



Florida Impaired Driving Coalition  
**Meeting Report**  
August 24-25, 2017

*Prepared For:*

**Florida Department of Transportation**

*Prepared By:*

**Cambridge Systematics, Inc.**



## 1.0 Attendees

### Members:

Name	Agency Represented	Attendance
Kim Allen	Florida Public Safety Institute	<input type="checkbox"/>
Corporal Susan Barge	Florida Highway Patrol	<input type="checkbox"/>
Garett Berman	State Attorney's Office 17th Judicial Circuit	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chief Art Bodenheimer	Lake Alfred Police Department	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Danielle Branciforte	Florida Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Juan Cardona	Law Enforcement Liaison	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Kyle Clark	Institute of Police Technology and Management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Larry Coggins	Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Chris Craig	Florida Department of Transportation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Chief James Cruse	Florida Police Chiefs Association	<input type="checkbox"/>
Matthew Dunagan	Florida Sheriffs Association	<input type="checkbox"/>
Darrell Edmonds	Institute of Police Technology and Management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jacqueline Edwards	Florida Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Captain Christi Esquinaldo	Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Felecia Ford	Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mike Fraher	Department of Business and Professional Regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Frank Franco	Department of Business and Professional Regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dr. Bruce Goldberger	University of Florida College of Medicine	<input type="checkbox"/>
Melissa Gonzalez	Florida Department of Transportation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ray Graves	Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
The Honorable Karl Grube	Trial Court Judge	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Lora Hollingsworth	Florida Department of Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Olympia Jackson	United States Navy	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kathy Jimenez-Morales	Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Helen Justice	DUI Counterattack, Hillsborough, Inc.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dr. Brett Kirkland	Florida Department of Law Enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/>
Luis Lopez	Jacksonville Sheriff's Office	<input type="checkbox"/>

Karen Morgan	AAA	<input type="checkbox"/>
Matt Nasworthy	AAA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Vin Petty	State Attorney's Office Sixth Judicial Circuit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dave Pinsker	Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brett Railey	Florida Police Chiefs Association	<input type="checkbox"/>
Richard Smith	Seminole Tribal Police Department	<input type="checkbox"/>
Julie Taylor	County Court & Juvenile Duval State's Attorney	<input type="checkbox"/>
Channing Taylor	Florida Highway Patrol	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Nicholas Trovato*	Florida Association of State Prosecutors; Circuit Court - 16th	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tanisha Williams	Florida Sheriffs Association	<input type="checkbox"/>

#### **Coalition Support**

Lorrie Laing	Cambridge Systematics, Inc.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Danny Shopf	Cambridge Systematics, Inc.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

\* Nick Travato attended via phone on August 24<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Others in Attendance:**

- Sandy Richardson, NHTSA (via phone)

## 2.0 Meeting Notes – June 22

### **Welcome & Introductions**

Kyle Clark, Chair, welcomed members to the meeting and introduced himself. He asked members to introduce themselves and note which agency/organization they represent.

### **Review of Action Items and Activity Report**

FIDC members reviewed the action items from the previous meeting and provided a brief summary of progress made on each item. (**Action items are listed below in bold.** *Action items to be addressed at the next meeting are in italics and underlined*).

### **Outreach Efforts about Membership**

**Misdemeanor County Court** – Vin Petty provided an update on membership from misdemeanor county court representation.

- 6<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court has chosen not to provide a member to the FIDC and should be removed from this list.

- Ben Fox is still interested and will participate in the future. He should be added to the distribution list and to the membership list.
- David Fear is interested in participating and waiting on approval. He should be added to the distribution list and to the membership list.

**Department of Education** – Danielle Branciforte said the Department of Education is still working on identifying a representative. *She will provide an update at the next meeting.*

**Office of Compassionate Use** – The FIDC agreed they are no longer considering this representative as a member of the coalition. *Remove Office of Compassionate Use from this list.*

#### **Other Activities**

- No other activities were reported.

#### **New FIDC Website**

Danny Shopf, Cambridge Systematics, provided an overview of the new FIDC website – [www.flimpaireddriving.com](http://www.flimpaireddriving.com). FIDC members had the following questions and comments.

- Consider creating a new tab on the website for legislative information and initiatives. This tab could include model legislative language developed by or supported by the FDIC. This would also be a good location for impaired driving fact sheets and reference materials.
- Is this robust enough for the public consumption? What could we add to this for the public?
  - Add the FIDC to partner web pages as a resource.
  - Add “Quick Facts” to the home page providing users with a summary of information and an option to review the information in greater detail on another website page via a link on the home tab.
    - The impaired driving fact sheets would be a good place to draw initial information for this element.
    - Could we reference specifically impaired driving fatalities, serious injuries, and crashes?
      - Is there a way to link to the FARS database and have a continually updating reference to fatalities, serious injuries, and crashes?
      - Include impaired motorcycle fatalities.
- Search engines often list recently updated websites at the top of search results. We should be diligent in updating our website to ensure it is easily accessible to a wider audience.
- Is the FIDC comfortable having the website linked and/or referenced on partner websites? Yes.
  - Cambridge Systematics will create a logo with a web link to share with partners so they can link to the FIDC website from their own sites.
- It would be helpful to share videos on the FIDC website. Videos can provide a face to the coalition. Consider working with SADD or MADD to find videos that would be appropriate to include on the FIDC website.
- Include ignition interlock device white papers written by the FIDC on the website.
- Include a place on the website for the FIDC to highlight their progress and accomplishments. Add an element to the home page that notes recent changes to the Action Plan or recent FIDC or action plan

accomplishments with an option to review the all the accomplishments in greater detail on another website page via a link on the home tab.

- Consider improving the Recent Events section of the home tabby including recent news related to impaired driving instead of just the recent FIDC meetings.
  - Cambridge Systematics will coordinate with Matt Nasworthy to identify upcoming Tow-and-Go events.
  - The coalition will identify links to safe ride providers and to be added to the website.
  - Recent news should be changed after each FIDC meeting (quarterly) to keep it up to date
- Cambridge Systematics will set up a tracker to understand the frequency of visits and most common pages visited on the FIDC website.

### **Motorcycle DUIs in Florida**

Dr. Chanyoung Lee, CUTR, gave a presentation on motorcycle fatalities. He noted that in 2016 motorcycles represented 3 percent of motor vehicles and 1 percent of the total VMT, but 20 percent of all motor vehicle fatalities in Florida. He discussed DUIs related to motorcyclists and noted that DUIs are more common as riders get older. Dr. Lee emphasized that the Florida Motorcycle Safety Coalition would like to work with the FIDC on reducing impaired riding. FIDC members had the following questions and comments.

- We should provide links to all of Florida’s Safety Coalitions on the FIDC website and request reciprocity on their websites.

### **New Driver License Format**

Ray Graves, DHSMV, gave a presentation on the new driver license format. The statewide rollout process will begin in December 2017. The new driver license includes credentials for hunting, fishing, etc. on the back of the card and indicators for Veteran, Organ Donor, Deaf/Hard of Hearing, and Developmentally Disabled. The new driver license is still valid for 8 years and may be renewed within 18 months of the expiration date. He noted that the new format includes several new security features to make it difficult to duplicate.

### **Review of FIDC Action Plan**

Lorrie Laing, Cambridge Systematics, reviewed the FIDC Action Plan with the coalition. She asked coalition members to consider the relevance of the existing objectives, strategies, and actions and provide updates on action steps. The coalition agreed to remove completed action steps. See Appendix A for the revised FIDC Action Plan (note: actions on Goal 5 and Goal 6 were not finalized during this meeting and will be updated during the November 2017 meeting).

### **DUI Diversion Subcommittee**

Judge Karl Grube and Kyle Clark gave an update on the DUI Diversion Subcommittee. The subcommittee sent a letter requesting information from all State Attorneys about their formal and/or informal DUI Diversion Programs. They have received responses from about half of the State Attorney’s Offices and are considering sending out a follow up letter to the State Attorneys that have not yet responded. Judge Grube noted that the subcommittee is interested in learning more about what the each of the DUI Diversion Programs consist of. The table below provides a list of which State Attorney’s Offices have responded, and indicates which FIDC member is following up with State Attorney’s Offices that have not provided a response and the program status.



Circuit Court Number and Location	FIDC Member Following Up	Status
1 – Pensacola	Vin Petty	Doesn't have a program
2 – Tallahassee	Ann Marie Johnson	Doesn't have a program
3 – Live Oak	✓ Responded	Has a program
4 – Jacksonville	Ann Marie Johnson	Doesn't have a program
5 – Ocala	✓ Responded	Doesn't have a program
6 – Clearwater	✓ Responded	Doesn't have a program
7 – Daytona	Ben Fox/Kathy Jimenez-Morales	Has a program
8 – Gainesville	✓ Responded	Has a program
9 - Orlando	Chris Earl	
10 – Bartow	✓ Responded	Doesn't have a program
11 – Miami	Ann Marie Johnson	Has a program
12 – Sarasota	✓ Responded	Doesn't have a program
13 – Tampa	Larry Coggins	Doesn't have a program – developing one
14 – Panama City	✓ Responded	Doesn't have a program
15 – West Palm Beach	Ann Marie Johnson	Has a program
16 – Key West	✓ Responded	Has a program
17 – Fort Lauderdale	✓ Responded	Doesn't have a program
18 – Viera	Ben Fox/Judge Grube	
19 – Fort Pierce	Vin Petty	Doesn't have a program
20 – Fort Myers	✓ Responded	

FIDC members had the following questions and comments.

- Is it difficult to track how many times an offender has participated in a diversion program?
  - Yes, each diversion program has a different process and does not necessarily track or share information on who has completed a diversion program with other counties or the state. Many diversion program participants are allowed to go to a program in another county and be considered a first time offender because a participant's DUI is pled down to reckless driving and the diversion programs don't necessarily share information on past attendees with other programs throughout the state.
- What is the next step for the subcommittee?
  - Identify best practices and consider whether or not the state should standardize the DUI Diversion Programs and ensure they are tracking those participating in their programs. The coalition may want to develop model policies or legislation that promote a statewide diversion program.
    - It would be helpful to develop a program that is supported by the FPAA. The State Attorneys would be more receptive to updating/developing programs to match this framework, especially if startup funding is made available.
      - Consider looking at Pennsylvania's ARD Program as an example.

### **FIDC's Focus for 2018**

Lorrie Laing reviewed some of the responses to the member survey that were discussed during the March 2017 meeting. She asked the coalition to think about the discussion they had about the Action Plan earlier in the meeting and consider what key elements the coalition wants to focus on in 2018. FDIC members had the following questions and comments.

- The coalition needs to Include ARIDE with SFSTs in their education efforts.
- Educational efforts should be clear about the consequences of driving while impaired and address the negative impacts other than jail such as driver license suspension, the costs related to DUI, and other "costs" (losing your job, insurance rates going up, etc.). .
  - Many Drive Sober advertising campaigns references a DUI costing \$10,000.
    - Consider incorporating videos related to the consequences of impaired driving on the website.
  - The biggest challenge is to get a uniform message that is approved at the state level and implemented consistently.

### **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

## 3.0 Meeting Notes – August 25

### Review of Day 1

Kyle Clark provided an overview of the discussion from Day 1.

### Update on Reasons for Invalidating Suspensions

Kathy Jimenez-Morales, DHSMV, gave an update on the reasons suspensions were invalidated. She noted a high number of invalidations in Miami and that failure to appear and no DUI Packet were the most common reasons for invalidating suspensions statewide. Additional details on suspension invalidation are available on the [FIDC website](#) in the meeting materials from the August 24-25, 2017 Meeting.

Coalition members had the following comments and questions.

- Is there a way to add Failure to Appear or No DUI Packet to our coalition’s list of actions?
  - When officers are not appearing, they are either not receiving the subpoena or not requesting a continuance
    - Should focus on emphasizing the importance of the BAR Hearings.
  - The instances where there is no DUI Packet indicate a first line supervisor problem.
- FDOT has a law enforcement challenge. Can the BAR Class be turned into an online training and offer points for officers taking the course?
  - This class already exists in an online format. The course can be made available for the Law Enforcement Challenge.
- Could we identify which agencies are consistently missing the DUI Packet? It would be helpful to reach out to them privately and discuss the reasons that they are consistently missing the DUI Packet.
  - FHP is working on streamlining the DUI Packet process. They now send the packet digitally and send a hard copy version as a backup.
  - FHP is keeping all of their DUI Packets on a share drive so they can be reviewed and checked for quality.
    - It would be helpful to work with FHP to identify best practices for submitting DUI Packets and appearing for hearings. This information could be shared with the agencies that are regularly missing their hearings and not submitting their DUI Packets.
- FHP is beta testing a subpoena service in one of their offices that helps to notify their officers when they have been summoned. This process could cut down on the number of invalidations due to failure to appear.
- Law enforcement is not the only agency required to appear in court. We also need to make sure that the breath test agency appears. There needs to be an emphasis on the importance to the breath test agencies appearing.
- The LELs can work with the agencies that are not appearing and not submitting DUI Packets to determine why these are happening.
- Could we put a fact sheet together related to common misconceptions on suspension invalidations or on the BAR Training?

- LELs can push this information out before the Dive Sober or Get Pulled Over waves. We can post it on the website and include links to the FIDC Website on all materials.

### **FDIC Action Plan Update**

Lorrie Laing continued her discussion about the FIDC Action Plan from Thursday. She asked the coalition to review the action steps; identify the steps that needed to be changed, revised, or removed; and develop additional action steps to support the focus of the coalition for 2018. See Appendix A for the revised FIDC Action Plan (note: actions on Goal 5 and Goal 6 were not finalized during this meeting and will be updated during the November 2017 meeting).

### **Next Steps**

Chris Craig provided an overview of next steps and travel reimbursement information. He noted that the next meeting will be on November 16-17, 2017 in Orlando.

The coalition agreed to meet on the following dates in 2018:

- February 22-23, 2018
  - Gainesville
  - Tampa as an alternative
- May 10-11, 2018
  - Tallahassee
    - Consider meeting somewhere other than the Public Safety Institute

Chris said he would work with Ray Graves, DHSMV, to identify potential 24/7 speakers to present at an upcoming meeting. He asked members to consider topics they would like to hear more about and other potential speakers.

- The coalition requested to have Ann Marie Johnson included on the agenda to provide an update to one of her court cases at the next FIDC meeting.

### **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

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