

**Governor's Council on Impaired Driving
Meeting Agenda
November 14 - 15, 2006
Parkway Plaza, Casper**

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

2:00 **Welcome**

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

Several concerns regarding Ignition Interlock, GDL and Substance Abuse Evaluations were raised during the August Council meeting. Recent updates on each of these issues will be provided.

2:30 **Statewide Research: Public Opinion Poll and Alcohol Factors in Custodial Arrests**

Ernie Johnson will present an advance review of a soon-to-be released report on public opinions and attitudes about alcohol and impaired driving. Discussion will focus on the level of support that may or may not exist for the Council's policy initiatives.

The Wyoming Association of Sheriffs and Chiefs of Police has collected alcohol-related data on all persons taken into custody during the last six months in all 23 counties. The Council has been asked to assist in the process of analyzing the data as it relates to drinking and driving in Wyoming.

3:00 **Governor's Citizen Awards and DUI Enforcement Awards**

All law enforcement agencies were notified last January that the criteria for DUI Enforcement Awards changed from 13 DUI arrests per year to the "top 100 officers". Will this change how the Council promotes the DUI Enforcement Awards? Should the Council consider Prosecutorial Awards? How can we more effectively promote the Governor's Citizens Awards?

3:30 **Break**

3:50 **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. Several decisions and updates need to be made including selecting keynote speakers, coining the conference 'tag line', updating last year's mailing list, and selecting promotional items.

Council members will break into sub-committees to begin detailed planning for each of the workshops including writing workshop descriptions, identifying potential speakers, assigning Council member roles and responsibilities.

5:30 **Break**

6:00 **Dinner**

6:30 **Governor's Conference on Impaired Driving (continued)**

7:30 **Reports from Conference Sub-Committees**

Wednesday, November 15, 2006

7:45 **Breakfast**

8:15 **Governor's Council's Priority Issues**

The Governor's Council has three priority issues this year: DUI/Child Endangerment, creating a 'two-hour rule' (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 testing of all drivers involved in fatal and serious injury crashes. Council members will work in sub-committees to complete educational campaigns for each of these issues.

9:45 **Governor's Council Educational Campaigns**

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

10:30 **Miscellaneous Items for Council Discussion**

Some Council members are involved in legislative and/or policy issues that are relevant to others on the Council. Those with information will be asked to provide updates.

The Lifesavers Conference, the annual National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities, will be held March 25-27, 2007 in Chicago. Council members interested in attending may indicate their wish to do so.

10:45 **Announcements**

11:00 **Adjourn**

Governor's Council on Impaired Driving November 14-15, 2006 Meeting Minutes

The quarterly meeting of the Governor's Council on Impaired Driving was held November 14-15, 2006 at the Parkway Plaza in Casper. The meeting began with a welcome from co-chairs Mary Frank and Tim Day.

Updates on substance abuse evaluations and ignition interlock were provided. The Substance Abuse Division supplied the courts with a list of certified providers (county by county) as requested. There are still some questions about how often the list is updated, and how the courts will receive the updated lists. There are now at least 10 ignition interlock installers in the state. Many offenders are not receiving notification from WYDOT that they may be eligible for an interlock because they may not have provided WYDOT with their current mailing address. A suggestion was made to develop a brochure about ignition interlock that could be provided to offenders when they appear in court.

Ernie Johnson from Johnson and Associates provided the Council with an overview of the Wyoming Alcohol Use Issues survey conducted statewide this past summer. Several findings were of particular interest to the Council:

- 60% believe sobriety checkpoints would be effective in reducing impaired driving, and 73% favor them being implemented locally;
- a slight majority (51%) would support a dram shop law;

- 63% believe that people should *not* have the right to refuse chemical testing when arrested for DUI, and 85% believe that people should *not* have the right to refuse when involved in a fatal or serious injury crash;
- 65% support expanding the open container law so that it also applies to passengers;
- 90% support a law prohibiting the sale or service of alcohol to obviously intoxicated individuals;
- 83% support a law requiring alcohol sellers and servers to take a certified training course

The full report should be approved by the Substance Abuse Division shortly.

Ernie also provided an update on the study of Alcohol Factors in Custodial Arrests. Data has been collected from all 23 counties and includes alcohol and drugs, average BAC/arrest, belt use, and location of last consumption. Several Council members offered to assist Ernie with the data analysis and presentation; Ernie will set up a meeting with the sub-committee this winter.

Council members began planning for the Governor's Conference on Impaired Driving which will be held on Wednesday, May 2, 2007 at the Parkway Plaza in Casper. Gene Rugotzke will mail requests for DUI arrest data to all law enforcement agencies in early December with a January 31 deadline for submission. The sub-committee working on potential prosecutor awards concluded that there was no numerical way to select prosecutors for individual recognition, but that all County Attorneys will be encouraged to nominate their staff for a Governor's Citizen Award. Several ideas for keynote speakers were discussed, as were potential tag lines for the conference title. Council members worked in sub-committees to write their workshop descriptions and identify presenters.

Council members worked in sub-committees to continue planning educational campaigns for DUI/Child Endangerment, 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. Senator Tony Ross will sponsor the DUI/Child Endangerment bill this year. The sub-committee identified numerous opportunities to continue to educate the public about this issue. The mandatory testing sub-committee identified a serious barrier to their efforts: hospital administrators will not support mandatory testing if WY's statute that allows health insurance companies to deny payment for injuries associated with alcohol or drug use isn't amended; otherwise they will face additional uncompensated care costs for trauma care. Terry Rogers will pursue this issue with Nancy Freudenthal (who worked on amending the statute last year). The sub-committee would like the Joint Transportation Committee to consider the issue as an interim study this summer. Rep Keith Gingery will sponsor a bill to create a two-hour rule in the DUI statute. Keith asked the sub-committee for help with the bill's language. The sub-committee is also developing a one-page Fact Sheet explaining the issue more clearly.

The Council asked Lorrie to send a letter to all legislators in December informing them about the Council's priority issues: DUI/Child Endangerment and the two-hour rule.

Updates on several legislative or policy issues were provided by Council members including open container, drive-up windows, an increase in the beer tax, and the up-coming SPIF-SIG grants.

The Council will be losing two of its members as a result of the recent election. Council members discussed potential replacements for Sheriff Dave Gray and Mayor Mike Varney.

Council members were encouraged to consider attending the national Lifesavers Conference in Chicago March 25-27. Funding is available for five Council members to attend; interested members need to indicate their desire to attend by January.

The next meeting of the Governor's Council on Impaired Driving will be held on Tuesday, January 23 – Wednesday, January 24, 2007 at the Holiday Inn in Cheyenne.