

**Governor's Council on Impaired Driving
Meeting Agenda
August 21-22, 2007
Best Western Inn, Lander**

Tuesday, August 21, 2007

2:00 Welcome and Introductions

Lori Emmert and Bob Miller, Governor's Council Co-Chairs

2:30 Governor's Council on Impaired Driving – Overview for New Members

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 four years, and what's the story behind its success?

3:00 Previously Selected Priority Issues

A Time of Test law and Mandatory Testing of all drivers involved in fatal and serious injury crashes were previously selected as priority issues. Council members will provide an overview of these two issues and will outline the process the Council developed to move these issues forward.

3:30 Break

3:45 Impaired Driving Prevention Strategies: Discussing New Priority Issues

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 crashes, fatalities, injuries and DUI recidivism in Wyoming?

5:45 Break

6:00 Dinner – Selecting New Priority Issues

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 2008.

8:00 Adjourn

Wednesday, August 22, 2007

7:45 **Breakfast**

8:00 **Role of the Governor's Council on Impaired Driving**

Wyoming typically sees a multitude of DUI bills brought before the legislature, some supported by the Council, some completely unknown. How can the Council be a more strategic resource for legislators as well as the general public? How can we more effectively manage and market our role as a resource?

9:00 **White Papers**

Preparing the white papers for the Council's priority areas requires planning so that responsibilities for the research and writing are equally shared between Council members. Council members will break into sub-committees to begin organizing the writing of the white papers for each of the Council's newly selected priority issues.

10:15 **Governor's Awards Banquet**

The Governor's Council decided to host next year's annual Governor's Awards Banquet on May 7, 2008. Where should the banquet be held and who will be the keynote speaker(s)?

10:45 **Governor's Council Calendar**

Dates and locations for the quarterly meetings of the Governor's Council for 2007-2008 will be decided.

11:00 **Closing Remarks and Adjourn**

Governor's Council on Impaired Driving August 21-22, 2007 Meeting Minutes

The quarterly meeting of the Governor's Council on Impaired Driving was held August 21-22, 2007 at the Best Western Inn in Lander. The meeting began with a welcome from Council Co-Chair Lori Emmert, followed by Council member introductions.

Mary Frank, former Council co-Chair, provided members with a brief overview of the Council's history and accomplishments, including the white papers previously prepared for the Governor, legislative issues (Graduated Driver Licensing, Substance Abuse Evaluations for all DUI offenders, Ignition Interlock, and DUI/Child Endangerment), the statewide Conferences and the annual Governor's Awards Banquet. The Council's success was attributed to both the process the Council follows to identify and address priority issues, and to the diversity which is represented in its membership.

Work is continuing on two of the Council's previously identified priority issues. Jonlee Anderle provided an overview of mandatory testing of all drivers involved in fatal and serious injury

crashes. Dave Edwards, Chair of the House Transportation Committee, had expected the issue to be assigned to the Joint Transportation Committee as an interim study, however that did not occur. Therefore, the issue will not likely be addressed during the 2008 legislative session. The Council will continue its educational work on this issue.

Mike Moore provided an overview of the Time of Test issue. Currently, the State must prove that an impaired driver's BAC was at or above a 0.08% at the time of driving. The Council's recommendation is to require the State to prove the driver's BAC was at or above 0.08% at the time the test was taken, as long as the test was administered within two hours after driving and the alcohol was consumed prior to the stop. The bill passed the House as well as the Senate Transportation Committee in 2007, but was not heard on the floor of the Senate. Rep. Keith Gingery, co-sponsor of the bill in 2007, recommended that the bill begin this year in the Senate, perhaps with Ken Decaria who is a member of Senate Judiciary.

For the benefit of new members, a brief overview of the differences between educational efforts, advocacy, and lobbying was presented. The Council is not a lobbying body,

A long list of potential impaired driving prevention strategies was developed by 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 11 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:

- ✓ enhanced sanctions for high BAC and/or multiple offenses
- ✓ citation and/or disposition tracking
- ✓ a review of Wyoming's implied consent statute
- ✓ amending the definition of controlled substance in the DUI statute to include other routes of administration.

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

Council members discussed its role as a resource to the general public and to legislators. A great many DUI bills get filed each year, and some legislators are under the impression that the Council is behind all of them. The Council remains committed to thoroughly investigating the few issues they select as priorities and to following the Governor's lead regarding which issues they take on. Therefore the Council is not willing to present itself as a resource for all DUI issues that may arise. Instead, Council members would like to update their website and create links to other agencies and resources where the general public and legislators can access additional information. The suggestion was also made to clarify the Council's priority issues in the educational pieces (press releases, press conference, direct mailings, etc) which are provided to the public.

Council members discussed the preparation of the four new white papers and requested that experts in each of the topics be invited to the November Council meeting to present an overview of the issue and to lead a sub-committee in the preparation of the paper.

Discussion regarding where to hold the Annual Awards banquet continued from the previous meeting in May. The Casper Events Center is prohibitively expensive; no information was available on the Holiday Inn in Casper; and the Best Western in Lander is unavailable on May 7 (but is available a week earlier on April 30). The Council decided to hold the Banquet at the Best Western Inn in Lander on Wednesday, April 30, 2008. Various suggestions for speakers were discussed. Byron Oedekoven, Lori Emmert and Jonlee Anderle will forward contact information on potential speakers to Lorrie. Bruce Salzburg (soon to be the new Attorney General) will be asked to emcee the event.

Council members selected the following dates and locations for Council meetings in 2007-2008:

November 13-14, 2007: Casper

January 22-23, 2008: Casper

April 29-May 1, 2008: Lander

August 19-20, 2008: Lander

The next meeting of the Governor's Council will be held on Tuesday, November 13 – Wednesday, November 14, 2007 at the Holiday Inn in Casper.