptions and limitations incurred when a Toxicologist is asked to perform a back extrapolation based on chemical test results for ethanol.

Open Agenda Items

- Tara Casanova Powell, the Director of Research from the Traffic Injury Research Foundation USA (TIRF USA), provided information on a recently completed national survey, the 2015 USA Road Safety Monitor (USA RSM) on alcohol impaired driving. The survey was conducted by TIRF USA under sponsorship from Anheuser-Busch. It consisted of an online survey of a random sample of American drivers aged 21 or older. Survey results have been published in a fact sheet. The fact sheet has been distributed to all task force members.
- Johanna Krebs from Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) mentioned that the 2016 Law Enforcement Recognition Ceremony is scheduled for Tuesday, May 24, 2016, at Central Connecticut State University (CCSU). More information on the ceremony will be available at the next task force meeting.
- Lt. Thomas Duncan from the Stafford Police Department offered a suggestion to amend the DUI reimbursement time sheet to capture information on contacts. Currently, information on contacts or motor vehicle stops is not included on the time sheet for the Comprehensive DUI Enforcement program. Including this information would better enable participating police departments to capture more complete information on shift activities. The Highway Safety Office will examine the possibility of modifying the time sheet to capture this information.

Next meeting:

Wednesday, May 4, 2016 – 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM – CTDOT Administration Building, Room 2324

Connecticut Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force November 4, 2015

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The 11th DUI Task Force meeting was held on November 4, 2015.

In attendance were:

Joseph Cristalli – CT Highway Safety Office Principal Program Coordinator
Kathryn Faraci – CT Highway Safety Office Supervisor
Eugene Interlandi – CT Highway Safety Office Impaired Driving Program Coordinator
Edmund Hedge – CT Highway Safety Office Law Enforcement Liaison
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Stephen Livingston – CT Department of Transportation Crash Data Section
Dr. Eric Jackson – Transportation Safety Research Center Director
Bill Greer – Cashman and Katz
Julie Tison – Preusser Research Group

Agenda items were:

- Greetings & Introductions
- Highway Safety Grant Status Update
- 2015 Law Enforcement Summit
- Per Se Hearing Evaluations
- Ignition Interlock Device (IID) Update
- MADD Tie One On For Safety (TOOFS) Campaign
- Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) Peer Exchange
- UConn Crash Data Repository Demonstration
- Next Steps and Other Initiatives
- Next Meeting Date

Minutes to Connecticut Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force Meeting

On November 4, 2015 the Connecticut Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force met in Newington, Connecticut for the purpose of reviewing the agenda items listed above. The focus remains on strategies associated with the reduction and prevention of impaired driving behaviors.

Highway Safety Grant Status Update

- Eugene Interlandi, the Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force Chairman and the Highway Safety Office Impaired Driving Program Coordinator, provided an update on the status of FY 2016 impaired driving grants. A total of 56 FY 2016 impaired driving grants have been reviewed and pre-approved. A total of 41 of the 56 grants are Comprehensive DUI Enforcement grants, 29 of which are municipal police department grants and the other 12 of which are resident trooper grants. There are also three Underage Alcohol Enforcement grants, four equipment grants, six salary grants and two Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) grants that have been reviewed and pre-approved for FY 2016.

2015 Law Enforcement Summit

- Edmund Hedge, the Highway Safety Office Law Enforcement Liaison, provided information on the 2015 Law Enforcement Summit on Traffic Safety Priorities. The summit is to be held at the Webster Bank Arena in Bridgeport on Thursday, December 3, 2015. Agenda items for this year's summit include the topic of data based performance driven enforcement and invited featured speaker Avon Colorado Police Chief Robert Ticer's presentation on the "legalization" of marijuana. The summit will also feature the Law Enforcement Challenge, which recognizes police departments for their efforts in traffic safety. In the future, the Law Enforcement Challenge will be renamed the Connecticut Traffic Safety Challenge.

- Mr. Hedge also provided information on police training initiatives. The Connecticut Police Academy has partnered with the Police Officer Standards and Training Council (POSTC) for the past three years to provide Standard Field Sobriety Testing (SFST), Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE), Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) and High Visibility Enforcement (HVE) training. Approximately 700 members of the law enforcement community have so far been trained. This includes both state and local law enforcement. A majority of the training recipients are new recruits. There is a waiting list for the ARIDE training, which is mainly geared towards narcotics. There is DRE training scheduled for April, and training for ARIDE and HVE have also been scheduled.
- A discussion followed on issues regarding the detection of drugs. A well completed DRE report that indicates the presence of drugs is essential in the prosecution of cases where drugs were involved, and someone could lose his or her license for driving under the influence of drugs. Since drugs cannot be detected by a breathalyzer test, a urine or blood sample is required to prove drug presence. A push for blood taken at the time of arrest was discussed. A discussion then ensued on blood draws. Blood is voluntarily taken at the hospital at times, and there was mention of a study on forcible blood draws. Mr. Hedge commented that Arizona has been and continues to be a lead state in the drawing of blood for the purpose of drug detection.

Per Se Hearing Evaluations

- Thomas Donohue and Ilisa Ring continue to work in their capacity as Per Se Hearing Attorneys. Their focus is to review Administrative Per Se cases, to identify defects and to reduce the number of revocations that are dismissed. They reviewed 636 cases in August and 766 cases in September. The Time of Crash defect continues to be the largest defect.
- They are continuing to review all license suspension cases including the cases deemed to be non-processable. They reported that they increased the number of non-processable cases that were saved last month, and were able to save nine cases. They credited the Toxicology and Controlled Substances Laboratory with providing assistance with problem cases, and estimated that they will save about a hundred cases a year.
- They are continuing to teach classes to assist officers in preparing for the license suspension hearing process. They reported that better police education and better communications with the police have helped in the prosecution of cases. Officers are contacting them more frequently for assistance with difficult cases, and as a result they have been appearing on more cases. They also reported working with the Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor on cases more frequently.
- Sgt. Stephen Bresciano of the Manchester Police Department reported that the current Per Se training methods have greatly improved from training methods in prior years. He feels that the Per Se attorneys are advocating for police officers, which is resulting in a better relationship between the Per Se attorneys and the police departments.
- A discussion followed regarding the A-44 form. There was some concern with the use of the phrase "lose balance" on the form since some felt this attribute does not always indicate the loss of balance. A comment was made that the phrase is based on the NHTSA language for the instructional phase of the field testing process.

Ignition Interlock Device (IID) Update

- Thomas Donohue and Ilisa Ring provided an update on the use of ignition interlock devices (IID). Effective July 1, 2015, any operator whose license has been suspended for driving under the

influence is required to install an IID in each vehicle as a condition of reinstatement. They presented two IID cases in August and three IID cases in September.

- They reported that a new IID vendor will soon be approved. This will increase the total number of approved vendors from six to seven. The new vendor will offer a low cost IID on which there will be no charge to recalibrate. State regulations require each IID to be calibrated every 30 days.
- It was also reported that each violation of the IID program requirements adds 30 days to the license suspension.

MADD Tie One On For Safety (TOOFS) Campaign

- Johanna Krebs from Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) presented information on MADD's Tie One On For Safety (TOOFS) campaign. The TOOFS campaign is an annual public awareness campaign that MADD promotes during the Thanksgiving through New Year's Day holiday periods. She provided information on upcoming TOOFS promotional events in the state. This includes one event to be held at Richard Chevrolet in Cheshire on Tuesday, December 8, 2015 and another event to be held at the Hartford Police Department on Thursday, December 10, 2015.
- Ms. Krebs also presented some campaign materials, which included pamphlets and a variety of ribbons. As part of the TOOFS campaign, MADD hands out campaign materials at DUI checkpoints to promote awareness of MADD's mission to eliminate drunk driving.

Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) Peer Exchange

- Several meeting attendees had participated in the Connecticut Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) Peer Exchange held at the Central Connecticut State University (CCSU) Institute of Technology and Business Development on October 7-8, 2015. The exchange presented information on SHSP emphasis areas, including critical roadway locations, non-motorized road users, young drivers, driver behavior, motorcyclists and traffic incident management. Those who had participated in the exchange found it to be an excellent forum to share ideas and to network with other safety partners.

UConn Crash Data Repository Demonstration

- Dr. Eric Jackson from the Connecticut Transportation Safety Research Center did a demonstration of the Connecticut Crash Data Repository. He demonstrated the repository's reporting capabilities with an emphasis on those crash attributes that relate to impaired driving. He previewed a DUI report, which filters crashes by alcohol and drug involvement, and provides information on crash, injury and fatality totals. A DUI crash ranking was also included. The ranking is currently based on crash totals only, but can be expanded to include other traffic data, such as roadway characteristics and traffic volumes.
- A demonstration was given on the use of the repository in the completion of highway safety DUI grant applications. Dr. Jackson demonstrated the ability of the repository to extract the alcohol crash totals that are required to be included as part of the grant application. He emphasized the fact that using one source for alcohol crash totals would result in greater consistency among all participating police departments in the reporting of those totals in grant applications.
- Dr. Jackson stated that there are plans to expand information in the repository to include other pertinent DUI data, such as arrest and citation data. DUI arrest data is also required to be included in DUI grant applications.

- A demonstration was then done on the linkage of crash data to a roadway network through GPS coordinates. The ability of the repository to identify locations with high concentrations of crash occurrences was included in this demonstration.

Next Steps and Other Initiatives

- The meeting was then open for attendees to present additional topics not included on the agenda. Michael Whaley, the Highway Safety Office Public Outreach Coordinator, provided information on a pilot program geared towards educating high school students on the dangers of impaired driving. There are currently five program events scheduled. The first of the five events was held on Thursday, October 22, 2015 at Danbury High School. The event featured a victim impact speaker who was responsible for a tragic fatal crash as a result of his decision to drive impaired. The speaker was remorseful for his actions and gave a moving speech.
- A video featuring the victim impact speaker speaking at another event can be viewed on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d26bgaNL2cE>

Next meeting:

Wednesday, February 10, 2016 – 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM – CTDOT Administration Building, Room 2324

Connecticut Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force July 14, 2015

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Stephen Livingston – CT Highway Safety Office Impaired Driving Initiatives Program Manager
Angie Byrne – National Highway Safety Administration Region 1 Regional Program Manager
Robbin Cabelus – CT Highway Safety Office Director
Joseph Cristalli – CT Highway Safety Office Principal Program Coordinator
Kathryn Faraci – CT Highway Safety Office DUI Program Manager
Tara Casanova Powell – Director of Research TIRA USA Inc.
Neil Chaudhary – Preusser Research Group
Chief Thomas Flaherty – Police Officer Standards and Training Council
Robin Schwartz – Office of Chief States Attorney Statewide Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor
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Pina Violano – Yale New Haven Hospital Injury Prevention and Trauma Unit
Dr. Robert Powers – University of New Haven
Johanna Krebs – Mothers Against Drunk Driving

The 10th DUI Task Force meeting was held on July 14, 2015.

In attendance were:

Stephen Livingston – CT Highway Safety Office Impaired Driving Initiatives Program Manager
Robbin Cabelus – Planning Director, Bureau of Policy and Planning
Joseph Cristalli – Principal Safety Program Coordinator
Kathryn Faraci – CT Highway Safety Office Supervisor
Robin Schwartz - Office of Chief States Attorney Statewide Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor
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Charles Grasso – Crash Data Liaison, Transportation Safety Research Center at UCONN
Kevin Slater – Crash Data Liaison, Transportation Safety Research Center at UCONN
Marisa Auguste – Behavioral Analyst UCONN
Thomas Donohue – Per Se Attorney – CT Motor Vehicles Department
Ilisa Ring - Per Se Attorney – CT Motor Vehicles Department
Deputy Chief John Carbone – Clinton Police Department
Officer Michael Diana – Hartford Police Department
Stephen Bresciano – Sergeant, Manchester Police Department
Dr. Michael Rickenbach - Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection Toxicology Lab
Johanna Krebs - Program Manager MADD
Kevin Borrup – Connecticut Children’s Medical Center

Agenda items were:

- Highway Safety Office – Grant Availability and Task Force Members Update
- High Visibility Enforcement from POSTC and Statewide Training Centers
- Per Se Hearing Evaluations
- Raising Awareness of Daytime Drinking and Driving
- MADD July 1, 2015 New IID Laws Press Event
- Next Steps and Other Initiatives
- Next Meeting Date

Minutes to Connecticut Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force Meeting

On July 14, 2015 the Connecticut Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force met in Newington, Connecticut for the purpose of reviewing the agenda items listed above. The focus remains on strategies associated with the reduction and prevention of impaired driving behaviors.

Grant Availability Updates

- Stephen P. Livingston, Statewide DUI Impaired Driving Initiatives Program Manager for the Highway Safety Office (HSO) and the Statewide DUI Task Force Chairman advised the DUI Task Force members that there are still many opportunities for law enforcement agencies to apply for impaired driving grants that are funded through the HSO. These include Comprehensive DUI Enforcement, Sobriety Checkpoint Equipment, Fatal Vision Starter Kits, Specialized DUI Enforcement Projects, Draeger Intox Machines, Underage Alcohol Enforcement Projects and DUI Checkpoint Equipment Projects.

High Visibility Enforcement – ARIDE and DDACTS Training at POSTC

- Chief Thomas Flaherty from POSTC reported that the POSTC Council met in May and revised the basic training curriculum for the Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST) section of the training, increasing this component from 14 to 20 hours beginning on July 1, 2015. This is not only for the cadets at POSTCC but for all training facilities Statewide. This year to date there has been 4 High Visibility Enforcement (HVE) trainings and 5 Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) trainings with Data-Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety (DDACTS) Training Programs being offered later in the year. Chief Flaherty and his staff continue to work closely with the Highway Safety Offices' Law Enforcement Liaison Edmund Hedge, to continue offering these training programs at POSTC and at the satellite municipal training facilities Statewide. Mr. Livingston commended Chief Flaherty, his staff members for their continued collaboration to bring ongoing & current training programs to POSTC.

Per Se Hearing Evaluations

- Thomas Donohue and Ilisa Ring continue to work in their capacity as Per Se Liaisons. Their focus is to review Administrative Per Se cases and to reduce the number of revocations that are dismissed. They are continuing to conduct trainings at POCTSC to assist officers in preparing for the license suspension hearing process.
- They are continuing to review all license suspension cases including the cases deemed to be unprocessable. They reported that the training are really paying dividends. They highlighted a case where due to the POSTC training, a case showed a June 22, 2015 to July 8, 2015 time turnaround for the samples which is an excellent turnaround time. Their predecessor Mr. Mark Gutis was working alone and simply could not review case Statewide thus with Ilisa and Tom working together they are seeing better results recently.
- Most of the unprocessable cases are being lost due to drugs. These are being tracked now where previously they were not. In the 60 cases they appeared on, the officers were more accepting of the DMV Per Se process and we are realizing a 95% success rate in having the suspensions stand. The hearing officers met with the Toxicology Lab to discuss sampling. Both parties agreed that when urine samples are being obtained it is critical that the sample container lids need to be on tight to prevent contamination (and other precarious situations).
- The officers that are requesting training are already doing a great job and the hearing officers could not stress enough that training is offered to all who want it, all of the time. They further

reported the drug driving problem is getting worse and there is currently no Per Se for marijuana and other drugs. The hearing officers also see more disputes for suspensions and over the expanded use of IID's. Lastly the indicated the State has a new IID Provider (Low Cost Interlock) which the vendor indicates there is no recalibration fee. The expanded use of IID's has allowed them to try "close cases" where they could not before.

Kevin Borrup – Connecticut Children's Medical Center (CCMC)

- Kevin reported that there has always been a big focus on nighttime impaired driving, but the daytime drinking drivers are also a problem that gets overlooked. While there is a 35% nighttime DUI fatality rate, during the day the rate is 9% which is a fairly substantial rate. There are a host of factors contributing to this problem, and the daytime impaired driving problem is increasing. Currently, many of the daytime DUI operators go undetected until there is a tragedy. Many of the operators who are impaired are poly-substance abusers. Many parents, grandparents, extended family and friends who are stay-at-home caregivers are regularly transporting infants, toddlers and older children. Kevin, through CCMC is developing an awareness campaign to evaluate if children are being transported safely. A large number (and increasing) of transporters are regularly taking daily prescriptions which if are combined with alcohol can have a magnification of the level of impairment. Part of the awareness campaign strategy will focus on providing increased education with the medical care providers so they may in turn properly educate their patients on the dangers and risks and consequences of taking daily maintenance prescriptions combined with alcohol. It was noted that with prescription medicines the problem is 2 fold. Many people today are regularly taking benzodiazepines (tranquilizers) along with anti-depressants. When these are combined with alcohol the problem is staggering.
- During the expanded discussion on the awareness campaign, it was noted that TSRP Robin Schwartz is working on an expedited warrant process for obtaining blood and that the HSO can help to train officers to be phlebotomists.

Johanna Krebs - (MADD)

- MADD held a press conference on July 1, 2015 emphasizing the new IID laws that took effect July 1, 2015. They had an excellent turnout. Six (6) police agencies participated in the event as did staff from the Connecticut HSO. Skip Church took the lead as the point for the event. MADD is continuing to work with the police agencies at DUI checkpoint around the State.

Michael Rickenbach, PhD – Toxicology Lab

- Staff members from the lab did some training in New Haven. Sample evidence is being destroyed if confirmatory requests are not received within 90 days – Dr. Rickenbach does not feel that responsibility should fall on the laboratory and questioned whether law enforcement could destroy the evidence. Robin Schwartz feels there needs to be additional dialog. The hospital conversion tests are now going to be put into a formal report. The lab has done some train-the-trainer classes recently. During the discussion the question was raised on changing the regulation so the trainers will not have to re-certify every year. Dr. Rickenbach is looking into the possibility of some sort of on-line or remote refresher training in lieu of in-person recertification training.

Next meeting: –October 6, 2015 – 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM Room 2324 CTDOT Administration Building

Connecticut Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force April 21, 2015

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Dr. Michael Rickenbach - Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection Toxicology Lab
Lt. Scott Smith – CT State Police
Captain Bryan Terzian – Ridgefield Police Department
Deputy Chief John Carbone – Clinton Police Department
Dr. Federico Vaca – Yale New Haven Department of Emergency Medicine
Pina Violano – Yale New Haven Hospital Injury Prevention and Trauma Unit
Dr. Robert Powers – University of New Haven
Johanna Krebs – Mothers Against Drunk Driving

The 9th DUI Task Force meeting was held on April 21, 2015.

In attendance were:

Robbin Cabelus – Planning Director, Bureau of Policy and Planning
Joseph Cristalli – Principal Safety Program Coordinator
Kathryn Faraci – CT Highway Safety Office Supervisor

Stephen Livingston – CT Highway Safety Office Impaired Driving Initiatives Program Manager
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Deputy Chief John Carbone – Clinton Police Department
Officer Michael Diana – Hartford Police Department
Stephen Bresciano – Sergeant, Manchester Police Department
Michael Rickenbach PhD - Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection Toxicology Lab
Johnna Krebs Program Manager MADD

Agenda items were:

- Highway Safety Office – Grant Availability Update
- Per Se Hearing Evaluations
- Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor Legislative Update
- Next Steps
- Next Meeting Date

Minutes to Connecticut Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force Meeting

On April 21, 2015 the Connecticut Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force met in Newington, Connecticut for the purpose of reviewing the agenda items listed above. The focus remains on strategies associated with the reduction and prevention of impaired driving behaviors.

Grant Availability Updates

- Stephen P. Livingston, Statewide DUI Impaired Driving Initiatives Program Manager for the Highway Safety Office (HSO) and the Statewide DUI Task Force Chairman advised the DUI Task Force members that there are still many opportunities for law enforcement agencies to apply for impaired driving grants that are funded through the HSO. These include Comprehensive DUI Enforcement, Sobriety Checkpoint Equipment, Fatal Vision Starter Kits, Specialized DUI Enforcement Projects, Drager Intox machines, Underage Alcohol Enforcement Projects and DUI Checkpoint Equipment Projects.

High Visibility Enforcement – ARIDE and DDACTS Training at POSTC

- Chief Thomas Flaherty from POSTC and Law Enforcement Liaison Edmund Hedge were both unable to attend this meeting so there was no High Visibility Enforcement Training update available.

Per Se Hearing Evaluations

- Thomas Donohue and Ilisa Ring continue to work in their capacity as Per Se Liaisons. Their focus is to review Administrative Per Se cases (up to 700/month or more) and to reduce the number of revocations that are dismissed. In the last month there were 120 cases deemed to be unprocessable. There were 71 urine cases that either came in late or did not get in at all. The combination of increased exposure to the Per Se process and upgraded training by the attorneys has greatly assisted the officers in the process. Currently the upheld suspension rate is between 90% and 94%. It was pointed out it is crucial to have the first test for impairment

given within two hours of the stop. Officers are encouraged to talk to the attorneys about their testimony and to call the attorneys if they have questions. Some of the police departments have sent requests to the attorneys to attend the hearings. Defense Lawyers have sent aggressive and inappropriate material requests for their case and many times the Per Se attorneys can eliminate these unreasonable requests. The attorneys are working with antiquated DMV equipment and they often have to bring their own laptops to display suspects displaying uncooperative behavior. The uncooperative behavior must be documented in the arrest report to back up any video. The new DUI law will become effective on July 1, 2015

- There was a lengthy and spirited conversation on the evidentiary validity of urine, blood and breath relating to license suspensions. .
- Ignition Interlock Device Hearings. Hartford Police Department and Manchester Police Department were commended on doing great jobs when making DUI arrests. The reports are coming in well written and the officers are well prepared for court. The DRE Reports are also coming in very well written. It was noted that DRE Officers and often assist with establishing probable cause.
- They are presenting cases that have a chance to be successful and now they are doing high profile cases. Even the non-processables are being looked at. Most non-processables are drugs.

Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor

- A bill was submitted to strengthen the DUI laws in five specific ways. The bill received positive feedback initially but ultimately was unsuccessful and all five proposals were rejected:
 1. Expand the current 2 hour window for obtaining chemical test results from OUI suspects – by permitting the state to introduce BAC evidence obtained outside of the 2 hour window in those instances where expert testimony can be introduced to establish that the tests taken outside of the window are nevertheless reliable
 2. Expand the ability of the state to obtain medical records of suspected impaired operators – by permitting the state to obtain the medical records, not only of those injured in crashes, but of those persons removed from mv stop scenes because they are deemed to be in need of medical treatment or supervision e.g., driver falls during SFST's and hits head, needs to be transported to hospital
 3. Expand the ability of police to order 24 hour license revocations – by including those who are suspected of drugged driving and are given blood or urine tests which require further analysis at the toxicology laboratory
 4. Change all of the “accident” language to “incident” - so that the statutory scheme uses language which is consistent with criminal responsibility
 5. Prohibit the use of AEP for BUI manslaughter and serious injury cases – thereby treating BUI just like OUI for purposes of diversionary program access

The TSRP office is working on 2 long-term projects that are related to increasing the ability of the state to obtain blood test evidence (considered the “gold standard” over breath and urine - for use at trial):

1. Draft legislation to confer qualified immunity on medical personnel who cooperate with blood warrants and orders
2. Draft a “fill in the blank / check box” style blood warrant for quick and easy use in the field

Preusser Research Group (PRG)

- Tara Casanova Powell announced she is leaving Preusser Research Group (PRG) but will remain on the Task Force in her new position as Director of Research at The Traffic Injury Research Foundation USA, Inc. (TIRF).

MADD

- The Law Enforcement recognition Ceremony will be on May 20, 2015 at CCSU.

- **Next Steps and Other Initiatives**

Search for a champion for the DUI Task Force at the Connecticut General Assembly – preferably someone on either the judiciary or transportation committee.

Next meeting: –July 14, 2015 – 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM Room 2324 CTDOT Administration Building

Connecticut Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force January 23, 2015

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The 8th DUI Task Force meeting was held on January 23, 2015.

In attendance were:

Robbin Cabelus – Planning Director, Bureau of Policy and Planning
Joseph Cristalli – Principal Safety Program Coordinator
Kathryn Faraci – CT Highway Safety Office Supervisor
Stephen Livingston – CT Highway Safety Office Impaired Driving Initiatives Program Manager
Edmund Hedge – CT Highway Safety Office - Law Enforcement Liaison
Angie Byrne – National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Chief Thomas Flaherty – Police Officer Standards and Training Council
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Agenda items were:

- Highway Safety Office – Grant Availability Update
- High Visibility Enforcement – ARIDE and DDACTS Training at POSTC
- Per Se Hearing Evaluations
- Youth Alcohol Initiatives
- Next Steps
- Next Meeting Date

Minutes to Connecticut Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force Meeting

On January 23, 2015 the Connecticut Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force met in Newington, Connecticut for the purpose of reviewing the agenda items listed above. The focus remains on strategies associated with the reduction and prevention of impaired driving behaviors.

Grant Availability Updates

- Stephen P. Livingston, Statewide DUI Impaired Driving Initiatives Program Manager for the Highway Safety Office (HSO) and the Statewide DUI Task Force Chairman advised the DUI Task Force members that there are still many opportunities for law enforcement agencies to apply for impaired driving grants that are funded through the HSO. These include Comprehensive DUI Enforcement, Sobriety Checkpoint Equipment, Fatal Vision Starter Kits, Specialized DUI Enforcement Projects, Drager Intox machines and Underage Alcohol Enforcement Projects. Principal Highway Safety Program Coordinator, Joseph T. Cristalli reported that there is the continued availability of SAFETY-LU funds (410) that can be used for alcohol and drugs on a 25% 75% match. There is approximately \$118,000.00 left available. AAA partners Aaron Kupec indicated that an impaired driving summit was held in Vermont where many impaired driving topics were discussed. In addition to alcohol impaired driving, other topics including medical and non-criminalized marijuana use and intentional and non-intentional prescription drug abuse. The website www.roadwiserx.com, where people can enter their prescription medications and receive alerts as to possible interactions was promoted. There was a brief discussion about possibly having the HSO coordinating a similar event.

High Visibility Enforcement – ARIDE and DDACTS Training at POSTC

- Chief Thomas Flaherty from POSTC provided an update on the ARIDE Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) and Data-Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety (DDACTS) Training Programs. Chief Flaherty reported that the Recruit Curriculum Subcommittee has recommended that the hours dedicated to SFST and impaired driving be increased from 14 to 24 hours. Chief Flaherty and his staff are continuing to work closely with the Highway Safety Offices' Law Enforcement Liaison (LEL) Edmund Hedge, to continue offering ARIDE Training Programs at POSTC and that the DDACTS training would be offered later in the year. The SFST course states that there will be 3 hours of a DMV Class (Trucks 101) and a 1.50 hour segment presented by an ophthalmologist on HGN. Additionally the Standardized Field Sobriety Testing Training Programs will continue to be offered. The state currently has a total of 20 DRE's and there will be an 8 hour update on January 22, 2015. Mr. Livingston commended Chief Flaherty, his staff members and Mr. Hedge for their continued collaboration to bring ongoing & current training programs to POSTC.

Per Se Hearing Evaluations

- October 1, 2014 Mark Gutis retired and subsequently two Per Se Advocates were hired to replace him. Thomas Donohue and Ilisa Ring were the selected candidates. As they came on board after Mark left they had zero break in time and had to start from scratch. Tom reported that they receive approximately 600 DUI cases a month and they all get read by Tom & Ilisa. The first month they presented 36 cases and the second month 72 cases and that trend continues. They are presenting cases that have a chance to be successful and now they are doing high profile cases. Even the non-processables are being looked at. Most non-processables are drugs.
- A continuing problem is that the Toxicology Lab still cannot turn around urine tests fast enough.
- It was noted that additional training sessions continue to be needed for Per Se Hearing Officers and a lack of available funding continues to be a problem. They would like to conduct 1 training a week or 4 to 5 per month.

- Tom and Ilisa are looking to be more accessible to the hearing officers and want to follow up more with law enforcement officers.
- Marijuana is becoming a bigger problem. The concept of having a statute on marijuana was discussed.
- It was reported that on July 1, 2015 the Interlock Ignition Device (IID) law will change so if an operator loses at Per Se they will still need to have an IID installed (14-227 (k) and 14-215 (c). It was clarified that a border line inability to test does not constitute a refusal.
- Mr. Hedge has successfully coordinated an effort to have two Per Se attorneys attend each ARIDE class. This is an ongoing effort.
- The Highway Safety Office has written in funding for two Per Se hearing officers in the 2015 Highway Safety Plan.

Preusser Research Group (PRG)

- Tara Casanova Powell from PRG presented on an across the nation evaluation on IID's. The evaluation indicated that interlocks are an effective means of curtailing impaired driving. The evaluation was jointly funded through the Governor's Highway Safety Association (GHSA), the national Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the Center for Disease Control (CDC). Please see the attached abstract Ms. Casanova Powell provided for greater details on the evaluation.
- PRG has been working with Judge Michael Kavanaugh on the concept of bringing DUI courts to Connecticut.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving

- Johanna Krebs announced that MADD is undergoing its 35 year celebration.. Their mission will now include drugged driving. They will be conducting their Law Enforcement Recognition ceremony this coming spring. Colleen Sheehey-Church, is a Connecticut citizen who is now the National President of MADD. She joined MADD in 2005, a year after her 18-year-old son Dustin drowned after the car he was riding in, driven by a teen with alcohol and drugs in her system, crashed into a river, trapping Dustin in the vehicle

Highway safety Office Supervisor Kathryn Faraci

- The Highway Safety Office Supervisor Kathryn Faraci presented a summary of the different initiatives the HSO is conducting, commencing with the HSO Mission Statement, program objectives, trends, and grant funded citation activity. She also summarized "Not My Kid", "High Risk Rural Roads"(HRRR), "Speeding Campaign", "Look Before you Lock", "Public Outreach", "Distracted Driving" and "Texting Ban Enforcement".
- **Next Steps and Other Initiatives**
- Joseph Cristalli reminded law enforcement officials of the availability of Under Age Drinking Grant program funded through the Highway Safety Office. Officials were encouraged to look for innovative ideas to combat the youth alcohol problem and make their proposals for the 2016 Highway Safety Plan.
- Stephen Livingston surveyed the task force members to see if there are any initiatives that we currently are not engaging in that we should be.

Next meeting: –April 21, 2015 – 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM Room 2324 CTDOT Administration Building

Connecticut Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force September 23, 2014

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The 7th DUI Task Force meeting was held on September 23, 2014.

In attendance were:

Joseph Cristalli – Safety Program Coordinator
Stephen Livingston – CT Highway Safety Office Impaired Driving Initiatives Program Manager
Michael Whaley – CT Highway Safety Office – Impaired Driving Program
Chief Thomas Flaherty – Police Officer Standards and Training Council
Cpt. Charles Grasso – Enfield Emergency Management
Mark Gutis – Per Se Attorney – CT Motor Vehicles Department
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Aaron Kupec – AAA Public Affairs Manager

Agenda items were:

Highway Safety Office Grant Opportunities
High Visibility Enforcement – ARIDE and DDACTS Training at POSTC
Per Se Hearing Evaluations
Youth Alcohol Initiatives
Next Steps
Next Meeting Date

Minutes to Connecticut Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force Meeting

On September 23, 2014 the Connecticut Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force met in Newington, Connecticut for the purpose of reviewing the agenda items listed above. The focus remains on strategies associated with the reduction and prevention of impaired driving behaviors.

Highway Safety Grant Opportunities

- Stephen Livingston announced that there were several opportunities for law enforcement agencies to apply for federal funds for addressing DUI problems in their specific communities. Specifically there are opportunities for Comprehensive DUI Enforcement, Underage Drinking Initiatives and Special DUI Enforcement for municipalities who have not previously participated in HVE DUI Enforcement.

High Visibility Enforcement – ARIDE and DDACTS Training at POSTC

- Chief Thomas Flaherty from POSTC provided an update on the ARIDE Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) and Data-Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety (DDACTS) Training Programs. Chief Flaherty announced that the SFST hours in recruit training will be increased from 12 to 24 hours. Chief Flaherty and his staff are continuing to work closely with the Highway Safety Offices' Law Enforcement Liaison Edmund Hedge, to continue offering ARIDE Training Programs at POSTC and that the DDACTS training would be offered later in the year. Additionally the Standardized Field Sobriety Testing Training Programs will continue to be offered. Mr. Livingston commended Chief Flaherty, his staff members and Mr. Hedge for their continued collaboration to bring ongoing & current training programs to POSTC.

Per Se Hearing Evaluations

- With the retirement of Mark Gutis, a search was done to find two replacements Per Se Hearing Attorney's. Ilisa Ring and Thomas Donohue met with Sharon Geanuracos, Michelle Givens, Joseph Cristalli, Kathryn Faraci, Stephen Livingston and Robin Schwartz to be introduced to the HSO Staff Members and to discuss the issues and goals for the program
- It was noted that additional training sessions continue to be needed for Per Se Hearing Officers and a lack of available funding continues to be a problem.
- Mr. Hedge has successfully coordinated an effort to have two Per Se attorneys attend each ARIDE class. This is an ongoing effort.

Think Before You Drink

- Pina Violano gave a presentation on a public information and education program called “Think Before You Drink” that is being presented in the schools. Plans are to continue this effort.

Give Me Five – AAA Roadwise Driver

- Fran Mayko gave a presentation on the “Give Me Five” and the “AAA Roadwise Driver” Programs. These are offered through AAA.
- It was noted that additional training sessions continue to be needed for Per Se Hearing Officers and a lack of available funding continues to be a problem.

Next Steps and Other Initiatives

- Joseph Cristalli reminded law enforcement officials of the availability of Under Age Drinking Grant program funded through the Highway Safety Office. Officials were encouraged to look for innovative ideas to combat the youth alcohol problem and make their proposals for the 2015 Highway Safety Plan.
- Stephen Livingston surveyed the task force members to see if there are any initiatives that we currently are not engaging in that we should be.
- Ed Hedge indicated that there are surveys being conducted in states that have legalized marijuana along with reviewing DRE reports to identify the severity of the problem in these states.
- Robin Schwartz will meet with Joseph Cristalli regarding setting up DUI Courts.
- Next meeting –January 20, 2015

Connecticut Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force June 17, 2014

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The 6th DUI Task Force meeting was held on June 17, 2014.

In attendance were:

Robbin Cabelus – Planning Director, Bureau of Policy and Planning
Joseph Cristalli – Safety Program Coordinator
Stephen Livingston – CT Highway Safety Office Impaired Driving Initiatives Program Manager
Michael Whaley – CT Highway Safety Office – Impaired Driving Program
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Agenda items were:

DESPP, Division of Scientific Services – Toxicology Laboratory Update
High Visibility Enforcement – ARIDE and DDACTS Training at POSTC
Per Se Hearing Evaluations
Youth Alcohol Initiatives
Next Steps
Next Meeting Date

Minutes to Connecticut Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force Meeting

On June 17, 2014 the Connecticut Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force met in Newington, Connecticut for the purpose of reviewing the agenda items listed above. The focus remains on strategies associated with the reduction and prevention of impaired driving behaviors.

Toxicology Laboratory Updates

- Dr. Robert Powers from the CT State Police Toxicology Laboratory announced that he would be retiring for State service as of July 1, 2014 and was taking a position on the faculty of the University of New Haven. Dr. Powers indicated that he was intending to remain a member on

the DUI Task Force. The Task Force members are enthused Dr. Powers will remain a member as his knowledge and contribution to the Task Force is greatly needed and appreciated. His replacement has not been selected.

High Visibility Enforcement – ARIDE and DDACTS Training at POSTC

- Chief Thomas Flaherty from POSTC provided an update on the ARIDE Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) and Data-Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety (DDACTS) Training Programs. Chief Flaherty and his staff are continuing to work closely with the Highway Safety Offices' Law Enforcement Liaison Edmund Hedge, to continue offering ARIDE Training Programs at POSTC and that the DDACTS training would be offered later in the year. Additionally the Standardized Field Sobriety Testing Training Programs will continue to be offered. Mr. Livingston commended Chief Flaherty, his staff members and Mr. Hedge for their continued collaboration to bring ongoing & current training programs to POSTC.

Per Se Hearing Evaluations

- Mark Gutis informed the Task Force he would be retiring in October 2014 and he is continuing to work with the DMV administration to obtain a successor.
- It was noted that additional training sessions continue to be needed for Per Se Hearing Officers and a lack of available funding continues to be a problem.
- Mr. Hedge has successfully coordinated an effort to have two Per Se attorneys attend each ARIDE class. This is an ongoing effort.
- The Highway Safety Office has written in funding for two Per Se hearing officers in the 2015 Highway Safety Plan.

Next Steps and Other Initiatives

- Joseph Cristalli reminded law enforcement officials of the availability of Under Age Drinking Grant program funded through the Highway Safety Office. Officials were encouraged to look for innovative ideas to combat the youth alcohol problem and make their proposals for the 2015 Highway Safety Plan.
- Stephen Livingston surveyed the task force members to see if there are any initiatives that we currently are not engaging in that we should be.
- The number of incidents arising from youth alcohol involvement at social hosting venues continues to be a huge problem for many communities.
- Hartford officials reiterated that emergency response to alcohol and drug sickness at music venues is continuing to put a strain on emergency service response times and increase distance to transport. Many of the problems arise because many under age youths do not even have tickets to the venues however they are tailgating anyway in the various parking lots. When the venue starts the law enforcement personnel sweep the parking lots to clear them of parties and this poses a danger to all as many under the influence, inexperienced drivers are operating vehicles and exiting all at the same time. Conducting checkpoints at the exit areas to the parking lots will be investigated. There is a plan to have some joint work with the Hartford Police Department and the Connecticut State Police.
- The synthetics that are being combined with marijuana and drugs like PCP are continuing to be a major risk factor.

Next meeting –September 23, 2014

Connecticut Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force April 22, 2014

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The 5th DUI Task Force meeting was held on April 22, 2014.

In attendance were:

Kathryn Faraci – CT Highway Safety Office DUI Program Manager
Stephen Livingston – CT Highway Safety Office Impaired Driving Initiatives Program Manager
Edmund Hedge – CT Highway Safety Office Law Enforcement Liaison
Tara Casanova – Preusser Research Group
Chief Thomas Flaherty – Police Officer Standards and Training Council
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Dr. Robert Powers – Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection Toxicology Lab
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Agenda items were:

- Alcohol Tolerance DUI BAT/SFST Evidence
- Drug Evaluation and Classification Program Update
- DDACTS at POSTC (Tentative)
- Per Se Hearing Evaluations

Minutes to Connecticut Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force Meeting

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Alcohol Tolerance DUI BAT/SFST Evidence

- Dr. Robert Powers from the CT State Police Toxicology Laboratory gave a presentation on the theory of people developing alcohol tolerance and how the theory works in court. The main point being tested was does true tolerance actually exist? With the concept of true tolerance and individual would need more alcohol to get to the same BAC. While it is true that some people do have a high metabolism rate, the data proves that true tolerance does not exist.

Drug Evaluation and Classification Program

- CT Highway Safety Office's Law Enforcement Liaison Edmund Hedge provided an update on the Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Program.
- There are currently 21 DREs in Connecticut and they have conducted 142 drug evaluations statewide (81 Enforcement Evaluations and 61 Training Evaluations). The next class is in June in Massachusetts.

Training Initiatives

- Chief Flaherty from POSTC stated that recruit classes train approximately 120 officers.
- There were six SFST Trainings at POSTC in 2013 training 150 practitioners and one SFST instructor class training 25 new instructors.
- There is a need to run additional ARIDE classes.
- Two additional HVE classes will be conducted in June

DDACTS at POSTC (Tentative)

Ed Hedge is working with Chief Flaherty from POSTC to bring DDACTS training to POSTC in August 2014. 25 students will be optimal.

Per Se Hearing Officer

- Mark Gutis was not able to attend – but he informed the Task Force he would be retiring in October 2014 and he is working with the DMV administration to obtain a successor. The Highway Safety Office is seeking to fund two positions in the upcoming fiscal year.
- While additional training sessions are needed for Hearing Officers and there is little to no funding available for this – the LEL has coordinated an effort to have two per se attorneys attend each ARIDE class.

Next Steps and Other Initiatives

- Stephen Livingston encouraged law enforcement officials to participate in the Under Age Drinking Grant program funded through the Highway Safety Office.
- Stephen Livingston surveyed the task force members to see if there are any initiatives that we currently are not engaging in that we should be.
- Incidents arising from youth alcohol involvement at social hosting venues is becoming a huge problem.
- Emergency response to alcohol sickness at music venues is putting a strain on emergency service response times and distance to transport. An average of 60 calls for service at music concerts extremely taxes the ability to respond to other emergency calls for service.
- PCP and other synthetics are being combined with marijuana and is now becoming a major risk factor.
- Pina Violano spoke about M.A.D.E. which is a coalition to promote positive youth development.

Next meeting – June 17, 2014

Connecticut Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force January 14, 2014

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The 4th DUI Task Force meeting was held on January 14, 2014.

In attendance were:

Robbin Cabelus – CT Highway Safety Office Director
Kathryn Faraci-Highway Safety Office Supervisor
Stephen Livingston – CT Highway Safety Office DUI Program Manager
Tara Casanova – Preusser Research Group
Chief Thomas Flaherty – Police Officer Standards and Training Council
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Edmund Hedge – CT Highway Safety Office Law Enforcement Liaison
Dr. Robert Powers – Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection Toxicology Lab
Fran Mayko – AAA
Officer Rodney Harris – Hartford Police Department
Officer Daniel Zarebswki – Hartford Police Department
Lt. Edward Lennon – East Haven Police Department
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Agenda items were:

- Review of Blood Draw Notification-Best Practice
- Drug Classification and Evaluation Program Update
- New Ideas Concepts and Strategies
- Per Se Hearing Evaluations
- Next Steps and Other Initiatives.

Minutes to Connecticut Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force Meeting

On January 14, 2013 the Connecticut Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force met in Newington, Connecticut for the purpose of reviewing the agenda items listed above. The focus remains on strategies associated with the reduction and prevention of impaired driving behaviors.

Establishment of Best Practices for Blood Draw Notification

- New Britain Police Department is providing training for blood draw protocol

Drug Classification and Evaluation Program

- CT Highway Safety Office's Law Enforcement Liaison Edmund Hedge provided an update on the Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Program.
- There are currently 22 DREs in Connecticut and they have conducted over 140 drug evaluations statewide.

Training Initiatives

- Chief Flaherty from POSTC stated that recruit classes train approximately 120 officers.

- SFST and Impaired Driving Training is covered during a 20 hour session during basic training.
- Dr. Robert Powers, from the CT Toxicology Lab, is currently providing the recruits with additional educational information regarding BAC collection.

Per Se Hearing Officer

- Mark Gutis provided an overview on the Per Se Hearing protocol.
- Additional training efforts are needed for Hearing Officers however, funding is not available.
- Hearing Officers are delegated by the Commissioner. All have passed the BAR exam and are politically appointed.
- Mr. Hedge will coordinate with providing legal updates for Police Departments via Police Chiefs' meetings. Possibly looking into the Officers receiving CE credits for the Officer's attendance.

Other Initiatives

- Joseph Cristalli encouraged law enforcement officials to participate in the Under Age Drinking Grant program funded through the Highway Safety Office.
- Dr. Powers mentioned that he would like to provide a presentation on the BAC data evidence of tolerance report update.
- PCP is now becoming combined with marijuana and is now becoming a major risk factor.

Next meeting – April 22, 2014

Connecticut Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force July 22, 2013

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- Plans for measuring progress and outcomes
- Steps to achieve stakeholder input and participation into to the plan
- Sustainable solutions

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The 3rd DUI Task Force meeting was held on July 22, 2013. In attendance were:

Robbin Cabelus – CT Highway Safety Office Director
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Agenda items were:

- Establishment of Best Practices for Blood Draw Notification
- Training Initiatives
- Review of Per Se Hearing Process
- Update of Data Driven Approach to Crime and Traffic Safety (DDACTS)
- Traffic Safety Fact Sheets for New Haven County

Minutes to Connecticut Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force Meeting

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Establishment of Best Practices for Blood Draw Notification

- Notification statement regarding request for unused blood sample of drivers involved in a DUI will be finalized for next meeting

Training Initiatives

- Chief Flaherty provided an overview of existing training efforts within the Police Academy.
- 1,000 Law Enforcement Instructors throughout the State.
- Highway Safety Office will provide updated curriculum regarding impaired driving/SFST training.
- Suggestion regarding Advance Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) teachings during recertification.
- Chief Pendleton, Mr. Hedge, and Atty. Germain will meet prior to meeting with Training Consult at the Academy to address use of the 32 hours elective topics as part of the 3-year recertification training.

Review of Per Se Hearing Process

- Oversight on Per Se Hearings will be conducted by DUI Task Force members.
- A schedule matrix will be established to provide a max. of 3 Task Force members at each convenient DUI related Per Se Hearing.
- Annual Meeting with Department of Motor Vehicle Commissioner and Magistrates will provide educational update opportunities.
- Recidivism rate has dropped in the past 3 years from 25% to 12%
- Qualification in law training is needed.

Update on Data Driven Approach to Crime and Traffic Safety (DDACTS)

- Overview was presented by Mr. Hedge regarding the recent DDACTS training class hosted at the Police Academy.
- DDACTS serving as a prerequisite in State and Local participation of grant funding is not only critical but needs to serve as the credible means to identifying areas of concern to include serious injury and fatality data along with other common logistical data such as time, date, age of driver, etc.

Next meeting – of August 22, 2013 rescheduled for September 5, 2013.

Connecticut Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force May 22, 2013

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The 2nd DUI Task Force meeting was held on May 22, 2013.

In attendance were:

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Captain Charles Grasso – Enfield Emergency Management

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Dr. Robert Powers – Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection Toxicology Lab
Angie Byrnes - National Highway Safety Administration (NHTSA) Region 1 Program Manager
Kathryn Faraci – CT Highway Safety Office DUI Program Manager
Edmund Hedge – CT Highway Safety Office Law Enforcement Liaison

Agenda items were:

Existing Conditions with the Highway Safety Office
New Ideas Concepts and Strategies
Next Steps

Minutes to Connecticut Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force Meeting

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Data Driven Problem Identification

- Number one has been, and continues to be, data driven problem identification.
- The data driven approach to crime and traffic safety principles will play a substantial role in the overall identification of the degree impaired driving impacts Connecticut roads, residents and transients. Substantial work needs to be accomplished by both organized police departments and those involved in the resident trooper program.
- DDACTS serving as a prerequisite in State and Local participation of grant funding is not only critical but needs to serve as the credible means to identifying areas of concern to include serious injury and fatality data along with other common logistical data such as time, date, age of driver, etc.
- All grants, whether local, regional or multijurisdictional between neighboring communities, needs to focus on no less than three initiatives, of which one will be that of impaired driving.

Steps to achieve stakeholder input and participation into the plan

- Although law enforcement has proceeded to address impaired driving aggressively, substantial work is still required to build partnerships with stakeholders in order to enhance existing plans and include the recent initiative of the State’s Drug Classification and Evaluation Program.
- Examine the ability of the Governor’s office to officially appoint members of the Connecticut Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force in the exact same manner in which members were appointed to the State’s Work Zone Safety Initiative, ensuring relevant members have the opportunity to provide input from a multitude of disciplines while at the same time having the

opportunity and standing to communicate with legislators during both law changes and/or amendments associated with impaired driving.

- Develop new subcommittee consisting of representatives of law enforcement, the medical profession, the Department of Transportation and the Department of Motor Vehicles for the purposes of sharing information and resolving logistical issues which involve clear communication and interpretation.
- Discussions on the issues ranging from the availability of blood testing kits in hospitals to protocols involving the obtaining of search warrants which need additional attention.
- The second subcommittee will consist of members of the Office of the Chief State's Attorney, the Statewide Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor, the Connecticut Toxicology Laboratory (Dr. Robert Powers), and the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association (to include the Chairman of the CPCA Highway Safety Committee), for the purposes of amending clarifying or initiating changes and dealing with evidence to include blood taking and other chemical tests commonly associated with impaired drivers.

Strategies for identifying problems and target groups

- One of the major functions of the Impaired Driving Task Force of 2013 is to identifying problems of major stakeholders in the area of identification/prosecution capacity and following through until such time a resolution may be agreed upon that is both in line within the Connecticut Statute and in the best interest of the State.
- Review of the State of Connecticut Per Se Hearing process.

Plans for measuring progress and outcomes

- Both new committees would have the opportunity to meet and report their findings to the Impaired Driving Task Force.
- Plans for measuring progress and outcome to be determined.

Sustainable solutions

- Establishment of stronger partnerships between area stakeholders.
- Initiation of "best practices" that has been reviewed and approved by associated parties.
- The ability to have or create a training curriculum associated with traffic safety which includes all relevant forms of training associated with impaired driving. Also, strong consideration given to selected training curriculums being provided to all prosecutors and judges that oversee and present impaired driving cases of any type.
- Establish greater emphasis on the impaired driving curriculum within the recertification training for Connecticut law enforcement officials.
- New formats of training associated with DUI recommended by both NHTSA and IACP. Those special courses should be both endorsed and encouraged for all members of law enforcement who perform patrol functions on a daily basis.

Next meeting –July 22, 2013

Connecticut Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force March 13, 2013

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A preliminary meeting was held on March 14, 2013.

In attendance were:

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Chief Murray Pendleton – Waterford Police Department and CT Police Chiefs Association
Captain Charles Grasso – Enfield Emergency Management

Mark Gutis – Department of Motor Vehicle Per Se Attorney
Kathryn Faraci – CT Highway Safety Office DUI Program Manager
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Agenda items were:

Development of Task Force
Background on Purpose of Impaired Driving Plan
Ideas Concepts and Strategies
Next Steps

After a brief overview of the NHTSA guidelines, task force members discussed areas of concern.

1. Increase education for all CT Prosecutors and Per Se Hearing Officers. Clarification and periodic training on the basis of probable cause. Currently, there is no continuity amongst prosecutors and there have been incidents of misstating CT law.
2. Development of DUI Courts
3. Establish a recertification Academy since the existing Police Academy cannot accommodate.
4. Propose 3 to 4 hour training sessions for Chiefs
5. Problem ID can be further identified with data analysis
6. Training on A-44 DUI arrest report submissions to eliminate error.
7. Designate point of contact at each Law Enforcement Agency. Need for a lead Trooper
8. Increase refresher training
9. Regional/Grant incentives focus on other areas of enforcement
10. Data-Driven Approach to Crime and Traffic Safety (DDATS) training
11. Provide briefing on legislation from DMV
12. Workforce appointed by the Governor? Development of a charter.

Next meeting scheduled for May 22nd, 2013. Schedule will be set to accommodate NHTSA representation.

Next tentative meetings –July 16th, 2013 August 28th, 2013, September 15th, 2013.