



ILLINOIS IMPAIRED DRIVING TASK FORCE

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: 12/6/2024

Meeting Location: IDOT, Springfield/Online

Approval: ***Approved***

Recorded By: Shannon Alderman

ATTENDANCE

Name	Title	Organization	Present
Nancy Easum (Chairwoman)	Attorney	Easum Law Office	Y
Rita Kreslin	Executive Director	Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists	Y
Emlyn Bertsche	Regional Executive Director, Illinois-Wisconsin-Iowa	Mothers Against Drunk Driving	Y
Dr. William Watson	Director of Trauma	Advocate Condell Medical Center	N
Patrick Kenneally	State's Attorney	McHenry County	N
Larry Davis	Davis Law Group	Illinois State Bar Association Non-voting Rep	N
Lisa Rogers	Court Monitor Program Manager	Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists	Y
Sarah Moore	Manager, Safety Programs Implementation	Illinois Dept. of Transportation	Y
Nicole Sanders	Industry Education Manager	Illinois Liquor Control Commission	Y
Paul Petty	Manager, In-Service Training	Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board	N
Jennifer Cifaldi	Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor	IDOT/University of Illinois-Springfield	Y
Hon. Mark Shaner	State Judicial Outreach Liaison	American Bar Association	Y
Rich Krajewski	Supervisor, DUI Program	DuPage County Probation & Court Services	Y
Mike Pappas	Sgt., DRE Instructor, Illinois DRE Coordinator	Illinois State Police	Y
Larry Brooks	Statewide Law Enforcement Forensic Phlebotomy Coordinator	Mt. Zion Police Department	N
Sgt. Lee Graham	Sgt.	St. Clair County Sheriff's Department	N
Sgt. Ari Briskman	DRE Instructor	Lake County Sheriff's Department	N
Brian Greenenwald	Sgt., DRE	Riverside PD	N
Andrea Winner	DUI Program Manager	IDHS - Division of Substance Use Prevention and Recovery	Y
Scott Kristiansen	Supervisor	Illinois LEL Program	Y
Brenda Glahn	Senior Legal Advisor	Illinois Secretary of State's Office	Y
Larry Shelton	Toxicology Training Coordinator	Illinois State Police	N
Sabra Jones, PhD,	Regional Toxicology	NHTSA-Region V	Y

D-ABFT	Liaison		
Shannon Alderman	Impaired Driving Coordinator	Illinois Department of Transportation	Y
Dan Hunt	Director, Probation Services	Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts	N
Bill Blundell	Manager, Problem Solving Courts, Probation Services	Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts	N
Lindsay Simpson	Forensic Scientist	Northeastern Illinois Crime Lab	Y

MEETING LOCATION

Online

Meeting Scheduled to Start: 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Actual Start: 10:02 a.m.

Meeting Scribe: Shannon Alderman

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

Chair Nancy Easum led introductions, welcoming all attendees. New participants, including Desiree Sierens and Emlyn Bertsche, introduced themselves, representing various organizations dedicated to impaired driving prevention and traffic safety.

Minutes Approval:

- October 25, 2024 meeting minutes were approved without any objections.

2. AAIM Presentation

Rita Kreslin provided an overview of AAIM's extensive programs, highlighting their scope and impact. Kristin Lawler delivered a detailed presentation on AAIM's victim services initiatives, emphasizing victims' rights and focusing on a notable case from Northern Illinois.

Rita presented an overview of the organization's mission and services, emphasizing its work in victim advocacy and court monitoring. She highlighted the challenges posed by recent congressional funding cuts, which have significantly impacted their operations. The Court Monitoring Program was detailed, covering 13 courthouses and monitoring between 3,500 and 4,000 cases monthly. Reports submitted to IDOT track key metrics such as convictions, supervisions, dismissals, and amendments.

The discussion also addressed prevention and education initiatives, including outreach programs targeting high schools to tackle issues like distracted driving and substance misuse. Particular attention was given to the Intoxicated campaign, which

engages students in creating PSAs to raise awareness about distracted driving. Additionally, the Drunk Buster Program was highlighted as a reward initiative offering \$100 to tipsters reporting erratic driving that leads to DUI arrests.

The organization's Victim Impact Panels and Speakers Bureau were noted for their extensive outreach in 2024, with 125 in-person panels, including 21 conducted in Spanish, alongside 24/7 online availability.

A detailed case study was presented, examining a landmark case in which victims' rights under Marcy's Law were not upheld. This case brought attention to five key rights violations, such as the lack of notice of proceedings and exclusion from plea and sentencing discussions.

The review of Marcy's Law provided an overview of victims' rights under the Illinois constitution and statutes, while also addressing the challenges in enforcing these rights due to procedural and jurisdictional limitations. The discussion concluded with clarifications on court processes, such as 402 conferences and plea agreements, underscoring the importance of ensuring victim involvement and timely notifications throughout legal proceedings.

3. Midwest Impaired Driving Conference Recap

Update by Jennifer Cifaldi:

- The November 13-15 conference at the Western in Itasca was a success, with over 400 attendees, marking its largest turnout yet.
- Highlights included impactful live crash demonstrations, keynote speaker Sheriff Mark Lamb's emotional story, and training sessions on traffic crash reconstruction.
- Plans are underway for the next conference, scheduled for November 4-6, 2025, at the same venue.
- Jennifer Cifaldi commended volunteers and speakers for their contributions.
- Rita Kreslin emphasized the quality of the sessions and noted the need for improved pre-conference promotion.
- Discussions highlighted the continuation of impactful features like live crash scenes and fresh session ideas.
- Registration for the 2025 conference will open January 1, with funding applications underway.

4. Impaired Driving Summit Recap

Update by Shannon Alderman:

- Topics included DUI enforcement challenges, legislation, and potential multijurisdictional task forces.
- Outcomes will be presented at the next task force meeting.

4. Legislative Initiatives

Proposal Review: Shannon Alderman passed along that IDOT has declined to pursue the two-hour testing clarification and the proposal to add obstruction charges for test refusals when a search warrant is obtained.

Next Steps: MADD and AAIM will consider pursuit of some of the other Task Force legislative proposals.

Judge Shaner reported he is pursuing drafting of DUI Court legislation and has state senator interest in the legislation as well.

5. Administrative Notes:

Executive committee meetings will be scheduled to finalize bylaw revisions for presentation to the task force.

6. Adjournment

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- The meeting was adjourned with no additional items.

MEETING END

Meeting Schedule End: 12:00 p.m.

Meeting Actual End: 12:18 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting: January 10, 2025

Location: IDOT, Online