



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/January 15, 2020 – 5:30 pm

Gallatin County Detention Center Community Room

Members Present

Leah Mobley, Coordinator
Kelley Wathne, Out-going Coordinator
Katy Fritz, Chair
Jon Ogden, Vice-Chair
Ed Hirsch, City Atty's Office
Shelly Johnson, ADSGC
Maureen Exley, County Atty's Office
Ed Sypinski, Citizen Member
Rick Gale, ADSGC
Frank Smith, Citizen Member
Dan Deming, Citizen Member
Charles Kendall, Citizen Member
Iralene Osborne, Citizen Member

Guests

Steve Ette, Court Services

Absent

Scott Newell, WYPD
Jerry Pape, Citizen Member
David Morris, MHP
Thomas Luhrsen, MSU PD
Jesse Stovall, Belgrade PD
Daryl Rogers, Manhattan PD
Nicholas Grillo, MRDTF
KariLyn Gifford, Gallatin County Sheriff's Office

Vice-Chair, Officer Jon Ogden, 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.
- Leah Mobley was introduced as the new DUI Task Force Coordinator.

CONSENT AGENDA

- November Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved.

BUSINESS

- Vice-Chair Officer Jon Ogden updated the group that the wrecked DUI vehicle is now parked at the Bridger Canyon Fire Station. He shared that the fire station had installed lights to showcase the vehicle & also built a display for the DUI Task Force banner. Photos will be forwarded to Task Force members.
 - Mr. Ed Hirsch suggested sending the Fire Station a thank you letter.
 - Ms. Kelley Wathne said the Executive Committee had also approved a \$100 donation towards their sign expenses.
 - Mr. Steve Ette shared all the hard work Vice-Chair Officer Jon Ogden has done to accomplish this goal and voiced appreciation for his efforts.
 - Suggestion was made to send letter of recognition and acknowledgement to Bozeman Police Chief Steve Crawford on behalf of Officer Ogden. Group agreed.
 - Chair Katy Fritz suggested creating a post about the Fire Station display on the DUI Task Force Facebook page.
 - Ms. Wathne noted that the agreement with the Fire Station is that the DUI vehicle would be available for use at other events as needed.
 - Vice-Chair Officer Ogden said he would create a google calendar for scheduling use of the vehicle.
- Ms. Wathne shared a budget update with the group.
 - Mr. Ette noted that when Ms. Wathne was hired by Court Services the DUI Task Force stopped paying her wages, even though she was continuing to work on behalf of the Task Force. He also noted that it's been 5 years since the last Task Force Stats Report and suggested writing a CEASE Award to pay for another snapshot report to be completed.
 - Group agreed they would like to do another report, stating that a report every 5 years was a nice time span for comparison's sake.
 - Group reviewed report process with Mr. Ette noting that whoever does the research would have to have a criminal background check done and actually be hired through the county.

- Mr. Ed Hirsch suggested reaching out to the University for Senior thesis student to assist with research and report.
- Ms. Iralene Osborne voiced interest in helping with research.
- Ms. Wathne shared Task Force membership update, noting that Ms. Cathe Felz resigned her position and that Mr. Jerry Pape has not attended meetings or been in communication for the past year.
 - Chair Fritz stated she has a friend who is planning to apply.
- Executive Board nominations were held. All members of the current Executive Board (Ms. Katy Fritz, Officer Jon Ogden and Trooper David Morris) agreed to stay on for another term and will decide on their respective positions at the next Executive Board meeting in February.

P I & E COMMITTEE

Events

- Chair Katy Fritz, Mr. Rick Gale, Mr. Frank Smith, & Ms. Lauren Boland worked at an MSU Football game. Chair Fritz noted that the koozies they handed out were very popular as they actually ran out of them.
- Ms. Wathne thanked those that helped at this year's Christmas Stroll and shared that the Task Force handed out hot cider.
 - Mr. Ette shared that the Health Department came by and is requiring hand washing stations in the future.
- Vice-Chair Officer Ogden noted that the Annual Law Enforcement DUI Awards Ceremony is scheduled for April 8th and we are in need of prizes and speakers.
 - Chair Katy Fritz suggested creating DUI TF Challenge coins for gifts.
 - Ms. Leah Mobley shared that in Washington they handed out what were called "Legacy Coins" to an exemplary citizen who made a huge impact on the community.
 - Ms. Wathne noted that Attorney General Tim Fox said he would like to come to the Awards Ceremony as long as we do it.
 - Ms. Osborne suggested the Director from the WATCH Program as a possible speaker.
 - Ms. Maureen Exley suggested having the Ceremony catered if the budget allows it.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mr. Gale shared that the Bozeman Public Library has a new Open Door resource hub for different groups and services in the community. He invited the new Task Force Coordinator, Ms. Mobley to partner with him there on February 3, 2020 from 3-5 pm. He encouraged her to bring promotional

items and they could see about getting the Task Force on the Open Door Calendar once a month.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:35 pm.

Next Meeting: **Wednesday/March 18, 2020 – 5:30 pm**
Gallatin County Detention Center Community Room