



Gallatin County DUI Task Force

DUI Task Force Purpose:

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

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday / March 23, 2016 – 5:30 pm

Gallatin County Detention Center Community Room

Members Present

Rocky Hamilton, Chair
Adrian Massey, Vice-Chair
Kelley Parker-Wathne, Coordinator
Rick Gale, ADSGC
Matt Caires, MSU
Arlene Wylie, Citizen Member
Madison Brown, (MADD), Citizen Member
Heather Hume, Citizen Member
Katherine Tillson, Gallatin Mental Health Center
Jonathon Ogden, Bozeman PD
Doug Lieurance, Gallatin County Sheriff's Office
Steven Hamilton, Citizen Member
Ed Hirsch, City Attorney
Dan Deming, Citizen Member

Guests

Jennifer Tobin, Court Services Intern
Lora Kruse, Bozeman Deaconess Hospital
Dan Amundsen, MT Highway Patrol
Matt Wemple, MSU PD

Absent

Scott Newell, W Yellowstone PD
David Keen, Treasurer
Ann Ewbank, Citizen Member
Marty Lambert, County Attorney
Jerry Pape, Citizen Member
Steve Ette, Court Services

Task Force Chair Rocky Hamilton called the Meeting to order at approximately 5:40 pm.

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

INTRODUCTIONS

- Members and guests introduced themselves.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Coordinator Parker-Wathne noted that Meeting Minutes for the Consent Agenda were not available.

BUSINESS

Member Manuals

- Coordinator Parker-Wathne handed out new Membership Manuals and reviewed the contents with the Task Force members.

Statistics Report

- Coordinator Parker-Wathne distributed the final version of the 2014 DUI Statistics Report and noted that the official CJCC Committee presentation went very well.
 - There have been several articles and news reports regarding the report and she is in the process of planning an official awards ceremony for the top DUI officers noted in the report.

Cease Awards

- Coordinator Parker-Wathne shared that Rich McLane of the Bozeman PD inquired about reapplying for a CEASE Award for the upcoming year to continue the new Blood Draw Program.
 - Chair Hamilton suggested requesting a follow up report from them as to how the new program is working and if there's potential to include other agencies in an effort to streamline the blood draw process for everyone.

P I & E COMMITTEE

Promotional Items

- Coordinator Parker-Wathne showed the Task Force the new stand up banner recently created for public events. She also showed the new Task Force name tags.

Events

- An event sign-up sheet was distributed to the group with the encouragement that each volunteer commit to 2 events.

Education/Outreach

- Coordinator Parker-Wathne shared that she visited with Mr. Mike Clayton with the Bozeman High School Drivers Ed program and he is excited about working together. He suggested a Victim Impact Panel type presentation and said there is an hour to an hour and a half time slot we could potentially have.
 - Mr. Ogden suggested using some of the Bozeman PD videos that are used in the Citizen's Police Academy.
 - Mr. Gale said there are data driven evidence based strategies available as well as the Prevention Needs Assessment. He said the numbers are going up and there is an increase in THC and alcohol use.
 - Discussion centered around ideas for most effective use of time and presentation options.
 - Chair Hamilton said he's been doing presentations at the Manhattan High School for quite awhile and a great tool is the DUI goggles.
 - Mr. Massey suggested using some scare tactics but also make sure to have a positive outreach.
 - Ms. Tillson suggested working with the actual students to have them give some of the information.
 - Coordinator Parker-Wathne said she thought outreach needed to start in the Junior High to truly be effective as that is the age when curiosity and use really begin.
- The BHS After Prom Committee called asking for a wrecked DUI vehicle to park in the oval a couple of weeks before Prom (late April). Coordinator Parker-Wathne asked if anyone knew of any that might be an option to use.
 - Ms. Brown said the vehicle previously used at the Victim Impact Panels is no longer available.
 - Mr. Massey suggested Glen Barcus might know of one.
 - Mr. Steve Hamilton shared that the Three Forks High School recently did a "Ghost Out" with the help of the DOT where kids were periodically pulled out of class to signify a lost life to DUI. Their faces were painted white and an assembly was held at the end of the day. Contact Connie Wendland or Kathy Felz.
 - Mr. Gale shared that they've done DUI staging in the past with student involvement and while it takes a long time to plan, it's really great to get the kids involved.
 - Ms. Tillson shared that she still remembers that being done at her high school 10 years ago. Her school does it every 4 years.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Ms. Lora Kruse spoke to the group about her personal experience as an RN at the Bozeman Hospital and her subsequent passion for addressing/reducing DUI and addiction. She said there is a Behavioral Health Grant available and the key thing is collaboration. She said more exposure equals more success and she would love for the key stakeholders such as the Hospital and MSU to get together for continuity of care and peer support for all ages. She would also like to have Hospital representation on the Task Force.
 - Mr. Gale shared that the Community Coalition on Drug Awareness was in place for 5 years and there is also the C-CODA group that has presented to Doctors in the past. He also said ADSGC has licensed addiction counselors available to do screenings at the Hospital & Schools but they don't get called. He noted that while we are the healthiest county in the state, Montana has the highest rate of drinking in the nation.
 - Mr. Cairnes said he could get behind a grant that looks at the laws of DUI. He believes the only effective path is enforcement and looking at public policy. He's heard a lot of felons say they wish someone would've hammered them after their first DUI. He also shared that MSU has a new SAFE Coalition that is open to the public that is looking at MSU's public policy via 9 different subgroups.
 - Mr. Hirsch further shared his thoughts on public policy and lively interactive discussion ensued.
 - Creating a Public Policy Subcommittee was suggested.
- Ms. Wylie said she is attending a community/media meeting at the Cancer Support Community tomorrow re: medicinal marijuana and wondered about her representation on the Task Force's position.
 - Mr. Ogden said most people don't have a problem as far as medicinal relief but then they go out and drive and that's where the problem is. There needs to be more responsible laws re: use.
 - Mr. Gale referred members to "Smart Approaches to Marijuana".

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:35 pm.

Next Meeting: **Wednesday/May 25, 2016 – 5:30 pm**

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