



## Washington Impaired Driving Advisory Council (WIDAC)

April 11, 2024

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9:30-10:00	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Program Specialist 3 position</a> posted at WTSC. Please share with anyone who may be interested.</li></ul>
10:00-10:15	<b>Director's Update</b>	Shelly Baldwin, WTSC <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2023 was the deadliest year since 1981 and serious injuries have also increased.</li><li>• WTSC received \$300,000 from the legislature to receive telematics data.</li><li>• WTSC also received the GHSA Michelin grant (\$100,00) for telematics data and we got a GHSA Distracted Driving grant overseen by Janine Koffel.</li><li>• Representative Goodman shared the building momentum around .05 and he believes it will pass next year.</li></ul>
10:15-10:35	<b>Legislative Updates</b>	Mark McKechnie, WTSC <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Presentation attached</i></li></ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is there any movement/support for putting Driver Training back in schools? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Schools are apprehensive to take this on, but partners are looking at different models to help support a drivers ed program such as ESDs or non-profits.</li> <li>○ There are currently 30-35 high schools that still have drivers ed.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Is there any word on the rulemaking needed for the part of the bill that authorized online drivers ed classes? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WTSC is not sure currently.</li> <li>○ There are avenues for people to become certified to teach drivers ed but more information to come.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
10:35-10:40	<b>BREAK</b>	
10:40 – 11:00	<b>Fatal Case Review</b>	Christina Fremont, WTSC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Presentation attached.</i></li> <li>• DOL is now using the Master Death File which is improving the system but is still a work in progress.</li> <li>• FCRs are educational for partners to shed light on the staffing shortages law enforcement faces, especially in rural areas.</li> <li>• WTSC will be funding two training positions at WSP and WASPC for reporting improvements.</li> </ul>
11:00 – 11:15	<b>Sustained DUI Enforcement in Yakima</b>	Shawn Boyle, Yakima PD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Presentation attached.</i></li> <li>• Due to staffing, Yakima had to disband their traffic unit and only had one officer dedicated to traffic investigations.</li> <li>• Fatal collisions are down 56%.</li> <li>• What is the atmosphere regarding other officers with the two dedicated DUI officers?</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Helpful, more prone to make contact with someone suspected of DUI</li> <li>○ Alleviates time to process a DUI with experts in the field</li> </ul>
11:15 – 11:20	<b>New WIDAC Members</b>	<p>Ginnava Hooft, AOC DUI Court Coordinator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Over 17 years of court experience</li> <li>● Previously, the Therapeutic Court Coordinator for Pierce County</li> <li>● New role will focus on existing DUI courts, and helping new DUI courts get started.</li> <li>● <a href="mailto:ginnava.hooft@courts.wa.gov">ginnava.hooft@courts.wa.gov</a></li> </ul>
11:20 – 11:40	<b>Report Out</b>	<p><b>Bob Thompson, LEL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Traffic Safety mtg coming up April 30<sup>th</sup> - May 2<sup>nd</sup>.</li> <li>● PTRC presentation from the RADD team at WTSC will be included on the agenda.</li> <li>● LifeSavers Conference in Denver was April 6<sup>th</sup> – April 9<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>● Just finished national <i>Distracted Driving</i> campaign</li> <li>● Gearing up for the <i>Click It or Ticket</i> campaign at the end of May.</li> <li>● Training/education regarding spotter patrols for officers.</li> <li>● May is motorcycle safety month.</li> </ul> <p><b>Melanie Dane, TSRP</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Just finished TSRP bootcamp 2024 for newer prosecutors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Offers education on DUI law, ignition interlock compliance, wet lab, etc.</li> <li>○ Next training is September.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● WA Municipals cities conference – Mel will be hosting a DUI training.</li> </ul> <p><b>Brad Lane, TSRP</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Echoed Mel’s comments, attendees of the bootcamp were thankful and learned so much information.</li> <li>● Still high need to educate prosecutors on DUI laws, proper ways to handle prosecution and testimony, and explore options that</li> </ul>

		<p>will ultimately protect the public from repeat DUI offenders.</p> <p><b>Lt. Leonard, WSP IDS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9/27 statewide WSP effort for patrols to honor Trooper Gadd.</li> <li>• DRE class later this year in Yakima (June 17<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• 16 ARIDE classes are scheduled, 8 more to be scheduled.</li> <li>• Hosting another DRE instructor school in Yakima to create more DRE instructors.</li> <li>• MIDU supports DUI emphasis, St. Patty's event averaged a .18 BAC. The state average is about .15 BAC.</li> <li>• The breath test ruling was recently reversed, so it is now admissible in court.</li> </ul>
11:40-12:00	<b>Roundtable</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tox lab update: Received permanent funding for a state toxicologist position to oversee Toxicology division, testing, personnel, and breath test program. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 3 additional forensic scientists helped perform case work and take on caseloads to complete 2500 DUI cases in Q1.</li> <li>○ Working to make progress on process times, but continuing to see increases in case submissions (up 9% this year).</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Prevention update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Need more voices regarding prevention. Currently creating a list of partners to crosswalk our work and integrating into overall safety.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Think Twice Save Lives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Launched efforts to help prevent drink spiking in California.</li> <li>○ California: Know your limit – disposable breathalyzers</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

		<p>to show people .05 is still impairment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LCB Public Health and Prevention Roundtable will be held 4/15 from 2-3:30 pm. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Contact Kirsten Haley if you would like to attend.</li> <li>○ <a href="mailto:kristen.haley@lcb.wa.gov">kristen.haley@lcb.wa.gov</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>12:00</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>	

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