



## 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/Jan 16, 2019 – 5:30 pm

Gallatin County Detention Center Community Room

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### **Members Present**

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

### **Guests**

Steve Ette, Court Services  
Randy Crandall, MSU PD  
Shelly Johnson, ADSGC  
Daryl Rogers, Manhattan PD

### **Absent**

Jon Ogden, Vice-Chair  
Nicholas Grillo, MRDTF  
Scott Newell, WYPD  
Jerry Pape, Citizen Member

Katy Fritz, DUI Task Force Chair, called the Meeting to order at approximately 5:40 pm.

### **MISSION MOMENT**

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

## **INTRODUCTIONS**

- All present introduced themselves.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

- Skipped - December Meeting Minutes not completed.

## **BUSINESS**

- Coordinator Parker-Wathne informed the group that Gary Andrews of the Bridger Canyon Fire Station called on behalf of the residents of Bridger Canyon and their concerns on the number of DUI and other crashes year round in the canyon. He said people are upset because the latest DUI fatality involved a fellow who was drinking at the Grizzly Ridge Station who crashed into and killed a well-known, long-time Bridger Canyon resident, Deb Stratford (who was driving sober). Coordinator Parker-Wathne invited him to attend the Task Force meeting and said she would bring the topic up for brainstorming ideas how to combat this.
  - Mr. Ed Hirsch noted there is one entrance and one exit into Bridger Canyon and suggested one big sign would have a big impact.
    - Officer Jesse Stovall said the fire department would be a great location for a sign.
  - Mr. Dan Deming suggested a sign with flashing lights would be impactful (similar to the law enforcement memorial near Three Forks).
    - Group thought lights might be too distracting.
  - Ms. Cathe Felz stated that there is money available through the Montana Department of Transportation and shared that her class in Three forks just had a 4x6 sign made and installed for around \$350.
  - Mr. Rick Gale suggested getting on the Agenda for the next Fire Station Meeting.
  - Chair Katy Fritz suggested having a memorial on Ms. Stratford's property.
  - Ms. Shelly Johnson suggested seeing where the Grizzly Ridge Station is at on their responsible server training.

## **POLICY COMMITTEE**

- Coordinator Parker-Wathne brought up that DUI legislative bill SB65 would be going before a hearing in Helena on Tuesday morning, January 22<sup>nd</sup> and if anyone wanted to join her she would be going to support it.
  - Trooper David Morris and Mr. Gale explained that the bill is an attempt to bring DUI laws under one code, to make DUI arrests stackable, and to implement first time blood draws. Trooper Morris said he thought the head of DRE was taking people over to support it also.

## **P I & E COMMITTEE**

### **Events**

- Coordinator Parker-Wathne said the final GeoSwap campaign aired on Facebook and Instagram on New Year's Eve and asked if anyone saw the pop-up ad.
  - Mr. Hirsch said he noticed many ads by NHTSA but not specific to the DUI Task Force.
    - No others noticed the GeoSwap ad.
- Coordinator Parker-Wathne shared the costs of the rental van options for the Feb. 4 WATCH Program tour. 7 or 8 people are planning to attend.
  - Decided on 7-passenger van at Enterprise Rental for \$74 for the day.
- Coordinator Parker-Wathne thanked Mr. Gale and Ms. Lora Kruse for setting up and overseeing an information booth/display at the Gallatin Valley Mall on Saturday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  - Mr. Gale said they didn't have much interaction with people until Ms. Kruse put out free candy.
- Ms. Maureen Exley stated reminded the group that a couple of years ago the Task Force helped at the sign up tables for the St. Patrick's Day Run the Friday evening before the race.
  - Coordinator Parker-Wathne will see if that's an option to do again this year.
    - Trooper Morris and Deputy Karilyn Gifford said they may be able to help.
- Coordinator Parker-Wathne said the Law Enforcement Awards Ceremony is Wed, April 10 at 6:30 pm at the downtown Courthouse.
  - Ms. Exley was able to get the 320 Ranch to donate a grand prize overnight stay again.
- Group decided they would like to be at the Big Sky Ponds-kim again this year but would not put up a booth, rather would hand out wrist bands and Ski SOBER stickers.
  - Chair Fritz said she would see if she could get a ski pass for whoever works.
- Ms. Felz shared that the Three Forks High School made buttons with different sayings for their Ghost Out Program happening the first week in May. She said they bought a kit to make their own and could probably make some for the Task Force if needed. Coordinator Parker-Wathne will follow up on this with her.
  - Ms. Felz also shared that the Three Forks high school has 3 DUI videos on Youtube and she'll forward the links to Coordinator Parker-Wathne.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Mr. Gale shared that the Director of the Rock Youth Center at Bozeman High School would like to host a conversation with parents about drugs, alcohol, and impaired driving in April. He said JC Billion is willing to sponsor the event and they're anticipating approximately 100 people. Mr. Gale emphasized the desire for a conversation, not a lecture.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:35 pm.

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**Next Meeting:**      **Wednesday/March 20, 2018 – 5:30 pm**

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