



Gallatin County DUI Task Force

DUI Task Force Purpose:

- Reduce Impaired Driving Traffic Incidents
- Educate Public on Dangers of DUI
- Prevent DUI

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday/July 18, 2018 – 5:30 pm

Gallatin County Detention Center Community Room

Members Present

Kelley Parker-Wathne, Coordinator
Katy Fritz, Chair
Jon Ogden, Vice-Chair
Rick Gale, ADSGC
Cathe Felz, Three Forks High School
Marty Lambert, County Atty's Office

Guests

Steve Ette, Court Services

Absent

KariLyn Gifford, Gallatin County Sheriff's Office
Nicholas Grillo, MRDTF
Maureen Exley, Citizen Member
David Morris, MHP
Scott Newell, WYPD
Jesse Stovall, Belgrade PD
Iralene Osborne, Citizen Member
Richard Gibson, Citizen Member
Ed Hirsch, City Atty's Office
Jerry Pape, Citizen Member
Lora Kruse, Citizen Member
Frank Parrish, MSU PD
Grace Anderson, Citizen Member
Dan Deming, Citizen Member

Task Force Chair, Katy Fritz called the Meeting to order at approximately 5:45 pm.

MISSION MOMENT

- Chair, Katy Fritz read the DUI Task Force Mission Statement.

INTRODUCTIONS

- Members and guests introduced themselves.

CONSENT AGENDA

- May Meeting Minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

BUSINESS

- Coordinator Parker-Wathne explained that the County Commissioners declined to approve the Task Force Coordinator position for full time for the coming year.
 - Mr. Ette explained that a pay increase for County employees increased the overall budget for the year and that the Commissioners want the DUI Task Force to continue to operate with the money that comes from the state.
 - Chair Fritz stated that Coordinator Parker-Wathne would likely need more help from volunteers.
- Coordinator Parker-Wathne presented a membership update, noting there are 2 positions reserved for area High School representatives. She also stated that she wants to energize the current volunteers and questioned if she was doing something wrong in this regard, voicing disappointment at the volunteer's general lack of interest and participation.
 - Ms. Fritz noted that holding subcommittee meetings during the day is difficult as most people are at work. She stated that evening meetings would definitely be better for her. She also asked if we'd tried using Survey Monkey for signup for our events and Coordinator Parker-Wathne shared that yes, we had used it unsuccessfully in the past.
 - Mr. Gale suggested making the expectations and participation stipulations very clear upon appointment to the Task Force.
 - Mr. Lambert encouraged Coordinator Parker-Wathne not to get discouraged, stating that it's the nature of non-profits that participation will wax and wane.
 - Group offered several other suggestions: plan ahead worksheets for events, implementing sign-up deadlines, more specific meeting spots for events, better event prep and communication, etc.

CEASE Awards

- The CEASE Awards Committee agreed to award \$1000 to MHP overtime patrols at the Three Forks Rodeo.

POLICY COMMITTEE

- Coordinator Parker-Wathne forwarded the Legislative Survey and accompanying responses to Whitney Bermes of the Bozeman Daily Chronicle but nothing ran in the paper.
- Mr. Gale said new radio station 95.9 has a website is looking for PSA's.
 - Vice-chair Officer Ogden said he would work on this tomorrow.
- Mr. Lambert shared insights and information with the group regarding proposed revised legislation on several drug and alcohol topics per the Law and Justice Interim Committee.

P I & E COMMITTEE

Events

- Mr. Ette noted that if we don't have balloons and water to hand out at events that people tend to just walk by.
 - Suggestion was made to use the Task Force trailer in parades rather putting so much energy into events. Ms. Felz suggested "Don't End Up in the Flower Bed" for a theme. Group agreed this was a good idea and will pursue for the MSU Homecoming parade.
- Coordinator Parker-Wathne shared that during the 7/26 Music on Main the wind carried the Task Force canopy into the light pole on Main Street and destroyed the frame. The replacement frame is on order and will arrive in time for the next event.
- Ms. Felz asked if there were games and activities for the Task Force events. She said playing "Cornhole" with the DUI goggles on is fun and noted that teenagers especially learn better. She also said the Three Forks school has a golf cart they use for demonstrations that is effective too.
- Coordinator Parker-Wathne reported on past/future events including:
 - **Gallatin Speedway** – rather than having the booth up Gallatin Speedway will put our banner up near the entry/exit every week.
 - **GeoSwap** – campaign will start with Sweet Pea weekend and will span various events over the next 6 months.

- **Drivers Ed** classes have been and will be taught at both Bozeman and Belgrade High Schools. In the fall will add Three Forks and Manhattan High Schools. This will be a good segue into junior membership from the schools.
- Coordinator Parker-Wathne sent a handful of 'BOAT SOBER' stickers to the Game Warden in Madison County who is patrolling the lakes in that area this summer.
- Mr. Gale strongly suggested Coordinator Parker-Wathne do a monthly newsletter as well as frequent letters to the editor.
 - Coordinator Parker-Wathne responded that would likely not happen in the next few months as she is filling in for the Justice Council Coordinator until mid-September.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:20 pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday/September 19, 2018 – 5:30 pm

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