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CH. 87/LD 1135, "Resolve, to Convene a Working Group to Study the Use of Oral Fluid Testing in Determining Intoxication of Drivers, Aircraft Operators and Hunters"

Meeting #3 – September 8, 2025
10:00-11:00 p.m.
Fallen Heroes Conference Room and ZOOM

MEETING NOTES

1. Roll call attendance was conducted by Lauren Stewart. Please see end of notes for members and guests present in person and remotely.
2. Joshua Saucier ensured a quorum of (5) and called for review and approval of meeting notes from Meeting #1 and Meeting #2. Chief Benjamin made a motion to approve Meeting #1 Notes followed with a second from Don Finnegan. A roll call of voting members present included affirmative votes from Lauren Stewart, Joshua Saucier, Don Finnegan, Ellen Fraser and Chief Benjamin. Motion carried with no further discussion and no "nays." Upon motion to approve Meeting #2 Notes made by Pat Mador, with a second by Lynne Gardner, a roll call of voting members present included affirmative votes from Lauren Stewart, Joshua Saucier, Lynne Gardner, Don Finnegan, Ellen Fraser, and Pat Mador. Motion carried with no further discussion and no "nays."
3. A discussion of requests or desired resources and presenters was led by Joshua Saucier. Nick Johnson suggested that we have a presentation by someone from New York or Alabama (actual field-based personnel such as a DRE or State Patrol) that discusses potential use of OFT in the field and roadside and any issues therewith. There was discussion regarding demonstrations or presentations by OFT vendors or Responsibility.org, and

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it was indicated that, for various reasons, including possible or eventual procurement of devices, it may be best not to invite potential vendors. Such invites, it was noted could possibly eliminate the vendors from bidding on any related future procurement. Pat Madore suggested we hear from a jurisdiction that required legislative changes to enact OFT.

Pat Mador asked if there were current data or studies available from NHTSA and a discussion was held regarding available materials. Studies and reports from Michigan, Alabama, Colorado (note that they no longer use OFT), and Canada were all mentioned. The existence of reports about the use of OFT for CMV operators and employers was discussed. Don Finnegan mentioned that the Irish police are using OFT for just preliminary screening and not evidentiary.

Returning to a discussion of presenters, John Roma mentioned a presentation that he saw at the IACP's Impaired Driving and Traffic Safety Conference. It was presented by Amanda Moore from CFSRE. Joshua Saucier agreed to reach out to her.

Lauren advised that the BHS website contains relevant meeting materials and we agreed that we will update the website with resources and email the OFT Working Group when new items are uploaded.

4. No old business.
5. Senator Cyrway sincerely thanked the OFT Working Group for our efforts to date and for ensuring that this research was done and the report was submitted by January 1, 2026. There was no other public comment.
6. Next meeting – September 22, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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Attendance:
Working Group Roster – Voting Members

Name	Organization	Representing	Present	In Person/Remote
Lauren Stewart	MeBHS	Director BHS	Yes	In Person
Joshua Saucier	Dirigo Safety	TSRP	Yes	In Person
Scot Mattox	Dirigo Safety	TSRP	No	
Lynne Gardner	SOS-BMV	Legal/Hearings	Yes	Remote
Don Finnegan	MCJA	MCJA Designee	Yes	Remote
Ellen Fraser	DHHS-HETL	Forensic Chemistry	Yes	Remote
Chief Benjamin	Holden PD	MCOPA	Yes	Remote
Sheriff Polky	Knox County SO	MSA	No	
Patricia Mador	Maine Prosecutors	MPA	Yes	Remote
Justin Andrus	Andrus Law	MACDL	No	

Working Group Roster – Non-Voting Members

Name	Organization	Representing	Present	In Person/Remote
Jeremy Morin	MeBHS	Add'l Member	Yes	In Person
John Roma	MeBHS	Add'l Member	Yes	In Person
Haley Fleming	MeBHS	Add'l Member	Yes	Remote
Jim Willis	MeBHS	Add'l Member	Yes	Remote
Anne Schools (backup)	SOS-BMV	Legal/Hearings	No	

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Nicholas Johnson	Maine Warden Service	Add'l Member	Yes	Remote
Christopher Ireland	SOS-BMV	Add'l Member	No	

Guests –

Name	Organization	Representing	Present	In Person/Remote
Senator Scott Cyrway	Maine Legislature	Self	Yes	In Person

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