



## Gallatin County DUI Task Force

### DUI Task Force Purpose

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

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## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday /January 20, 2016 – 5:30 pm

Gallatin County Detention Center Community Room

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### **Members Present**

Adrian Massey, Vice-Chair  
David Keen, Treasurer  
Kelley Parker-Wathne, Coordinator  
Rick Gale, ADSGC  
Matt Caires, MSU  
Ann Ewbank, Citizen Member  
Arlene Wylie, Citizen Member  
Madison Brown, (MADD), Citizen Member  
Heather Hume, Citizen Member  
Lacy McConnell, Citizen Member  
Katherine Tillson, Gallatin Mental Health Center  
Jonathon Ogden, Bozeman PD  
Doug Lieurance, Gallatin County Sheriff's Office

### **Guests**

Steve Ette, Court Services  
Jennifer Tobin, Court Services Intern  
Randy Schott, Gallatin County Sheriff's Office

### **Absent**

Scott Newell, W Yellowstone PD  
Steven Hamilton, Citizen Member  
Marty Lambert, County Attorney  
Ed Hirsch, City Attorney  
Dan Deming, Citizen Member  
Jerry Pape, Citizen Member  
Rocky Hamilton, Chair

Vice-Chair Adrian Massey called the Meeting to order at approximately 5:40 pm.

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

## **INTRODUCTIONS**

- Members and guests introduced themselves.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

- Coordinator Parker-Wathne noted that Meeting Minutes for the Consent Agenda were not available at this time.

## **BUSINESS**

### **Intern**

- Coordinator Parker-Wathne shared that Court Service's intern Jennifer Tobin has been working on a potential education presentation and member manuals (which will be ready for the March meeting).

### **Meeting Dates**

- Coordinator Parker-Wathne shared the meeting dates for the coming year, noting that March & May will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month due to scheduling conflicts.

### **Stats Report & CJCC Presentation**

- The preliminary DUI Report for Calendar Year 2014 was distributed to each of the Task Force members. Mr. Ette gave the Task Force an overview of the process used for the report. He reviewed the rationale for the information used and explained "DUI" by statute, as well the difference between compliance and non-compliance and nolo-contendre. He also shared that the County database is not designed for comprehensive stats data but for individual data.
  - Mr. Gale asked why there were so many dismissals on page 18.
    - Mr. Ette replied that in order to really find out we'd have to research each individual case. He shared that July was the most significant month for DUIs and that 12 am - 3 am was the most prevalent time.
    - Mr. Caires asked if July was due to summer activities such as the 4<sup>th</sup> and Music on Main.
  - Mr. Gale asked if the Task Force was planning to recognize the top DUI officers noted in the report.
    - Mr. Ette said the Task Force was planning to visit about that later.
  - Mr. Ette explained more details of the report per court. He also explained the number of hours spent and the overall cost of preparing and producing the report.
    - Mr. Lieurance suggested the numbers would likely change significantly next year.
    - Mr. Keen said Belgrade's numbers are already tripled.
  - Mr. Gale stated he was very impressed with the report, that it was very

thorough. He questioned whether access to the information was an issue and were there any legal guidelines that hindered the research.

- Ms. Hume said she travelled to a few of the towns as it was necessary to research their information manually.
- Officer Ogden said the information should be public record.
- Mr. Caires questioned if there was an easier way to do it.
- Mr. Massey suggested that each court should have a data entry position.
- Mr. Ette explained that Ms. Hume was hired by the County for the express purpose of working on the report. He said in order for the courts to access the information they would have to build a database program and it would be a “hard-sell” as Judge’s staff would have to do more work.

## **Budget**

- Mr. Ette shared that some of the money in specific accounts would need to be reallocated to cover the report and Heather’s hours. He further stated that next year some budget numbers may change to reflect more appropriate categorizations.

## **CEASE Awards**

- Mr. Massey asked if the Task Force planned to request an update from the Bozeman PD (Rich McLane) in re: the blood draw process.
  - Officer Ogden shared that the process has proven to be very effective on their end, that it’s not only safer it is also reducing the time spent on blood draws.

## **Executive Committee**

- Ms. Parker-Wathne explained the process and opened the floor for Executive Board nominations.
  - Mr. Massey suggested that with all the changes over the last year it might be wise to retain the board “as is”.
    - Ms. Parker-Wathne agreed that it might be important to have people that were aware of the history of the Task Force.
    - Mr. Keen agreed and further stated that the Executive Committee is the driving force behind the Task Force and requires an extra meeting per month. He said at this time it may not be appropriate to switch but it needs to be multifaceted, not just law enforcement so important to switch up next time.
    - Mr. Massey concurred that historical knowledge is important as well as new ideas at the leadership level. Mr. Massey moved for the Executive Board to remain “as is”.
      - Motion approved.

## **PI & E COMMITTEE**

### **Education/Outreach**

- Coordinator Parker-Wathne congratulated Mr. Gale and shared that he has been recognized by the President of the United States with a Presidential Certification for his volunteer work in our community/state. We are proud to have him as a Task Force member!
- Ms. Tillson commented that the Greek community on campus would be interested in DUI materials and information to distribute to their members.
- Mr. Caires shared that MSU is forming a new Alcohol Coalition whose #1 mission is policy and prevention efforts on campus. The coalition does not have a name yet but plans to meet 6 times per year to look at solutions for cultural change. The DUI Task Force has been named as a part of that group.
- Mr. Gale said there are a multitude of Super Bowl “Toolkits” available online.
  - Ms. Parker-Wathne said she will make sure to share that information on the DUI Task Force Facebook page.
  - Mr. Massey suggested we should think about a PSA for TV also.
- Mr. Ette said there have been a number of articles recently about UBER coming to MT.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Mr. Caires shared that the MT University System is hosting its first ever gathering on suicide prevention on 2/1 & 2/2. Workshops are free and open to the public. More information is available on the MSU website under “Suicide Summit”.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30 pm.

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**Next Meeting:            Wednesday/March 23, 2016 – 5:30 pm**

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