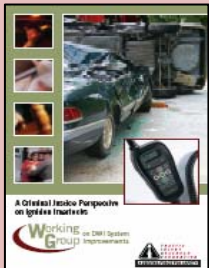




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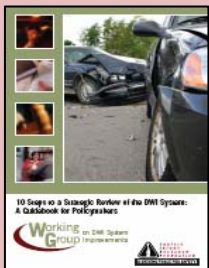


A Criminal Justice Perspective on Ignition Interlocks

Robyn Robertson, Ward Vanlaar, and Herb Simpson

Based on the proceedings of the 3rd Annual Meeting of the Working Group on DWI System Improvements, *A Criminal Justice Perspective on Ignition Interlocks* identifies some of the challenges associated with the use of interlock devices in the criminal justice system that can contribute to low participation rates and inconsistent use, and offers insight into the needs of professionals implicated in the delivery of interlocks.

The report provides guidance and suggestions for key stakeholders on ways to improve the delivery of interlock devices. It also contains a list of critical questions that agencies can use to identify weaknesses and loopholes in delivery mechanisms.



10 Steps to a Strategic Review of the DWI System: A Guidebook for Policymakers

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Also from the proceedings of the 3rd Annual Meeting of the Working Group on DWI System Improvements is *10 Steps to a Strategic Review of the DWI System: A Guidebook for Policymakers*.

The guidebook is designed to assist policymakers in leading a strategic review of the DWI system at the local, county, or state level to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the DWI system and close loopholes commonly exploited by savvy repeat offenders.

The guide contains 10 critical steps that are based on sound research and have been developed with input from criminal justice professionals across the country.

The Working Group -- a TIRF initiative -- is a coalition of 14 criminal justice organizations that has been improving the effectiveness and efficiency of the DWI system since 2004. Funding for the initiative was provided by the Anheuser-Busch Companies. Both reports can be downloaded at: www.tirf.org.



The Road Safety Monitor 2006: Drinking and Driving

Ward Vanlaar, Herb Simpson, Dan Mayhew, and Robyn Robertson

In December 2006, TIRF released the drinking and driving results of its 6th annual public opinion poll *The Road Safety Monitor 2006: Drinking and Driving*. The Road Safety Monitor (RSM) summarizes the attitudes, perceptions, and practices of Canadian drivers. Future RSM reports on distracted driving and aggressive driving will be released later this year.

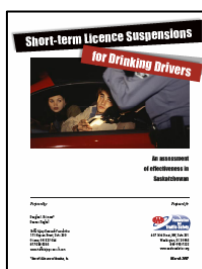
Some of the findings from this report included:

- An estimated 1.7 million Canadians report they have driven in the past 12 months when they thought they were over the legal limit.
- About 10.2 million trips were made in which the driver thought he/she was over the legal driving limit.
- The majority (92.7%) of these 10.2 million trips were accounted for by only 4.4% of drivers.
- At least 80% of Canadians are very concerned or extremely concerned about drinking and driving.

Financial support for the RSM comes from Transport Canada, the Brewers of Canada, and Toyota Canada.

Copies of the report can be downloaded at:

http://trafficinjuryresearch.com/publications/pub_details.cfm?intPubID=220.



Short-term Licence Suspensions for Drinking Drivers: An assessment of effectiveness in Saskatchewan

Doug Beirness and Deanna Singhal

Released by the Canadian Automobile Association (CAA) and the Traffic Injury Research Foundation (TIRF) in April, this report assessed the effectiveness of short-term licence suspensions (STS) in reducing impaired driving in the province of Saskatchewan. The study was commissioned by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety (AAAFTS). It can be downloaded at: http://www.trafficinjuryresearch.com/publications/pub_details.cfm?intPubID=225.

Staff Activity Update

OACP Traffic Safety Seminar: Robyn Robertson gave a presentation entitled, "Emerging Issues in Traffic Safety." Aylmer, ON. Dec. 5, 2006.

TRB Annual Conference: Dan Mayhew attended conference sessions and participated in various committee meetings as a full member, or as a committee friend. Washington, DC. Jan. 13-17, 2007.

SMARTRISK Learning Series: Ward Vanlaar was the guest speaker for SMARTRISK's Learning Series teleconference session about the state of knowledge regarding substance use and driving. Ottawa, ON. Jan. 29, 2007.

Research Foundations and Practice Symposium on Novice Teen Driving, GDL and Beyond: Dan Mayhew was a member of the symposium organizing committee and presented an invited paper on "Driver Education: Past, Present, and Future." Tucson, AZ. Feb. 5-7, 2007.

BCTA Workshop on Commercial Driver Licensing Standards in British Columbia: Dan Mayhew facilitated a workshop on the issue of commercial driver licensing for the HR Planning Committee of the British Columbia Trucking Association (BCTA). Langley, BC. Feb. 15, 2007.

Fourth Annual Meeting of the Working Group on DWI System Improvements, hosted by TIRF: Robyn Robertson and Ward Vanlaar hosted and co-chaired the meeting, with support from Herb Simpson and Peter Parsons. Williamsburg, VA. March 4-6, 2007.

A National Curriculum on Alcohol Ignition Interlocks: Robyn Robertson and Ward Vanlaar hosted and co-chaired a workshop of criminal justice and licensing practitioners to develop a national curriculum of ignition interlocks, with support from Herb Simpson and Peter Parsons. Williamsburg, VA. March 7, 2007.

12th Annual Michigan Traffic Safety Summit: Robyn Robertson gave a presentation entitled, "A Drunk Driving Systems Approach." Lansing, MI. March 14, 2007.

2007 Lifesavers National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities: Robyn Robertson moderated two panels entitled, "A criminal justice perspective on impaired driving technologies," and "Strategies for addressing the higher-risk driver: repeat and high BAC offenders." Robyn also gave a presentation as part of the panel. Chicago, IL. March 25-27, 2007.

2007 Lifesavers National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities: Ward Vanlaar gave a presentation on continuous transdermal alcohol monitoring. Chicago, IL. March 25-27, 2007.

TIRF Board Member Profile

Dr. Barry McLellan MD, FRCPC, joined TIRF's Board of Directors in October 2004. Barry currently serves as the Chief Coroner for the Province of Ontario, a role which he has held since 2004. In addition, Barry is an Associate Professor in the Department of Surgery at the University of Toronto.

Barry has published more than 65 scientific papers, written a textbook on trauma care, and he lectures extensively – giving international presentations in the areas of trauma care and forensic investigation.

Prior to becoming the Chief Coroner in Ontario, Barry was the Director of the Trauma Program and Vice-President of Specialty Services at Sunnybrook Hospital in Toronto.

Barry graduated from the University of Toronto with a Medical Doctorate in 1981 and subsequently trained in Emergency Medicine, receiving a Fellowship from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada in 1985 with a specialty in Emergency Medicine.

TIRF 2006 Fundraising Campaign



TIRF would like to thank the donors that contributed to our 2006 campaign, which raised over \$140,000. Proceeds from the fundraising campaign support our efforts to reduce traffic-related deaths and injuries.

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