

**MINUTES OF THE**  
**SANTA FE COUNTY**  
**DWI PLANNING COUNCIL**

**October 9, 2014**

**Santa Fe, New Mexico**

This meeting of the Santa Fe County DWI Planning Council study session was called to order by Chair Tom Starke at approximately 9:00 a.m. on the above-cited date at 2052 S. Galisteo, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

A quorum was achieved with the following members present:

**Members Present:**

Tom Starke  
Richard De Mella  
Erica Abeyta  
Loralee Freilich  
Leah Tafoya  
John Mowen

**Member(s) Excused:**

David Saldivar

**Staff Present:**

Lupe Sanchez, DWI Program Coordinator  
Peter Olson, DWI Program  
Jennifer Romero, Teen Court

**Others Present:**

Christa Kongs, CSV Nurse, Western Governors University  
Maire' Claire Voorhees, Santa Fe Prevention Alliance  
Juan Valdez, Sober House  
Travis Vigil, Interim Tesuque Police Chief  
Bernard Velasquez, Tesuque Tribal Police

Those present introduced themselves.

**III. Approval of Minutes: August 14, 2014 and September 11, 2014**

Upon motion by Mr. Mowen and second by Mr. De Mella both sets of minutes were approved without objection.

**IV. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved by consensus.

**V. Matters from the Council/Action Items**

**A. Follow up from previous meetings**

Ms. Tafoya said she and Ms. Abeyta would like to schedule a meeting about the social media campaign. Mr. Sanchez said they want to arrange something in conjunction with Firestik. Chairman Starke said Firestik has begun to establish relationships with bars.

Ms. Freilich said they had spoken of ways to engage the Hispanic community and she contacted Somos un Pueblo Unido, who are not meeting in October. Chairman Starke asked for ideas about further gatherings and ways to reach out to the Hispanic community in order to establish a presence. Ms. Abeyta said she would check to see if there is a club at the Community College.

**VI. Information Items**

**B. Recovery Santa Fe Celebration Update**

Chairman Starke outlined the activities that took place to commemorate Recovery Month. He spoke of the importance of celebrating successes in this area. He highlighted the art show and representation from the sobering center. "It all around trying to create community around recovery." He referred to a survey in the packet that is designed to provide better support for the community in recovery.

**C. My View Editorial**

Chairman Starke indicated he has written an editorial for publication in the newspapers. The article speaks of how DWI has impacted lives, as expressed by the people themselves. He encouraged other committee members to write to the papers since DWI is up 35 percent this year.

Ms. Freilich asked about the days and hours of highest incidence of DWIs. Chairman Starke said he had heard Tuesday is the highest day for crashes. Mr. Olson said Thursdays and Saturday night/Sunday mornings. Drive time after work, 5:00 to 7:00 also has a high incidence of crashes. Mr. Velasquez said UNM keeps those statistics, as does Indian Highway Safety. Mr. Sanchez said UNM also lists the most dangerous intersections.

**VI. A. Tesuque Tribal Police**

Mr. Sanchez said Mr. Velasquez participated in the law enforcement meetings in the past and will be rejoining it. Mr. Velasquez stated they have recently resecured a grant from the Indian Highway Safety program for overtime and they will be increasing traffic enforcement efforts. He mentioned six "batmobiles" in Indian County, and they would like to get one for this

area. These are bus-like vehicles with the newest technology such as satellite phones. Some come with trailers with kitchen and sleeping facilities as well as holding cells.

Mr. Vigil stated Tesuque is interested in getting more involved with other groups to attack the issues.

Chairman Starke said they strongly support interagency operations in law enforcement.

Mr. Velasquez noted one problem they are encountering currently is challenges by DWI arrestees based on jurisdictional issues and tribes not having their own prosecuting attorneys. Chairman Starke encourage him to bring that up at the law enforcement meeting since the DA is present.

Mr. Sanchez said a batmobile would be very useful at checkpoints.

#### **VI. D. Community Outreach**

Mr. Sanchez reiterated the emphasis on outreach to the Hispanic community. He mentioned the weekend soccer leagues, La Liga at the Municipal Recreational Complex. However, the season is ending. He urged planning council members to participate.

Mr. Sanchez said the City hosts an Immigrant Committee meeting and he and Chair Starke will be on the agenda at the next meeting and hopefully will glean good contact material.

Ms. Abeyta said a Halloween event will take place at the Community College. Attendance is usually around 3,000. It will be from 3:00 to 6:00 on October 30<sup>th</sup> on campus.

Mr. Velasquez stated Tesuque is revamping their community calendar and would be happy to post events.

Mr. Olson said they participate in the health fair at Tesuque.

Ms. Freilich pointed out Thanksgiving is a good opportunity for outreach events. A number of groups have calendars they could make use of. Mr. Sanchez said they will be kicking off a big campaign starting in November with new literature.

Mr. Olson said their T-shirts are now being worn at 16 venues. He asked everyone to be on the lookout for waiters and bussers in the blue T-shirts. He listed the restaurants and bars that are participating.

#### **VI. E. Coordinator's Report**

Mr. Sanchez brought up the following issues:

- They are working to arrange urine testing services for out-of-town offenders to lessen the chances of judges excusing participation. There are currently approximately 30 out-of-town participants. Urine tests are triggered for first through third offenses and people are tested twice monthly. He will look into the possibility of tribal participation

- A first meeting on social media has been held with Firestik. Ms. Abeyta said the Community College has access TV that could have advertisements. Mr. Olson noted they have 15-second spots playing in movie theaters. He added he will set up a meeting with the advertising firm to barnstorm
- The Traffic Safety Division is funding an ignition interlock compliance officer. The grant agreement has to be approved by the BCC, after which someone can be hired
- The law enforcement/CDWI grant is pending

A discussion ensued regarding driving with a revoked license. Many of the cases are dismissed or pled down. Mr. Sanchez said they are looking into outcome statistics.

Chairman Starke said only 50 percent of offenders get ignition interlocks; the others claim they have no access to a car. If they are subsequently caught driving again there is little in the way of consequence. "Without the interlock a person is six times more likely to drive drunk again."

Mr. De Mella asked if there wasn't a seven-day automatic. Chairman Starke said that is the law but there are few convictions.

Mr. Valdez spoke of offenders circumventing the interlocking by having their children blow into it. In many cases the probation is unsupervised and this should be a concern.

Ms. Voorhees said SFUDPA is looking into data from municipal court and conviction rates are very low. Only seven people got the seven days - \$300 fine.

Returning to updates, Mr. Olson said the drug take back day in September was successful with 250 pounds taken in. In two years 1,800 pounds have been collected.

## **VII. Miscellaneous**

### **A. Agenda Items for Future Meetings**

Chairman Starke said the 60-day legislative session will be starting in January. He asked for recommendations on ways to strengthen laws.

Mr. Mowen asked about reviewing statistics with an emphasis on recidivism. Chairman Starke distributed a report from the Department of Health [*Exhibit 1*] Chairman Starke said this would be a good topic for discussion along with a review of one of the four objectives outlined in the strategic plan. He pointed out the accomplishments have been noteworthy.

## **VIII. Announcements**

Chairman Starke announced the next Impact DWI meeting will be October 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Community College, Jemez Room, 6:30 to 8:30. There are plenty of seats for visitors.

SFUDPA is working on publishing a report on community norms. Chairman Starke said he believed it will be something the council can support.

Ms. Romero said the next teen court will be Wednesday as traffic court. On October 22<sup>nd</sup> it will be misdemeanors. She recommended checking the website.

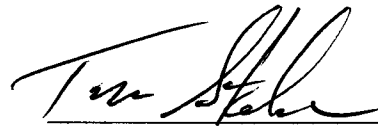
Ms. Tafoya said an Oxford Sober House has just opened. Chair Starke suggested inviting Jeff Hunt to speak about Oxford House.

The next meeting was scheduled for November 13<sup>th</sup>.

**IX. Adjournment**

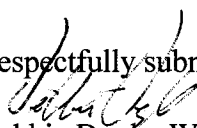
Having completed the agenda and with no further action to come before the Council, Chair Starke declared this meeting adjourned at approximately 10:15 a.m.

Approved by:



Tom Starke, Chair  
DWI Planning Council

Respectfully submitted by:



Debbie Doyle, Wordswork



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# New Mexico DWI Offender Characteristics and Recidivism Report 2002 - 2012

Substance Abuse Epidemiology Section  
Injury and Behavioral Epidemiology Bureau  
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## Characteristics of DWI offenders in 2012

- Males were more likely to be DWI offenders than females.
- Hispanics and American Indians were overrepresented among DWI offenders compared to the New Mexico population.
- The largest group of offenders was between 18-24 years old. This age group comprised 27% of offenders, while they made up only 8% of the general population. The age groups 25-34 years and 35-44 years were also over-represented among DWI offenders relative to their presence in the general population of New Mexico. Ages 45-54, 55-64 years and 65 years and over were under-represented among DWI offenders.
- DWI offenders were less likely to have completed post-high school education than the NM population overall.
- DWI offenders were more likely to have never been married than the general New Mexico population.
- Although DWI offenders were more likely to be unemployed than the general population, the majority (56%) of DWI offenders were employed.
- Bars were the most frequently reported source of alcohol before arrest for DWI offenders (28%).
- Nearly a third of DWI offenders initiated monthly consumption of alcohol between the ages of 12 and 18 years. Approximately a quarter began drinking alcohol monthly between the ages of 15-18 years.

## Characteristics of DWI offenders that have been re-arrested (recidivists):

- Males had a higher risk of re-arrest than females.
- There was a clear association between offender's age and risk of re-arrest, with younger offenders having a higher risk of re-arrest during the 11-year follow-up period analyzed for this report. For example, the 11-year re-arrest rate was 28% among 18-24 year-olds, 23% among 25-34 year-olds, and 22% among 35-44 year-olds.
- DWI offenders who obtained the alcohol consumed before their arrest at a grocery, convenience or liquor store were more likely to be re-arrested than those who obtained alcohol from other sources.

## Recommendations

- Prevention interventions should primarily focus on males, people under age 45 (especially young adults aged 18-24), American Indians, and Hispanics.
- DWI prevention efforts should include a focus on reducing underage drinking. Younger age groups have high rates of arrest and re-arrest, and almost one-third of offenders began drinking monthly between 12 and 18 years of age. In addition, early initiation of alcohol use is strongly associated with the development of alcohol dependence among adults. While education alone has been shown to be effective in changing knowledge and attitudes, it is less effective in changing drinking behavior. For this reason, educational efforts should be complemented by efforts to reduce the availability of alcohol to underage drinkers, using recommended strategies such as enforcement of minimum drinking age laws (through compliance checks and shoulder tap operations), keg registration, social host liability laws, and party patrols.
- Evidence-based strategies should be used to prevent DWI. Increasing the price of alcoholic beverages is an effective strategy for reducing alcohol-related harm, including DWI. Evidence suggests that this strategy especially impacts the consumption of high risk groups including underage and chronic heavy drinkers. Comprehensive drinking and driving counter measures such as increased DWI law enforcement coupled with a mass media campaign are effective in reducing alcohol-related motor vehicle crash deaths. Minimum drinking age laws and their enforcement, as well as stronger liquor control regulations (e.g., prohibiting sales and service to underage and intoxicated persons) and their enforcement are also effective in reducing negative consequences of excessive drinking. Finally, screening and brief intervention for problem drinkers is an effective evidence-based prevention strategy that should be more broadly deployed.

<http://nmhealth.org/publication/view/data/261/>



Alcohol Abuse Report for Santa Fe County  
August 2014

Type of Arrest	Sheriff		SFPD		State Police		Total		
	Aug	YTD	Aug	YTD	Aug	YTD	Aug 2014	YTD 2014	YTD 2013
DWI Arrests	25	176	41	252	24	152	90	580	534
DWI/DUI Crashes	3	41	2	40	1	15	6	96	71
MUI/MIP	0	3	2	40	0	5	2	48	93
Seized Vehicles	14	70	29	225	NA	NA	43	295	387

MUI/MIP: Minors Under the Influence/Minors in Possession of Alcohol;  
Prepared by the Santa Fe Prevention Alliance

**Monthly Summary:**

During August 2014, law enforcement in Santa Fe County arrested 90 people for driving while intoxicated and 2 minors for being under the influence (MUI) or in possession of alcohol (MIP). There were 6 alcohol related crashes and 43 vehicles seized by law enforcement for alcohol related violations.

**Year-to-Date (YTD) Comparison:**

Alcohol Abuse Statistics:  
2014 total YTD Compared to 2013 YTD

Type of Arrest	YTD 2014	YTD 2013	Percent Change
DWI Arrests	580	534	9% increase
DWI/DUI Crashes	96	71	35% increase
MUI/MIP	48	93	48% decrease
Seized Vehicles	295	387	23% decrease
A-I Crash Death	3	3	No Change

The number of **DWI arrests** increased from 534 in January through August of 2013 to 580 in January through August of 2014, a 9% increase.

The number of **DWI crashes** increased from 71 in January through August of 2013 to 96 in January through August of 2014, a 35% increase.

The number of **MIP/MUI arrests** decreased from 93 in January through August of 2013 to 48 in January through August of 2014, a 48% decrease.

As of July 31, 2014 the NM DOT Traffic and Safety Division documented **3 alcohol-involved (A-I) crash death** in Santa Fe County. There were 86 alcohol involved crash deaths in the state as a whole. To date, alcohol-involved crash deaths account for 42% of all motor vehicle crash fatalities in the state and 27% of the motor vehicles crash deaths in Santa Fe County.