



# Gallatin County DUI Task Force

## DUI Task Force Purpose:

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

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## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday /May 25, 2016 – 5:30 pm

Gallatin County Detention Center Community Room

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### **Members Present**

Rocky Hamilton, Chair  
Adrian Massey, Vice-Chair  
David Keen, Treasurer  
Kelley Parker-Wathne, Coordinator  
Rick Gale, ADSGC  
Arlene Wylie, 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  
Lora Kruse, Bozeman Deaconess Hospital  
Jerry Pape, Citizen Member  
Iralene Osborne, Citizen Member

### **Guests**

Steve Ette, Court Services  
David Morris  
Andrew Egstad

### **Absent**

Scott Newell, W Yellowstone PD  
Matt Caires, MSU  
Madison Brown, (MADD), Citizen Member  
Heather Hume, Citizen Member  
Ann Ewbank, Citizen Member  
Marty Lambert, County Attorney

Task Force Chair Rocky Hamilton called the Meeting to order at approximately 5:35 pm.

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

## **INTRODUCTIONS**

- Members and guests introduced themselves.
- Coordinator Parker-Wathne introduced new official members, Lora Kruse and Iralene Osborne.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

- Consent Agenda approved.

## **BUSINESS**

### **Member Manuals**

- Coordinator Parker-Wathne handed out new Membership Manuals to those who had not received them as well as the new Annual Report and Budget sheets for those who already had them to insert in their new binders.
  - Membership is nearly full for the first time in years.

### **Budget Review**

- Coordinator Parker-Wathne reviewed the Task Force budget for the coming Fiscal Year and explained that it is reduced a bit due to last year's numbers being inflated from the statewide distribution of unclaimed DUI Reinstatement fees from other counties.
  - CEASE Award budget will be notably lower.
  - Capital Reserve money will be used to fund the Coordinator's newly approved  $\frac{3}{4}$  time position.

### **Cease Awards**

- Mr. Rich McLane of the Bozeman PD updated the Task Force on the Blood Draw Program implemented in the last year and funded in part by a CEASE Award. He said the program was very successful as it treats the offenders with dignity, provides a safer environment for the process and keeps the officers on the streets longer.
  - AMR further commented that they have had no problems with the process and could even sustain other departments coming into the program.

- Coordinator Parker-Wathne shared that the DUI Task Force recently helped fund a Wet Lab Training at MSU via the CEASE Award program and that it was very impressive and well attended.
  - Mr. Hirsch explained the importance of officers properly administering DUI test procedures and the importance of the tests themselves.

### **Awards Ceremony**

- Coordinator Parker-Wathne shared photos of the recent DUI Awards Ceremony and presented an overview of the event.
  - Mr. Rich McLane discussed the officer's mindset on receiving awards and how important it is to take the time to appreciate their efforts. He said the ceremony was professional and appreciated.

### **State DUI Meeting**

- Coordinator Parker-Wathne shared the slide show she created and presented to at the State DUI Meeting held in Helena recently. She was asked to speak and shared all that's been done over the last year and the improvements and progress of our Task Force. She also shared copies of our newly completed Stats Report and made many good connections.
  - Mr. Gale corroborated and expounded on the Meeting and said there was a lot of good information shared.

### **Next Meeting**

- Coordinator Parker-Wathne asked if there would be any interest in having the next Task Force Meeting as a potluck at a park to enjoy the summer weather and mix things up a bit. All agreed that would be nice.

## **P I & E COMMITTEE**

### **Advertising**

- Coordinator Parker-Wathne showed a copy of the ad that the Task Force agreed to have in the Bozeman Daily Chronicle for each of the 3 main holidays: Memorial Day, 4<sup>th</sup> of July and Labor Day.

### **Events**

- An event sign-up sheet was re-distributed to the Task Force group with the encouragement that each volunteer commit to 2 events. Coordinator Parker-Wathne said there needs to be 4 people committed to each of the events.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Officer Jon Ogden thanked the Task Force for the Wet Lab and shared his thoughts on the importance and relevance of that training.
- Mr. Rick Gale shared that MSU's SAFE Coalition has been meeting and is discussing tailgating policies for the football games on campus. There is the suggestion of alcohol free/family sections at the games.
  - Mr. Adrian Massey said some at the meeting made the accusation that there's an agenda to eliminate all alcohol consumption on campus but need to be reminded we're not about prohibition, just responsible use.
- Mr. Jerry Pape said the Chronicle used to post all the DUI's in the local paper and that was very effective as a deterrant. He thought it would be good to contact the paper to see if that was something we could reinstate.
  - Ms. Arlene Wylie said they don't want to do it anymore as too many people complained.
  - Chair Rocky Hamilton suggested someone could call the paper and push the issue.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7 pm.

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