



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JML 24-43

GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON IMPAIRED DRIVING

WHEREAS, in 2023, preliminary data show that 736 people were killed or seriously injured in Louisiana in alcohol-involved traffic crashes, while 428 people were killed or seriously injured in traffic crashes where the driver(s) were suspected of having used drugs or a combination of alcohol and other drugs;

WHEREAS, in 2023, preliminary data show that 46% of Louisiana's traffic fatalities involved at least one driver suspected of using drugs or a combination of alcohol and at least one other drug;

WHEREAS, in 2023, preliminary data shows that 26% of Louisiana's traffic fatalities involved at least one driver with a blood alcohol concentration of .08% BAC or higher;

WHEREAS, in 2023, an average of 4.5 drugs other than alcohol were detected in blood samples submitted to the Louisiana State Police Crime Laboratory as a result of traffic investigations;

WHEREAS, in 2024, Louisiana automobile owners pay high premiums for motor vehicle liability insurance, ranking third highest in the nation in costs for insurance, with an average premium of \$3,629.00;

NOW THEREFORE, I, JEFF LANDRY, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

Section 1: The Governor's Task Force on Impaired Driving (hereafter "Task Force") is reestablished within the Office of the Governor.

Section 2: The duties of the Task Force shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A. Addressing the high incidence of driving while intoxicated or under the influence of drugs, data collection and analysis on DWI conviction rates, the prevalence of drivers refusing to submit to tests as directed by law enforcement and strategies to reduce such incidences, and the frequency of arrest, prosecution, and conviction of drug-impaired drivers;
- B. Identifying and implementing effective impaired driving countermeasures, such as substance abuse assessment/treatment, electronic monitoring, DWI offender monitoring, alcohol interlock devices, sanctions, etc., in order to reduce impaired driving;
- C. Analyzing data trends related to alcohol and other drug-involved fatal or serious injury crashes;
- D. Soliciting input and recommendations from all agencies, departments, commissions, boards, or offices that are involved in impaired driving enforcement, prevention, and countermeasures, particularly law enforcement officers at the state, parish, and local levels to aid in the implementation of the provisions of this Order;
- E. Conducting regular analysis and assessment of Louisiana's impaired driving statutes and recommending changes as needed;
- F. Aligning priorities to support the Louisiana Statewide Impaired Driving Plan updated annually by the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission and the Strategic Highway Safety Plan updated annually by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development; and
- G. Acting in an advisory capacity to the Governor, Drug Policy Board, the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission, the Alcohol and Tobacco Control Commission, and the Louisiana Department of Health-Office of Behavioral Health.

Section 3: By December 1, 2024, and annually thereafter, the Task Force shall submit a comprehensive written report to the Governor on the issues set forth in Section 2 of this Order.

Section 4: The Task Force shall be composed of a maximum of twenty-one (21) members who are selected as follows.

1. The attorney general, or the attorney general's designee;
2. One (1) member of the Louisiana House of Representatives, designated by the Speaker of the Louisiana House of Representatives;
3. One (1) member of the Louisiana State Senate, designated by the President of the Louisiana Senate;
4. The commissioner of the Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control, Department of Revenue, or the commissioner's designee;
5. The commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, Office of Motor Vehicles, or the commissioner's designee;
6. The executive director of the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission;
7. The assistant secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health, Office of Behavioral Health, or the assistant secretary's designee;
8. A representative of the Louisiana State Police, designated by the Superintendent of

State Police;

9. The director of the Office of Drug Policy, Office of the Governor;
10. A representative of the Louisiana State Police Crime Lab designated by the commander of the Louisiana State Police Crime Lab;
11. The secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development, or the secretary's designee;
12. The director of the Louisiana Property and Casualty Insurance Commission, or the director's designee;
13. A representative of the Louisiana District Attorneys Association, designated by the president of the Louisiana District Attorneys Association;
14. A representative of the Louisiana Sheriff's Association, designated by the president of the Louisiana Sheriff's Association;
15. A representative of the Municipal Police Officers Association, designated by the president of the Municipal Police Officers Association;
16. A representative of Mothers Against Drunk Driving, designated by the highest ranking staff member of the Louisiana State Office of Mothers Against Drunk Driving;
17. A representative of the Louisiana Restaurant Association, designated by the president of the Louisiana Restaurant Association; and
18. The director of the Louisiana Supreme Court Drug and Specialty Court Office, or the designee of the director with expertise in Drug/DWI court administration; and
19. Three (3) at-large members appointed by the governor, at least one of whom shall be a victim or family member of a victim of impaired driving.

Section 5: The executive director of the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission shall serve as chair of the Task Force. The Task Force may elect other officers, as deemed necessary.

Section 6: The Task Force shall meet at least four times per calendar year and at the call of the chair.

Section 7: Task Force members shall not receive additional compensation or a per diem from the Office of the Governor for serving on the Task Force.

A Task Force member who is an employee or an elected public official of the State of Louisiana or a political subdivision thereof may seek reimbursement of travel expenses, in accordance with PPM 49, from his or her employing and/or elected department, agency and/or office.

A Task Force member who is also a member of the Louisiana Legislature may seek a per diem from the Louisiana State Senate or House of Representatives, as appropriate, for his or her attendance.

Section 8: Support staff, facilities, and resources for the Task Force shall be provided by the Office of the Governor, Office of Drug Policy and the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission.

Section 9: Executive Order JBE 18-03, issued on February 7, 2018, and Executive Order JBE 18-23, issued on September 13, 2018 are hereby rescinded.

Section 10: All departments, commissions, boards, offices, entities, agencies, and officers of the State of Louisiana, or any political subdivision thereof, are authorized and directed to cooperate with the Task Force in implementing the provisions of this Order.

Section 11: This Order is effective upon signature and shall continue in effect until amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the Governor, or terminated by operation of law.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 22nd day of March, 2024.



Jeff Landry
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY THE
SECRETARY OF STATE



Nancy Landry
SECRETARY OF STATE