



# Gallatin County DUI Task Force

## DUI Task Force Purpose:

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

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## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday / March 23, 2017 – 5:30 pm

Gallatin County Detention Center Community Room

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### **Members Present**

Kelley Parker-Wathne, Coordinator  
Adrian Massey, Chair  
Jonathon Ogden, Vice-Chair  
Lora Kruse, Secretary/Treasurer  
Dan Deming, Citizen Member  
Rick Gale, ADSGC  
Ed Hirsch, City Attorney  
Heather Hume, Citizen Member  
Doug Lieurance, Gallatin County Sheriff's Office  
David Morris, MHP  
Iralene Osborne, Citizen Member  
Austin Owens, Manhattan PD  
Jerry Pape, Citizen Member  
Jesse Stovall, Belgrade PD  
Katherine Tillson, Gallatin Mental Health Center  
Frank Parrish, MSU PD  
Arlene Wylie, Citizen Member  
Maureen Exley, Citizen Member  
Marty Lambert, County Attorney

### **Guests**

Steve Ette, Court Services

### **Absent**

Amber Andriolo, ADSGC  
Matt Caires, MSU  
Steven Hamilton, Citizen Member  
Scott Newell, W Yellowstone PD

Task Force Chair Adrian Massey called the Meeting to order at approximately 5:40 pm.

## **MISSION MOMENT**

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

## **INTRODUCTIONS**

- Members and guests introduced themselves.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

- January Meeting Minutes approved by unanimous consent.

## **BUSINESS**

### **Budget**

- Coordinator Parker-Wathne shared an overview of the current DUI Task Force Budget.
  - Chair Massey asked if the extra funding from last year went into the Capital Reserves Fund.
    - Mr. Ette explained about the extra money Chair Massey referred to and expounded on the Capital Reserves Fund.

### **Policy**

- County Attorney Lambert shared his thoughts about Marsy's Law, an initiative that could make it harder for victims of crimes to receive services. He shared his concerns that victims could end up in worse positions, including victims of DUI. He encouraged the Task Force members to look further into it. He said HB600 is not a good policy and if it passes, people will be trying to figure out how to deal with it.
- Mr. Gale inquired as to whether or not the ignition interlock bill had passed.
  - Mr. Hirsch said it is in the process of being changed a bit and prosecutors will have a chance to respond.

## **P I & E COMMITTEE**

### **Events**

- Coordinator Parker-Wathne explained the upcoming PEERS Impaired Driving Simulator Program that will be presented to the Bozeman High School on Friday 4/21 and the Belgrade High School on Monday, 4/24. She said the Task Force would be funding both events by applying for a CEASE Award.

- Mr. Gale expounded on the driving simulator experience and said the Elks Drug Awareness program may have some funds available to purchase one if the program proves worthwhile. He said reports show that simulators typically aren't very effective.
  - Coordinator Parker-Wathne offered that a wrecked DUI vehicle would add additional impact.
  - Vice-chair Officer Ogden and Chair Massey shared that the Task Force has partial ownership of a trailer in Madison County and that we may try to buy out our share in order to be able to tow a wrecked vehicle for future events.
- Coordinator Parker-Wathne shared information about the Drivers Ed programs that she and Mr. Ette periodically present to the Bozeman and Belgrade High Schools.
- Mr. Hirsch said he believes in the power of interaction at our events and suggested making a "Wheel of Fortune" wheel with a small grand prize for those who play.
- Coordinator Parker-Wathne said the Task Force would be targeting the races in Belgrade this year rather than Fall Festival as the PI&E members agreed it is more effective for reaching our target market.
  - Officer Stovall suggested the Sprint Car Races would be best as there are typically a lot of DUI's then.
- Chair Massey suggested creating PSA's and ads for the Memorial Day weekend.
  - Ms. Exley is already looking into this.

### **Miscellaneous**

- Officer Ogden offered to contact the MT Department of Transportation to see if we could work with them somehow on their big message trailers.
  - Group responded positively. Secretary/Treasurer Kruse said the reader boards say the number of roadway deaths but wondered how many are due to DUI?
  - Chair Massey wondered if we could rent a billboard where we could share our stats and information.
    - Mr. Lambert suggested checking into cost and possibly buying one as a capital item.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Mr. Gale shared that April was proclaimed Alcohol Awareness month by the Gallatin County Commissioners as requested by ADSGC.
- Mr. Gale reminded everyone that Friday, March 31 was the "Bitter Pill" art exhibit at the Elks Lodge featuring artwork from recovered addicts. He encouraged all to

attend and stated there would be a panel discussion as well as students in recovery in attendance.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:10 pm

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