

**Governor's Council on Impaired Driving
Meeting Agenda
August 15-16, 2006
Best Western Inn, Lander**

Tuesday, August 15, 2006

2:00 **Welcome**

2:15 **Updates on Previous Priority Issues**

How can Council members help educate the public about Graduated Driver Licensing and Ignition Interlock? WYDOT Driver Services will meet with the Council to answer questions about the implementation of each of these measures and to discuss ways for the Council to offer its assistance.

3:15 **Break**

3:30 **Governor's Conference on Impaired Driving**

The Governor's Conference on Impaired Driving will be held on Wednesday, May 2, 2007 at the Parkway Plaza in Casper. The Conference format and schedule, plenary sessions and speakers, potential workshop topics, Governor's Awards and banquet will be discussed and outlined.

5:30 **Break**

6:15 **Dinner at the Cowfish Restaurant**

6:45 **Governor's Conference on Impaired Driving (continued)**

A wide range of topics related to impaired driving exist. Which would be most relevant to the typical attendee? Which would be most inviting to those that have not attended the conference previously? Council members will select the workshop topics to be addressed at the Conference and begin preliminary planning for potential speakers.

Wednesday, August 16, 2006

7:45 **Breakfast**

8:00 **Governor's Council's Priority Issues**

The Governor's Council submitted four white papers to Governor Freudenthal in May. Governor Freudenthal has asked the Council to develop plans for amending the DUI statute to make it a crime to possess an alcohol concentration above 0.08% within two hours of a valid arrest for DUI, and to require drug/alcohol testing of all drivers involved in fatal and serious injury crashes in Wyoming. Council members will work in sub-committees to design educational campaigns for each of these two issues.

9:30 **Governor's Council Educational Campaigns**

Sub-committees will report back on their respective educational campaigns so the Council's plans can be coordinated.

10:00 **Miscellaneous Items for Council Discussion**

Council members have asked about Continuing Education for participating in Council meetings. Would CEU's be helpful for members?

The By-laws sub-committee will present potential language describing the recommended process for making Council appointments and filling vacancies.

Johnson and Associates is completing a statewide survey entitled "Evaluation of Alcohol Factors in Custodial Arrests". The Council has been invited to help assemble the data; members will be asked to select a sub-committee to help with the project.

10:45 **Announcements**

11:00 **Adjourn**

**Governor's Council on Impaired Driving
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Meeting Minutes**

The quarterly meeting of the Governor's Council on Impaired Driving was held August 15-16, 2006 at the Best Western Inn in Lander. The meeting began with a welcome to new members and guests.

Tom Loftin, WYDOT Driver Services, provided Council members with an update on several issues of interest. Emergency rules and regulations for Ignition Interlock were adopted in July and offenders eligible for the device (2500) were notified by mail. Installers have been certified in Casper, Cheyenne, Laramie and Rock Spring (companies in Gillette, Riverton and Lander are currently pursuing certification) and to date, 68 DUI offenders have had the device installed on their vehicle. The process to request an interlock is as follows: offender must call a toll-free help desk at Driver Services; Driver Services will verify the applicant's eligibility (only those whose license was suspended for an alcohol-related offense are eligible); Driver Services then notifies the installer. The license held by offenders with an interlock states: "can only operate a vehicle equipped with an Ignition Interlock system installed". The biggest problem Driver Services has encountered is that currently, each applicant must be manually checked to determine eligibility. Tom has requested an additional staff person to manage the program.

It is estimated that at least two years of crash data will be needed to evaluate the effectiveness of Graduated Driver Licensing, so it is too soon to know how GDL is working. Very few citations have been written, but since officers cannot stop a driver just to check the validity of their license, this is not surprising. Driver Services acknowledges, however, that they have not provided parents with enough information about how and why GDL works. Tom asked Council members to work with WYDOT Public Affairs to help develop additional information for parents.

Driver Services is most concerned about the Real ID Act which requires that all individuals show a newly designed ID card (driver's license) to get into any federal building or onto an airplane. All states must comply by May 2008. The new standards (which have not yet been approved) will be prohibitively expensive which will mean WY will no longer be able to make their own licenses.

Driver Service is requiring that offenders obtain a substance abuse evaluation or attend a DUI course from a provider certified by the Substance Abuse Division, however, the list of certified providers supplied by the SAD is not current or regularly updated. The Circuit Court judges have also expressed dissatisfaction with the 'bottle neck' at SAD and have requested a list of certified providers (county by county) and an easily understood description of what service(s) they provide. Julie Sapp offered to work with SAD to ensure that these concerns are addressed.

Rich Lindsey provided the Council with an update on DUI/Child Endangerment. Senator Tony Ross has requested information on last year's bill and indicated a possible interest in sponsoring it this year. Several Senators have indicated an interest in co-sponsoring as well.

Council members began their initial planning for the Governor's Conference on Impaired Driving which will be held on Wednesday, May 2, 2007 at the Parkway Plaza in Casper. The Council decided to offer nine workshops (spread over three sessions), two plenary sessions, the annual banquet and awards ceremony. The following conference schedule was agreed upon:

9:00 – 10:00	Plenary – Keynote Speaker (motivational speaker)
10:15 – 11:45	Workshop Session I (three topics offered)
noon – 1:30	Lunch + Plenary (national and local speakers on drug impaired driving)
1:45 – 3:15	Workshop Session II (three topics offered)
3:30 – 5:00	Workshop Session III (three topics offered)
5:30 – 6:15	Dinner
6:15 – 6:40	Governor's Citizens Awards
7:00 – 8:00	DUI Enforcement Awards

Council members discussed potential workshop topics and selected the following: SFST Refresher Part I, SFST Part II, Drug Impaired Driving, Working with the Media, What Does the Public Think, Mandatory Chemical Testing of Drivers Involved in Fatal and Serious Injury Crashes, Intensive Supervision of DUI Offenders, Dram Shop, and Legislative Issues and Trends.

Council members worked in sub-committees to design educational campaigns for chemical testing of drivers involved in fatal and serious injury crashes and for amending the DUI statute to make it a crime to possess an alcohol concentration at 0.08% or above within two hours of a valid DUI arrest. Council members identified various constituency groups that would need to support mandatory testing including coroners, law enforcement, medical personnel and hospital administrators, prosecuting and defense attorneys. Byron Oedekoven will present the issue to county coroners and to the Sheriffs and Chiefs at their annual meeting in September. The sub-committee will design a tri-fold educational brochure describing the issue with an emphasis on the need for drug testing. The sub-committee would like the Joint Transportation Committee to consider the issue as an interim study in the summer 2007.

Rep. Keith Gingery will sponsor a bill in support of the two-hour rule. The sub-committee will develop a one-page 'Fact Sheet' for distribution to legislators and other stakeholders. Byron will also discuss the Council's proposal with the Sheriffs and Chiefs during their annual meeting in September.

Connie Jacobsen submitted a letter of resignation to the Council; individuals representing trauma care should be encouraged to apply for an appointment.

Any members who would like to receive CEU's for their participation on the Council should submit their request to their individual licensing Board.

The By-Laws sub-committee submitted a proposed amendment for consideration. Toni Reichenbach made a motion, seconded by Claire Davis to amend the By-Laws as follows: page 3, Section 2 Vacancies: add the following to the last sentence: "When a Council member appointed to represent a particular constituency group is no longer associated with that group, that member's position on the Council shall be considered vacated and filled as set forth in this Section." Motion passed 19 -0; five more people must vote for the amendment for it to pass.

Council member attendance at meetings was discussed. It is expected that members will attend at least half of the regularly scheduled quarterly meetings. Members requested that the Co-chairs contact Janice Roman, Mike Varney and Mike Vang to ask if they would like to continue their appointment. Toni Reichenbach will contact Shirley Martinez.

Dee West Peterson provided the Council with a brief update on Ernie Johnson's survey about alcohol factors in custodial arrests. Susan Janke, Ed Wigg, Mark Norford, Diane Crosby and Lorrie Pozarik will serve on a sub-committee to review the data.

The next meeting of the Governor's Council on Impaired Driving will be held on Tuesday, November 14 – Wednesday, November 15, 2006 at the Parkway Plaza in Casper.