



# 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/Dec 12, 2018 – 5:30 pm

Gallatin County Detention Center Community Room

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### **Members Present**

Kelley Parker-Wathne, Coordinator  
Katy Fritz, Chair  
Maureen Exley, Citizen Member  
Jesse Stovall, Belgrade PD  
Dan Deming, Citizen Member  
David Morris, MHP  
Rick Gale, ADSGC  
Iralene Osborne, Citizen Member  
Jon Ogden, Vice-Chair  
Cathe Felz, Three Forks High School  
Ed Hirsch, City Atty's Office

### **Guests**

Steve Ette, Court Services  
Edward Szczypinski, ADSGC  
Tyler Rued, Bozeman High School

### **Absent**

Nicholas Grillo, MRDTF  
Scott Newell, WYPD  
Richard Gibson, Citizen Member  
Frank Parrish, MSU PD  
Marty Lambert, County Atty's Office  
Jerry Pape, Citizen Member  
Lora Kruse, Citizen Member  
KariLyn Gifford, Gallatin County Sheriff's Office  
Grace Anderson, Citizen Member

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

## **MISSION MOMENT**

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

## **INTRODUCTIONS**

- All present introduced themselves.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

- September Meeting Minutes approved by unanimous consent.

## **BUSINESS**

- Coordinator Parker-Wathne informed the group that revisions to the DUI Task Force by-laws to include junior members were approved by the Executive Committee, and have been submitted to the Gallatin County Attorney's office for review.
- Coordinator Parker-Wathne said that the MSU SAFE Coalition met on November 28 and she shared positive feedback with them about the new substance use/misuse policies implemented on campus. They are looking for ideas to focus on going forward.
  - Mr. Rick Gale corroborated, further noting that MSU's engagement with RA's and their intervention policies are good.
  - Mr. Edward Sypinski shared that there was a statewide parenting campaign made available to schools years ago that was unsuccessful.
- Coordinator Parker-Wathne shared that Dan Deming, Grace Anderson, Iralene Osborne, Lora Kruse, Richard Gibson, and Marty Lambert's membership terms will be expiring at the end of the year so they will need to decide to reapply or not.
  - Mr. Deming and Ms. Osborne both voiced that they will reapply.

## **POLICY COMMITTEE**

- Mr. Ed Hirsch stated that Attorney General Tim Fox is working on DUI legislation and is advocating for one bill targeting overall change. He encouraged everyone to contact local legislators in support of this bill and these needed changes.

## **P I & E COMMITTEE**

### **Events**

- Coordinator Parker-Wathne reported on past/future events including Drivers Ed, MSU FB, Christmas Stroll, Big Sky Ponds-kim, Run to the Pub and the April Law Enforcement Awards Ceremony.
  - Chair Ms. Fritz commented that someone mentioned the slogan “Drive hammered, get nailed” at the Stroll.
- Ms. Fez shared that the Three Forks High School is doing a Ghost Out Program in May, funded by a \$2500 grant through Vision Zero. She requested use of the Drive SOBER banners during that week and said they will need a speaker.
  - Vice-chair Officer Ogden said the VIP Panel might have a suggestion for a speaker.
    - Mr. Ette said he has contact info for VIP.
- Coordinator Parker-Wathne suggested dates of Jan 23 – Feb 1 for touring the WATCH Program.
  - Ms. Fez said she might have access to 2 buses that seat 11 people each.
- Treasurer David Morris mentioned that there was a DUI fatality on Bridger Drive recently and he will follow up on trying to obtain that vehicle.
  - He shared that the fatal count on the interstate is up by 40 in the last month statewide. He said most fatalities on highways and county roads are due to speeding and no seatbelts but over half are impaired.
- Coordinator Parker-Wathne thanked those that helped distribute the Drive SOBER coasters recently, especially Ed Sypinski. She has ordered more and will be requesting help distributing those also.
- Chair Ms. Fritz shared that next year Big Sky is implementing new ski patrol specifically targeting impaired skiers.
- Mr. Gale reminded Coordinator Parker-Wathne that there was talk about setting up an information booth/display at the Mall and we would need 1 or 2 people to man it.
  - Coordinator Parker-Wathne will follow up on this.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Mr. Gale shared a photo of an ad posted at a Big Sky gas station stating “\$5 off gas with purchase of beer”.
- Mr. Sypinski said there is a study out of Colorado on the cost of the legalization of marijuana. For every dollar earned it costs \$4 including mental health, law enforcement, etc. The question is who is footing the bill.

- Mr. Ette said there is also a study about marijuana waste going into landfills.
- Ms. Maureen Exley shared that Whitney Bermes (from the Bozeman Daily Chronicle) is now the communications person for the County.
  - Mr. Ette suggested encouraging her to have the County Commissioners attend DUI Task Force events, especially the Law Enforcement Awards Ceremony in April.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:55 pm.

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**Next Meeting:**      **Wednesday/January 16, 2018 – 5:30 pm**

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