



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 /January 18, 2017 – 5:30 pm

Gallatin County Detention Center Community Room

Members Present

Kelley Parker-Wathne, Coordinator
Adrian Massey, Vice-Chair
Matt Caires, MSU
Dan Deming, Citizen Member
Rick Gale, ADSGC
Steven Hamilton, Citizen Member
Ed Hirsch, City Attorney
Heather Hume, Citizen Member
Lora Kruse, Bozeman Deaconess Hospital
Doug Lieurance, Gallatin County Sheriff's Office
David Morris, MHP
Scott Newell, W Yellowstone PD
Jonathon Ogden, Bozeman PD
Iralene Osborne, Citizen Member
Austin Owens, Manhattan PD
Jerry Pape, Citizen Member
Jesse Stovall, Belgrade PD
Katherine Tillson, Gallatin Mental Health Center

Guests

Steve Ette, Court Services
Rocky Hamilton, Manhattan PD
Ed Sypinski, ADSGC

Absent

Amber Andriolo, ADSGC
Maureen Exley, Citizen Member
Marty Lambert, County Attorney
Frank Parrish, MSU PD
Arlene Wylie, Citizen Member

Task Force Vice-Chair Adrian Massey called the Meeting to order at approximately 5:35 pm.

INTRODUCTIONS

- Coordinator Parker-Wathne introduced new members, Jesse Stovall (Belgrade PD) and Austin Owens (Manhattan PD).
- Members and guests introduced themselves.

CONSENT AGENDA

- November Meeting Minutes approved by unanimous consent.

BUSINESS

Executive Committee

- Vice-Chair Massey stated that Lora Kruse, Adrian Massey and Jon Ogden are the new Executive Board nominees per the outcome of the November meeting.
 - Discussion ensued regarding the appropriate election process for each of the individual roles (chair, vice-chair and secretary/treasurer).

Plaque Presentation

- Vice-Chair Massey and Coordinator Parker-Wathne presented an appreciation plaque to outgoing Task Force member, Rocky Hamilton (Manhattan PD). Dave Keen (Belgrade PD), although absent was also honored with a plaque that will be delivered to him. Both men were acknowledged for their years of service.

Budget

- Coordinator Parker-Wathne shared that the Task Force budget is on target at approximately 50%.
 - Mr. Ette clarified some of the budget numbers and explained the figures in the capital reserves fund. He explained that money from that fund would not be spent without approval from the Executive Board.

Policy

- Officer Lieurance shared a little about Becky Sturdevant's story and that she works tirelessly to advocate for DUI legislation in Helena.
 - Coordinator Parker-Wathne will send the link to her website (MCSC) and contact information for those who wish to receive legislative updates from her.

- Mr. Hirsch shared that HB 168 is well intentioned but not well drafted as it doesn't account for severity of offenses and is not looking at collateral consequences. He shared that most states require treatment after a 1st or 2nd DUI but that MT doesn't until after the 4th. He encouraged all to write letters and offered to help if needed.
- Coordinator Parker-Wathne shared copies of an article that recently ran in the Bozeman Daily Chronicle about the newly proposed "Bobcat Brews".
 - Mr. Caires shared that the alcohol policy change is being proposed to celebrate MSU's 125th Anniversary next year. He said MT is the leading state in the brewing industry with MSU active in hops research. He said the proposed policy change has to go through University Council and encouraged the Task Force to voice concerns/thoughts individually and/or collectively.
 - Discussion ensued re: pros and cons of issue with various members noting that MT is already #1 in the nation for DUI fatalities and suicide, that most of the student population is not even of legal age to drink, and that while they see both sides they don't think it portrays an appropriate collegiate image.
 - Mr. Caires said Bobcat Brews would be surrounded with strong messages of moderation and responsible use but encouraged members to write a letter to the President if they felt passionately about it. He offered suggesting a "sunset clause" where the policy would change back at the end of a specified time and suggested Mr. Massey might have the best chance to make an impact.

P I & E COMMITTEE

Events

- Coordinator Parker-Wathne reported on the following events:
 - **Empty Dinner Table Campaign**
 - Completed successfully at the Bozeman Public Library, the Main Mall, and downstairs at the Law and Justice Center.
 - Ms. Kruse commented that it was a very nice display.
 - **Christmas Stroll – 12/3/16**
 - Mr. Deming said the hand warmers were great and Mr. Massey said the goggles were a big hit as well.
 - Suggest was made to request being located near the Police Department tent next year.
 - **MSU Involvement Fair – 1/25/17**
 - **W Yellowstone Snowmobile Expo – March**

- Officer Newell said the Expo has been slowly dying over the years and not to bother with it as it's not what it once was. He suggested 4th of July or the Rod Run would be a better use of Task Force time and energy.
 - **Run to the Pub – March**
 - Coordinator Parker-Wathne will contact race director to see if we can set up at end to hand out water but reminded members she needs active volunteers for all these events.
 - **Big Sky Pond Skim – April**
 - Officer Lieurance said this is probably the worst day of the year in Big Sky for impaired driving and suggested the Task Force attend.
- **MSU SAFE Coalition**
 - Mr. Caires commented that he appreciates Ms. Parker-Wathne and Mr. Gale's participation in this group of strategic partners who meet to discuss sometimes contentious issues. He said the anonymous observations for Football research were helpful and they are discussing a no re-entry policy.
 - Mr. Gale commented that he and Ms. Parker-Wathne appreciate being part of the conversation.
- **UBER**
 - Officer Ogden said UBER is more than happy to help us with DUI and are open to ideas but he is waiting to talk with the Regional Director.
 - Coordinator Parker-Wathne said she was told that UBER in Missoula donates \$1 for every ride to their DUI Task Force. She will look into this.
- **Miscellaneous**
 - Coordinator Parker-Wathne said she made posters for the ski hills that were put up at Bridger Bowl and Big Sky.
 - Mr. Deming suggested contacting the Broadwater County Task Force to work with them on the Rockin' the Rivers concert as well as the upcoming Perch Fishing Derby.
 - Mr. Pape said he would like to contact people he knows in Helena re: specific license plates for DUI as he believes it would do a lot if it were part of sentencing for offenders to have to have a special plate.
 - Officer Newell said if he could overcome the right to privacy laws he might have a chance.
 - Coordinator Parker-Wathne informed the group that she's working with Darla at the Yellowstone County DUI Task Force to create a PSA for the movie theater here.
 - Mr. Massey asked if the Task Force was also working on one for

the MSU Football games.

- Coordinator Parker-Wathne needs to contact Keith at Cardinal Distributing for this.
- Mr. Caires suggested Coordinator Parker-Wathne check into advertising in the MSU student newspaper (great target market and good rates).

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mr. Gale acknowledged Mr. Szczypinski of ADSGC for his hard work in getting the Operation Topsy Tow posters out this year. He also encouraged everyone to read the chapter on impaired driving in the new Surgeon General's Report as there are some great prevention ideas.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:10 pm

Next Meeting: Thursday/March 23, 2017 – 5:30 pm

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