



State of Florida Impaired Driving Coalition (FIDC) Charter

Mission

The mission of the Florida Impaired Driving Coalition (FIDC) is to identify and prioritize the state's most pressing impaired driving issues and to develop and approve a strategic plan to maximize the state's ability to reduce impaired driving crashes, serious injuries, and fatalities. The vast network of partners will work collaboratively to review strategies which have been proven effective in reducing the occurrence of Driving Under the Influence (DUI).

Purpose

The FIDC is a non-legislative, non-judicial, and non-executive body, that functions strictly in an advisory role to the state of Florida, with an emphasis on decreasing the instances of impaired driving statewide. It supports activities to improve prevention, laws, the legal system, the administration of justice, and community awareness of impaired driving issues in Florida, in addition to the treatment and rehabilitation of impaired drivers. This is accomplished through the development of model legislative language, the development of best practices, and analysis of Florida crash and citation data. The FIDC pursues the recommendations of assessments done by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, as well as the objectives established by the Florida Strategic Highway Safety Plan.

Membership

The coalition is comprised of individuals who have expertise and familiarity with Florida-specific impaired driving related programs, infrastructure, and needs. Coalition members represent agencies and organizations at the national, state, and local level, law enforcement, judiciary, highway safety advocacy groups, alcohol and drug treatment, educators, and public health officials.

FIDC membership is on a voluntary basis, and members receive no compensation for services. All coalition members must be approved by the Florida Department of Transportation State Safety Office (FDOT) and the agency supporting the coalition subgrant.

All potential coalition members will be asked to complete a coalition application prior to membership status being considered. An application submission does not guarantee coalition membership.

FDOT will review membership applications and may approve membership based on individual qualifications, benefit, and to fill gaps in overall coalition representation.

Coalition members serve at the pleasure of FDOT and the agency supporting the coalition subgrant. Members may be dismissed and have their membership status revoked at any time with or without cause by either FDOT or the agency supporting the coalition subgrant.

Continued membership on the coalition will be based on:

- Attendance and active participation at a majority of the coalition meetings each year unless a designee has been identified or the absence is excused by FDOT.
- Active participation in any assigned FIDC subgroup(s).

Governance of the FIDC

FDOT oversees the coalition and subgrant activities.

The FIDC will meet at least three times a year. The year shall be the same as the federal fiscal year beginning October 1 and ending September 30.

FDOT will appoint a chair and vice chair from its membership based on representatives' ability and time commitments needed to drive down impaired driving related fatalities in Florida. The vice chair will serve as chair in the chair's absence. FDOT will appoint another chair or vice chair from its membership when the current chair or vice chair are unable to continue serving, or can no longer fulfill their duties.

Subgroups

The FIDC can create subgroups or technical task teams to perform the work of the coalition and can include representatives from any relevant entity that has an interest in or knowledge of impaired driving related issues. The chair of a technical task team must be a member of the FIDC. Technical task teams can meet as often as needed to perform the work assigned.