



Gallatin County DUI Task Force

DUI Task Force Purpose:

- Reduce Alcohol-related Traffic Incidents
- Educate Public on Dangers of DUI
- Prevent DUI

Meeting Minutes

Thursday /July 19, 2017 – 5:30 pm

Gallatin County Detention Center Community Room

Members Present

Kelley Parker-Wathne, Coordinator
Adrian Massey, Chair
Jon Ogden, Bzmn PD, Vice-Chair
Lora Kruse, Secretary/Treasurer
Dan Deming, Citizen Member
Rick Gale, ADSGC
Scott Newell, W Yellowstone PD
David Morris, MHP
Jesse Stovall, Belgrade PD
Doug Lieurance, Gallatin County Sheriff's Office
Iralene Osborne, Citizen Member
Arlene Wylie, Citizen Member
Maureen Exley, Citizen Member
Steven Hamilton, Citizen Member
Grace Anderson, Citizen Member
Katy Fritz, Citizen Member

Guests

Steve Ette, Court Services
Anthony Kearney, WY PD

Absent

Austin Owens, Manhattan PD
Jerry Pape, Citizen Member
Nick Grillo, MRDTF

Task Force Chair Adrian Massey called the Meeting to order at approximately 5:35 pm.

MISSION MOMENT

- Coordinator Parker-Wathne read the Task Force Mission Statement.

INTRODUCTIONS

- Members and guests introduced themselves.

CONSENT AGENDA

- May Meeting Minutes approved by unanimous consent.

MEMBER MOMENT

- Officer/Vice-Chair Jon Ogden and members Arlene Wylie and Dan Deming shared their stories about why being a member of the DUI Task Force is important to them personally.

BUSINESS

- Coordinator Parker-Wathne distributed the new Annual Plan for the coming fiscal year.
- New members, Grace Anderson and Katy Fritz were officially welcomed to the Task Force and each shared a little about themselves.
- Coordinator Parker-Wathne updated the group on the Madison County DUI trailer purchase, stating that the payment has been made and once the title is received, she will get it registered and Officer Ogden has volunteered to go over to Madison County to pick it up.
 - Ms. Exley stated that she will continue to pursue securing a wrecked vehicle for the trailer.
 - Chair Massey reminded the group that we need to make sure that the owners are willing to sign over the title on whatever vehicle we get.
 - Mr. Hamilton suggested that if necessary it might be worth considering a small CEASE Award for securing a wrecked vehicle.
- Lengthy discussion ensued regarding proper media protocol for volunteers.
 - Mr. Ette reminded the group that the members of the Task Force are representing not just the Task Force but also Gallatin County.
 - Coordinator Parker-Wathne clarified that any articles submitted on behalf of the DUI Task Force need to be approved in advance by the Executive Board.

- Mr. Hamilton suggested any letters should go to the Executive Board and the Coordinator could then let any pertinent, affected or necessary parties know.
 - Chairman Massey encouraged members to be aware of the line between the official Task Force mission and personal opinion and suggested that before talking to the media members should check with the Executive Board.
 - Officer Stovall shared that only select people in Law Enforcement are approved to talk to the media. Officer Ogden concurred and said they are to notify their managers ahead of time before anything gets in the news.
 - Mr. Gale suggested referring all media to the DUI Task Force Coordinator.
 - Chairman Massey stated that the Executive Board would discuss this.
 - Coordinator Parker-Wathne shared that there are sometimes historical contexts to situations members might not be aware of and it's important to be careful how we say things in order to preserve relationships.
 - Topic of MSU and Bobcat Brews was discussed in re: the article that quoted Chairman Massey and Coordinator Parker-Wathne's subsequent phone call from MSU Police Chief Frank Parrish.
 - Chairman Massey stated the importance of MSU and their impact on the community. He said this was a very contentious issue with most people not in favor of it including the MSU Alumni Association. He further stated that the Bobcat Brews approval is in direct conflict with the MSU SAFE Coalition's values statement.
 - Officer Stovall shared that he is passionate about MSU and doesn't want to burn bridges there as they are a huge impact area and are the future of our community.
 - Mr. Gale informed the group that there are three people from the Task Force at the SAFE Coalition table.
 - Treasurer Kruse suggested starting conversations on common ground of SAFETY.
 - Mr. Ette encouraged the Executive Board to create a statement for public comment, letters, and media protocol to add to the Task Force Policy manual. Group agreed.

Cease Awards

- Coordinator Parker-Wathne shared that Bozeman PD had worked out an agreement with AMR to coordinate future funding for the Blood Draw program so will not be in need of a CEASE Award for that purpose the coming fiscal year.
 - Mr. Stovall inquired as to the possibility of getting the Belgrade PD on board with the Blood Draw program and shared frustrations and delays in current process.

- Chairman Massey said the Task Force would like to see that too and that ideally we would like to see all departments on-board. He encouraged Officer Stovall to explore this with his Police Chief and said they are welcome to apply for a CEASE Award.

P I & E COMMITTEE

Logo

- Coordinator Parker-Wathne shared the updated "DRIVE SOBER" logo with the group via the new banner and stated she has ordered a new canopy with the new logo.
 - She also shared that she presented the new logo to the County Commissioners recently and received a phone call afterwards from the Island Park News which will be running a story about the DUI Task Force Awards Ceremony.

Events

- Chairman Massey reminded members that they are required to volunteer at 2 events per year and to please do so via Sign Up Genius if they are able to. He also reminded them that they don't have to commit to the entire event but can choose a block of time at events if needed.
 - Coordinator Parker-Wathne passed around a Sign-Up Sheet for those who aren't able to use Sign-Up Genius.
 - Group reviewed recent events with Mr. Gale stating that he passed out Task Force buttons to the crowd at Music on Main and that Mr. Hirsch bought soda and water to hand out.
 - Coordinator Parker-Wathne will check with the Downtown Bozeman Association to make sure that handing out drinks is ok with them for the next Music on Main.
 - Group discussed the upcoming West Yellowstone Rod Run and the March Snowmobile Expo.
 - West Yellowstone PD said the major vendors are pulling out of the Snowmobile Expo and it has scaled back considerably from previous years and didn't have the live music or stunt show this year. They said the July 4th holiday would be a good time to be there and they would help secure hotel rooms if needed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mr. Gale shared that he will be attending the Attorney General's "Listening Session" in Billings tomorrow on drugs and impaired driving and to let him know if anyone had anything they would like him to share.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:35 pm

Next Meeting: **Wednesday/September 20, 2017 – 5:30 pm**
 Gallatin County Detention Center Community Room