

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 16

WHEREAS, in the last three years, Alabama has been averaging more than 1,000 traffic fatalities per year; and

WHEREAS, Alabama ranked 12th in the nation in the total number of traffic fatalities, and ranked second in traffic fatalities per 100,000 licensed drivers; and

WHEREAS, almost 50% of these traffic fatalities involved a drinking driver; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Safety Council, alcohol slows reaction time, blurs and distorts vision, impairs the ability to judge distance, and gives drivers a false confidence that they are driving much better than they are; and

WHEREAS, alcohol impaired traffic accidents constitute one of the nation's leading health problems; and

WHEREAS, these events result in more deaths each year than do homicides; and

WHEREAS, the impact is particularly severe among young people, ages 15 to 24, where impaired driving is the leading cause of death; and

WHEREAS, clearly, impaired driving and related crashes constitute a major threat to the safety and well-being of the public; and

WHEREAS, the number of traffic fatalities in Alabama has taken a terrible toll on the state; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to reduce our state's alcohol related traffic fatalities and injuries, a Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Task Force should be appointed to explore ways to reduce this large number of fatalities and injuries.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Folsom, Governor of the State of Alabama, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of Alabama, do hereby create the Governor's DUI Task Force.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that, the emphasis of this Task Force should be the promotion of legislative proposals to curb our state's drinking driver problems, with special emphasis on educational programs and the enactment of laws designed to discourage youthful and repeat offenders.

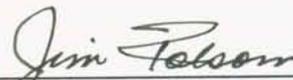
BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that, the following persons shall be appointed to serve on the Task Force:

1. A representative from the Alabama Department of Public Safety.
2. A county sheriff.
3. A municipal chief of police.
4. A representative from Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD).
5. A state senator.
6. A state representative.
7. A representative of the State Safety Coordinating Committee.
8. A representative from an automobile insurance company.
9. A representative of the State Medical Doctors Association.
10. A representative from the Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.
11. A representative from the Alabama Safety Council.
12. A representative from the law enforcement and traffic section of the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs.
13. A representative from the State Judiciary.

14. A district attorney.
15. A representative from the Alabama Department of Transportation.
16. A representative from the Governor's Drug Abuse Policy Office.
17. A representative from the Governor's Youth Affairs Office.
18. A representative from Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD).
19. A public high school counselor.
20. A high school or college student, ages 15-24.
21. The Director of the Alabama Traffic Safety Center.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that this Executive Order become effective immediately upon signing.

DONE AND ORDERED this 17th day of February, 1994.



Jim Folsom
Governor



Attest:



Jim Bennett
Secretary of State