



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/May 15, 2019 – 5:30 pm

Gallatin County Detention Center Community Room

Members Present

Kelley Parker-Wathne, Coordinator
Katy Fritz, Chair
Maureen Exley, County Atty's Office
Cathe Felz, Three Forks High School
Jesse Stovall, Belgrade PD
KariLyn Gifford, Gallatin County Sheriff's Office
Dan Deming, Citizen Member
Frank Smith, Citizen Member
Alex Velasquez, WYPD

Guests

Steve Ette, Court Services
Charles Kendall

Absent

Jon Ogden, Vice-Chair
Nicholas Grillo, MRDTF
Scott Newell, WYPD
Jerry Pape, Citizen Member
David Morris, MHP
Ed Hirsch, City Atty's Office
Daryl Rogers, Manhattan PD
Ed Sypinski, Citizen Member
Shelly Johnson, ADSGC
Rick Gale, ADSGC
Iralene Osborne, Citizen Member
Randy Crandall, MSU PD

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, including Charles Kendall who is visiting as an interested citizen.

BUSINESS

- Coordinator Parker-Wathne reviewed the 2019-20 Annual Plan and the year to date budget.

PI&E COMMITTEE

Events

- Chair Katy Fritz attended the Big Sky Pondsken and handed out about 500 DUI Task Force koozies, noting that they were very popular.
- Ms. Cathy Felz shared that the Three Forks High School is actively coordinating a distracted driving event for October, explaining plans for the event. She noted that they will need an emcee and Officer Ogden said he may be able to do it depending on what day of the week it is.
 - Officer Ogden offered to help get the wrecked DUI vehicle.
 - Officer Velasquez inquired about a simulated rollover as well as landing the HELP helicopter.
- Group discussed social media efficacy – that Facebook is more for older people and twitter, Instagram and Snapchat target the younger population.
 - Chair Fritz said a snapchat filter would be cool and Deputy Karilyn Gifford said she will work on this.
- Mr. Frank Smith, Rick Gale, Steve Ette, Ms. Iralene Osborne, Maureen Exley and Coordinator Parker-Wathne attended the WATCH Program Tour at Warm Springs, MT on May 13.
 - Mr. Smith shared that this program was different than anything he's ever seen. He was impressed and by how intensely the individuals are forced to face their behavior and its impact on others. He also said there so many different stories about beating the system.
 - Mr. Ette noted that the vast majority of people there are on their 4th or 5th DUI and that they don't use the word "accident" but rather "wreck" or "crash" to reflect the impact of their choices.
 - Mr. Dan Deming shared that NEXUS is a drug program in Lewistown, MT that

- is part of the WATCH program.
- Ms. Cathy Felz asked if Gallatin County keeps track of MIP's and the age of first DUI. She said Montana leads in teen traffic fatalities.
 - Officers Jon Ogden and Jesse Stovall noted that even if research is done the records would not be open to the public as juvenile records are sealed.
 - Officer Stovall suggested that MSU Sociology or Criminology Departments might be able to help research this.
- Coordinator Parker-Wathne said she worked with the Fermentana group to create posters for Craft Beer Week again and she put them up at all the breweries.
 - Officer Stovall said he thinks there has been an increase in people getting rides home.
 - Officer Ogden agreed that alot of people are using the bus system now.

Promo Items

- Coordinator Parker-Wathne shared that she ordered several new banners.
 - Deputy Gifford noted that she still had the green St. Patrick's Day banner from the Run to the Pub.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:55 pm.

Next Meeting: **Wednesday/July 17, 2019 – 5:30 pm**
Gallatin County Detention Center Community Room