

**CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL  
IMPAIRED DRIVING TASK FORCE  
MEETING MINUTES**

**January 27, 2019  
4920 Lang Avenue  
McClellan, CA 95652**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

California Highway Patrol - Assistant Chief Kevin Davis, Captain Helena Williams  
Alcohol Beverage Control - Joseph McCullough  
American Automobile Association - Anita Lorz  
Bureau of Cannabis Control - Lori Ajax  
California Department of Justice - Toxicology - Kristen Burke, Harinder Kapur  
California District Attorneys Association - Amanda Martin  
California Narcotic Officers' Association - Vaughn Gates  
California National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws - Dale Gieringer,  
Ellen Komp  
California Police Chiefs - Ken Corney  
California State Sheriffs' Association - Marcus James  
Ceres Strategies - Elizabeth Ashford  
Department of Motor Vehicles - Veronica Bowie  
Department of Veterans Affairs - Dr. Anthony Albanese  
Kern County Deputy District Attorney - Michael Yraceburn  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration - Chris Murphy, Scott MacGregor  
Office of Traffic Safety - Camille Travis  
Orange County Crime Lab - Jennifer Harmon  
Pharmacist - Dr. Phillip Drum  
Rocker's Against Drunk Driving - Erin Meluso, Lindsey Peters  
University of California, San Diego - Dr. Robert Fitzgerald, Dr. Thomas Marcotte  
Ventura County Behavioral Health - David Tovar

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California - Peter Bibring  
California Attorneys for Criminal Justice - Rich Hutton  
California National Association for the Advancement of Colored People - Alice Huffman  
Drug Policy Alliance - Jolene Foreman  
Friday Night Live - Jim Kooler  
International Association of Chiefs of Police - Chuck Hayes  
Medical Examiner, San Francisco - Dr. Luke Rodda  
Orange County Health Care Agency - Kathy Kendricks  
Peace Officer Standards and Training - Jana Munk  
Sacramento County District Attorney's Office, Supervising Criminalist - Michael Toms

## **OPENING COMMENTS**

California Highway Patrol (CHP) Assistant Chief Kevin Davis opened by welcoming everyone to the fifth Impaired Driving Task Force (IDTF) meeting, and thanked them for their continued efforts and support. He reminded members of the importance of their role in shaping California's impaired driving laws and keeping the public safe.

Assistant Chief Davis made a motion to approve the September 21, 2018, IDTF Meeting Minutes. A second to the motion was made, and all members in attendance voted to approve the meeting minutes.

### **Public Comment**

No members of the public commented.

## **SUBCOMMITTEES**

Captain Helena Williams informed the Task Force the first order of business was to finalize the subcommittee memberships and have them break out for the first subcommittee meetings. The subcommittees were directed to pick a chair, co-chair, and a date for the next subcommittee meeting. Additionally, the subcommittees were asked to begin planning discussion topics. Captain Williams reminded members the goal of the subcommittees is to focus on the recommendations for the Legislative Report due by January 1, 2021. Assistant Chief Davis reminded the subcommittees that even if an idea or recommendation has already been proposed through the legislative process, it does not mean the topic cannot be discussed.

The subcommittee members are as follows:

**Education and Prevention** - Anita Lorz, Camille Travis, David Tovar, Elizabeth Ashford, Erin Meluso, Jim Kooler, Lindsey Peters, Lori Ajax, and Veronica Bowie.

**Technology, Research, and Data** - Dale Gieringer, Jennifer Harmon, Ken Corney, Kristen Burke, Robert Fitzgerald, Scott MacGregor, and Thomas Marcotte.

**Best Practices and Protocols** - Anthony Albanese, Chuck Hayes, Creg Datig, Ellen Komp, Harinder Kapur, Jolene Forman, Joseph McCullough, Luke Rodda, Marcus James, Michael Yraceburn, Nicole Osuna, Phillip Drum, and Vaughn Gates.

### **Members' Comments**

Several members inquired if the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act applied to the subcommittee meetings. Assistant Chief Davis reminded members that the

Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act applies to all subcommittee meetings; and reemphasized public postings, agendas, call-ins, and meeting minute requirements.

#### Public Comment

No members of the public commented.

### **SUBCOMMITTEES BREAK OUT SESSIONS**

The subcommittees met at this time, selected a chair and co-chair, and engaged in preliminary discussions.

### **PRESENTATION – THE METABOLISM OF CANNABIS**

Ms. Kristen Burke gave an overview of how tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) is metabolized in the body. This included an overview of the absorption, distribution, metabolization, and elimination of THC in the body. A 2016 study found delta-9-THC decreases 73 percent in the first 30 minutes after absorption, which is a concern for law enforcement due to the time delays often associated with blood draws in impaired driving investigations.

#### Members' Comments

Several members discussed the logistics of blood draws and the importance of expediting search warrants in order to collect blood in a timely manner. Assistant Chief Davis stated this could be a topic for the subcommittee to discuss.

#### Public Comment

No members of the public commented.

### **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT**

The subcommittees made the first reports.

The Best Practices and Protocols subcommittee reported that Dr. Anthony Albanese was selected as the chair and Mr. Michael Yraceburn was selected as the co-chair. Dr. Albanese reported the group will discuss the following topics at future meetings: broad education needs for officers, administration, the judicial system, and the public; the tools needed to detect drugs and drug levels; best practices for phlebotomy; best practices from start to finish for an encounter with a potentially impaired driver; treatments that are available; and the balancing of individual rights and public safety.

The Education and Prevention subcommittee reported that Ms. Camille Travis was selected as the chair, and Ms. Anita Lorz was selected as the co-chair. Ms. Travis reported that the following topics will be discussed: assessment of the current State

Highway Safety Plan (SHSP), Challenge Area One; assessment of what other states are doing or have done to prevent driving under the influence; California legislative efforts; the target audience for education; funding sources to include marketing and research; and possible partnerships with private entities.

The Technology, Research, and Data subcommittee reported that Ms. Burke was selected as the chair, and Dr. Thomas Marcotte was selected as the co-chair. Ms. Burke reported the following topics will be discussed: a standardized solution to collect data on driving while impaired, with the possibility of using a software program to aggregate information; research validating behavioral aspects of impairment evaluations; research into validation of new technology and standardization of testing; minimum recommendations of what should be tested for; a standardized evaluation process for new technology; and recommendations for funding for data collection. The subcommittee is hoping for software that could possibly interface with all law enforcement agencies to standardize the collection of data. The subcommittee requested presentations on the Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System, Fatal Analysis Reporting System, Traffic Records Coordinator Committee, and Department of Motor Vehicles, and other impaired driving related statistical data.

Assistant Chief Davis informed the committee that CHP staff is available to help with anything that is needed, such as reviewing literature or researching information. Subcommittees will schedule meetings between Task Force meetings. Subcommittee meeting notifications and public postings will be uploaded onto the CHP public Web site. Assistant Chief Davis also discussed the upcoming California Blue Print Report that is currently with the Governor's Office. Once available, it will be distributed to the Task Force.

#### Public Comment

No members of the public commented.

#### **MEETING INFORMATION**

The meeting began at 10:11 a.m. and was adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

The next meeting will be scheduled at a future date. Members will be e-mailed meeting notifications and a public posting will be uploaded to the CHP public Web site.