

**Governor's Council on Impaired Driving  
Meeting Agenda  
November 18 – 19, 2008  
Ramada Riverside Plaza, Casper**

**Tuesday, November 18, 2008**

- 2:00     **Welcome**
- 2:15     **Impaired Driving and the General Public**  
*How do we keep impaired driving on the public's radar screen when people become desensitized to the topic, and other issues compete for their attention?*
- 3:00     **Governor's Council's Priority Issues**  
*The Governor's Council is advocating for a Comprehensive Rewrite of WY's DUI statute, Citation/Disposition Tracking, and Mandatory Testing of all Drivers involved in fatal and serious injury crashes. Which issues will be addressed during the upcoming Legislative Session? Updates on each of these issues will be provided. Council members will then work in sub-committees to continue their campaigns for advancing each of these issues.*
- 5:00     **Governor's Council Educational Campaigns**  
*Sub-committees will report back on their respective educational campaigns so the Council's plans can be coordinated.*
- 5:45     **Break**
- 6:00     **Dinner**
- 6:40     **Governor's Conference on Impaired Driving**  
*The Governor's Conference on Impaired Driving will be held on Wednesday, May 6, 2009 at the Ramada Plaza Riverside in Casper. Several decisions need to be made including coining the Conference 'tag line', finalizing keynote speakers, updating the Conference mailing list, identifying innovative ways to effectively market the Conference and the Governor's Awards, selecting promotional items, and establishing scholarship criteria .*
- 8:00     **Adjourn**

**Wednesday, November 19, 2008**

- 7:45     **Breakfast**
- 8:15     **Governor's Conference on Impaired Driving (continued)**  
*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.*
- 10:15    **Reports from Conference Sub-Committees**

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 29-April 1, 2009 in Nashville, TN. 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 18-19, 2008  
Meeting Minutes**

The quarterly meeting of the Governor's Council on Impaired Driving was held November 18-19, 2008 at the Ramada Plaza Riverside in Casper. The meeting began with a welcome to members and guests from Co-Chair Bob Miller.

Council members discussed various approaches to keeping the public focused on impaired driving prevention. Although media campaigns increase the public's awareness of the issue, they should also give the public something to do about the problem; to be effective, media campaigns must also lead to normative changes (including increases in sanctions). Council members decided to include a plenary session on successful media campaigns during the Governor's Impaired Driving Conference in May.

Lorrie Pozarik provided the Council with an update on Mandatory Testing of drivers in fatal and serious bodily injury crashes. Senator Mike Von Flatern, Chair of Senate Transportation Committee, indicated his interest in the issue, but continues to have concerns about how testing results would be obtained and how they might be used. Council members decided to have a follow-up discussion with Senator Von Flatern, and if they are unable to adequately address his concerns, to consider postponing action on this issue and focus instead on the comprehensive re-write of the DUI statute.

Paul Yaksic and Ryan Roden provided the Council with an update on Citation/Disposition Tracking. The WY Supreme Court is investigating the costs of requiring municipal courts to report their DUI data to the data warehouse. Until those costs are known, it is highly unlikely that legislative action mandating municipalities to participate will be successful. In addition, the WY Supreme Court will be submitting a supplemental budget request to the Joint Appropriations Committee in December to support e-citations (electronic citations) for the Wyoming Highway Patrol and Sheriff's Offices (municipalities are not included). Council members did not want to jeopardize the Supreme Court's budget request and opted to wait until 2010 to advocate for requiring municipalities to submit their DUI data to the state.

The Joint Judiciary Committee met again this fall and reviewed DUI data provided by the WY Supreme Court however, the committee is limited to merely reviewing the data (not to re-writing the DUI statute). Keith Gingery has indicated his interest in carrying a bill with the Council's recommendations as an individual legislator. The most recent draft prepared by the LSO for Rep. Gingery was reviewed by the Council. Several recommendations for edits were agreed to including:

- charging aggravated DUI (BAC at 0.15 or above) as a separate sub-section rather than as an enhanced penalty for DUI (so previous aggravated DUI convictions can be tracked)
- sanctions for refusing to submit to chemical testing following a DUI arrest would be identical to sanctions for a conviction (i.e., a 1<sup>st</sup> refusal would be sanctioned like a 1<sup>st</sup> offender, 2<sup>nd</sup> refusal like a 2<sup>nd</sup> offender, etc.)
- requiring all 1<sup>st</sup> offender aggravated, 2<sup>nd</sup> and subsequent offenders and offenders who refuse to submit to chemical testing to apply to WYDOT for an ignition interlock license if their DUI offense was alcohol-related. Drug-related DUI offenders would still not be eligible for an interlock license.

Council members continued planning for the Governor's Conference on Impaired Driving which will be held on Wednesday, May 6, 2009 at the Ramada Plaza Riverside in Casper. Several ideas for marketing the Conference and the Governor's Awards were discussed. Insurance agents will be deleted from the mailing list because they have not attended any of the Council's conferences and there are no workshops on the 2009 conference agenda that cater to their interests. Attorneys will also be deleted from the list because they can be more effectively reached through the Wyoming Lawyer publication and the State Bar Association website. Thus the mailing list for conference materials will be reduced by nearly half.

Council members selected the following plenary session speakers or potential speakers:

Morning plenary: successful media campaigns: what works, what doesn't

Lunch plenary: Mel Orchard, Karen Schmid, John Vincent on dram shop

Dinner plenary: Kimberly Overton, District Attorney from North Carolina

Council members worked in sub-committees to develop workshop descriptions and identify potential workshop speakers. Workshops descriptions will be finalized during the next Council meeting.

The annual Lifesavers Conference will be held March 29-April 1, 2009 in Nashville, TN. Council members interested in attending were asked to indicate their desire to do so by mid-January.

***Council members decided to change the winter meeting date of the Governor's Council on Impaired Driving to January 27-28 (instead of the first week in February), 2009. The meeting will still be held at the Holiday Inn in Cheyenne.***