

Impaired Driving Task Force Meeting Minutes
James K Polk Building, Commissioner's Conference Room, 18th Floor
May 18, 1:30pm

Attendees:

Tom Kimball, Jennifer Donnals, Rod Bragg, Jason Ivey

Welcome – Jason Ivey

Introduction of Members

Rodney Bragg
Jennifer Donnals
Tom Kimball
Jason Ivey

Reminder of Purpose – Jason Ivey

Overview of purpose of the Impaired Driving

- a. TN is a midrange state-falls within a certain range
.30-.60
- b. Optimum to be low range so we have a lot of flexibility with funding

Overview of funding

1. FY16 – 571 submissions
2. FY15 – 455 funded
 - a. 257 program grants
 - b. 198 High Visibility Enforcement grants
 - c. Totals 375 law enforcement grants
 - d. Remaining 80 are non-profits, DUI Prosecution, universities, Tennessee Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutors
 - e. Our 405d portion is less than 2.8 million dollars and this must be effectively dispersed between so many projects in combination with other funding sources
 - f. We have been entrusted to be very broad and while LE is our major component, these others are still pieces of the puzzles
 - Penalty money – open container law
 - State is penalized; we split with road safety

FY16 Strategic Plan – Jason Ivey

Our office has a new regional program manager (RPM)
Terrance Parker was Tennessee's for many years
Chris Broome became RPM earlier this year
Very diligent that we are prepared for FY16 MAP-21
MAP-21 is over; but we continue it

We are unsure with the future
Do we continue operating with Impaired Driving Task Force as is? Yes
Beginning to talk about FY17

What is going to be required?
Best practices for new model?

Good information for the direction of this
There may be additional steps that are required for this task
force

Jason Ivey job to make this as easy as possible;
May include additional people or steps;
Not sure if new highway bill will have low, medium, and
high ranges;
Everyone's piece of the puzzle is integrated into the HSP

Tennessee State University Project – Kevin Hager
(guest to meeting only for this portion)

First phase

Only with enforcement based grants with alcohol countermeasures
TDOS provides all the data
Put it into access database tool created by TSU
Take data and weight out money that takes in all components we get
from safety
All applications that apply, will take starting number of money and it
will spread out the money and the most money percentage will go
to the county that needs it but all agencies will get a portion of the
pie

Second phase will be a cost benefit analysis

Data being real time has produced us to allow us to formulate this.

Levels out the playing field

Ultimately we would like to see a crash trend line and the funding trend line
follows the same path;

This will also save time in subjective reviews

Judicial Outreach Liaison – Jason Ivey

NHTSA implemented this a few years ago

Jim and Tom lead prosecutors in training on law and impaired driving law

What NHTSA found that even though judges needed to be impartial, there
was limited educational opportunities for judges

Come in and be the expert for judges on the laws;

Judge Leon Burns came in from Cookeville;

Trying to learn what the best way to communicate this is

This project has been budgeted for 2 years before we hired our first JOL

Similar to LELS and TSRPs

Same model;

Laying foundation for things to come;
Some will never listen and some will absorb and we understand that

Recommendations to FY16 Strategic Plan - Task Force Members

(This portion of the meeting had no recommendations but more of a reporting out by the membership. The following are abbreviated versions of their comments)

Rod Bragg –

They utilize treatment stats – increase in opioids – discussed recently passed legislation

Tom Kimball – DRE needs to be utilized more by THP

Questions - None

Next Steps - Jason Ivey

- a. FY16 impaired driving section (Strategic Plan for Task Force) supplied to Sharmila Patel for revisions;
- b. Next step feedback is required
- c. Jason Ivey will put out to membership;
- d. Provide back to Sharmila Patel and she will create master plan for HSP
- e. Turnaround is pretty quick;
- f. If we are changing structure for FY17, you may have a good amount of input in the plan but this is not known yet
- g. There is not a finalized draft yet

Meeting adjourned