

**Governor's Council on Impaired Driving
Meeting Agenda
August 23-24, 2005
Best Western Inn, Lander**

Tuesday, August 23, 2005

2:00 Welcome and Introductions

Tim Day and Mary Frank, Governor's Council Co-Chairs

2:30 Governor's Council on Impaired Driving

The Governor's Council on Impaired Driving was established by Executive Order in May 2003 to provide a forum for research, discussion and planning to reduce the incidence of impaired driving in Wyoming. What has the Council accomplished during its first two years? What's next on the horizon?

2:45 Priority Issues

The Governor's Council identified DUI/Child Endangerment, Ignition Interlock, and Dram Shop as priority issues. Council members will provide an overview of each of these issues and will outline the strategic process the Council has developed to move each of these issues forward.

3:30 Break

3:45 Priority Issues (continued)

4:15 Impaired Driving Prevention Strategies

A wide range of impaired driving prevention strategies exist. Which strategies should be investigated next by the Governor's Council? Which would be most effective in reducing recidivism, crashes, fatalities and injuries in Wyoming?

5:40 Break

6:00 Dinner at the Global Café (360 Main Street)

The Council is responsible for reporting to the Governor. Traditionally, this report takes the form of white papers about the prevention strategies selected for investigation by the Council. Council members will select two-four strategies to develop into white papers to present to the Governor in May 2006.

8:00 Adjourn

Wednesday, August 24, 2005

7:45 **Breakfast**

8:00 **By-Laws**

Many Councils, Boards and Commissions adhere to by-laws to provide guidance and direction for the group. Should the Governor's Council adopt by-laws? A draft of by-laws will be reviewed, edited, adopted or not adopted.

9:20 **Governor's Awards Banquet**

The Governor's Council decided in May to sponsor a statewide conference on impaired driving every two years (next conference: 2007), and a Governor's Awards Banquet annually. When and where should the banquet be held? What should the Awards Banquet program include?

10:15 **Governor's Council Calendar**

Dates and locations for the quarterly meetings of the Governor's Council for 2005-2006 will be decided.

10:30 **Recognition of past Council members**

Council members will discuss an appropriate recognition for past Council members who completed their term last May.

11:00 **Closing Remarks and Adjourn**

Governor's Council on Impaired Driving August 23-24, 2005 Meeting Minutes

The quarterly meeting of the Governor's Council on Impaired Driving was held August 23-24, 2005 at the Best Western Inn in Lander. The meeting began with a welcome from Council Co-Chairs Tim Day and Mary Frank, followed by Council member introductions.

Lorrie Pozarik, Council facilitator, provided members with a brief review of the Council's history, mission, funding and meeting logistics. The Council's priority areas for the last two years were outlined including Graduated Driver Licensing, Mandatory Substance Abuse Evaluations for all DUI offenders (both passed the legislature last year), DUI/Child Endangerment, Ignition Interlock, and Dram Shop.

Carl McDonald provided the Council with an overview of DUI/Child Endangerment. In the last 10 years, 80% of Wyoming's children who died in impaired driving crashes were passengers in the vehicle with the impaired driver. A bill was introduced last legislative session creating an enhanced penalty for driving impaired with a child in the vehicle. The bill passed the House 59-0, but was not heard in the Senate because of time constraints. The Council would like to see last year's engrossed bill move forward this year. **Debbie McLeland made a motion, seconded**

by Byron Oedekoven, for Rich Lindsey and Mike Moser to discuss the Council's interest in the issue with Beckett Hinkley (last year's bill sponsor). Motion passed unanimously.

Gene Rugotzke provided the Council with an overview of Ignition Interlock. Current research indicates that 50% - 70% of suspended drivers drive anyway; if we cannot keep them from driving, the Council is interested in ensuring that they drive at reduced risk to the public. The Council recommends that, initially, Ignition Interlock be voluntary (i.e., a DUI offender can choose either a hard suspension (as is currently the law), or to be licensed to drive only a vehicle with an ignition interlock device). **Byron Oedekoven made a motion, seconded by Debbie McLeland, for the Ignition Interlock sub-committee to prepare a one-page "Fact Sheet" which the Council Co-Chairs will present to Dave Edwards and/or John Barrasso (co-chairs of the Joint Transportation Committee). Motion passed unanimously.**

Mike Moser provided the Council with an overview of Dram Shop issues. The Governor had advised the Council to consider additional opportunities to educate the public on the complexities of Dram Shop. Several ideas emerged including a point-counterpoint editorial in the Casper Star, educational brochures, a moderated radio program. **Kerry Shatto made a motion, seconded by Mike Moore, to establish a sub-committee to explore additional opportunities to educate the public. The sub-committee will be established during the next Council meeting in November. Motion passed 20-1.**

A list of potential impaired driving prevention strategies was developed and provided to Council members. Questions about each of the strategies were posed, discussed, and answered. Each Council member selected 10 strategies from the list to consider as priority issues for the next two years; the top 13 strategies were presented to the Council during dinner for a second round of voting. After a third round of voting, Council members selected the following four priority issues:

- ✓ mandatory drug/alcohol testing of all drivers involved in fatal crashes
- ✓ criminalizing refusals to chemical testing
- ✓ sobriety checkpoints
- ✓ changing the per se limit to .08 *within* 3 hours of driving (rather than *at* the time of driving)

White papers will be prepared for each of these four issues and presented to the Governor in May.

A draft of potential by-laws had previously been provided to all Council members. The draft was discussed and edited. **Kerry Shatto made a motion, seconded by Debbie McLeland, to adopt the by-laws as amended. Motion passed unanimously.**

Lorrie Pozarik advised the group that last May the Council decided to sponsor a statewide impaired driving conference on alternating years (next conference will be in 2007), and to present Governor's Awards and DUI Enforcement Awards during a Governor's Banquet every year. **After a brief review of last year's Governor's Awards, Mike Moser made a motion, seconded by Nancy Johnson, to keep the Governor's Award categories and descriptions the same for the upcoming year. Motion passed unanimously.**

A lengthy discussion of the DUI Enforcement Award criteria followed. A sub-committee was established to examine the DUI arrest data collected for 2004 and 2003 and to recommend criteria for DUI Enforcement Awards for 2005. Lori Emmert, Byron Oedekoven, Carl McDonald, Dave Gray and Gene Rugotzke will serve on the sub-committee.

Debbie McLeland made a motion, seconded by Mike Moser, to hold the Governor's Awards banquet at the Parkway Plaza on Wednesday, May 3, 2006. Motion passed unanimously. Lorrie Pozarik will begin the process of identifying a potential program speaker.

Discussion of Council meeting dates for 2005-2006 followed. **Lori Emmert made a motion, seconded by Kerry Shatto, for the Council to meet on the following dates and locations: November 15–16, 2005 in Casper; January 24–25, 2006 in Casper; May 2–3, 2006 in Casper; and August, 2006 in Lander (exact date to be determined). Motion passed unanimously.**

A lengthy discussion regarding recognition of previous Council members followed. Debbie McLeland made a motion, seconded by Mike Moser, to send a letter of appreciation to all previously appointed Council members. Motion failed. Janice Roman made a motion, seconded by Susan Janke, not to send any letters to any previously appointed Council members. Motion failed. **Kerry Shatto made a motion, seconded by Stephanie Heitsch, to send a letter of appreciation to all Council members that had not been re-appointed. Motion passed 18-3.**

Council members were advised to bring any available resources for any of the four priority issues to the next Council meeting in November when sub-committee will be formed to begin writing the white papers. Council members were asked to provide suggestions for agenda items to Lorrie Pozarik at least three weeks before the upcoming meeting.

Debbie McLeland advised the Council that donations are being accepted to the Challenge 8 Fund for the new track facility at the University of Wyoming. All donations are eligible for matching dollars. Additional information is available through the UW Athletic Department.

The next meeting of the Governor's Council on Impaired Driving will be held on Tuesday, November 15 – Wednesday, November 16, 2005 at the Parkway Plaza in Casper.