



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 16, 2018 – 5:30 pm

Gallatin County Detention Center Community Room

Members Present

Kelley Parker-Wathne, Coordinator
Katy Fritz, Chair
Jon Ogden, Vice-Chair
David Morris, MHP
Scott Newell, WYPD
Rick Gale, ADSGC
Maureen Exley, Citizen Member
Cathe Felz, Three Forks High School
Grace Anderson, Citizen Member
Dan Deming, Citizen Member

Guests

Steve Ette, Court Services

Absent

KariLyn Gifford, Gallatin County Sheriff's Office
Nicholas Grillo, MRDTF
Marty Lambert, County Atty's Office
Jesse Stovall, Belgrade PD
Iralene Osborne, Citizen Member
Richard Gibson, Citizen Member
Ed Hirsch, City Atty's Office
Jerry Pape, Citizen Member
Lora Kruse, Citizen Member
Frank Parrish, MSU PD

Task Force Chair, Katy Fritz called the Meeting to order at approximately 5:45 pm.

MISSION MOMENT

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

INTRODUCTIONS

- Members and guests introduced themselves.

CONSENT AGENDA

- March Meeting Minutes approved by unanimous consent.

BUSINESS

- Coordinator Parker-Wathne explained the different categories and balances in the Task Force budget. She also explained the potential financial impact of the Coordinator position increasing to full-time in the coming fiscal year. She stated that the Executive Board would be asking the County Commissioners to “hard-wire” some money towards that goal, noting that it is very unlikely that that will happen.
 - Mr. Steve Ette explained the budget process to the group. He also explained the logic behind the desire for the Coordinator to go to full-time status, noting that she could potentially be a big help to Court Services as well. He said that there would be a total of about 20 minutes for the entire Court Services presentation to the Commissioners, including the petition for the DUI Task Force increase. He said all are welcome to attend and support this request, noting that the meeting on Friday (the 18th) would be the best one to attend. He said even letters are helpful if can't be there in person.
- Coordinator Parker-Wathne said once the Annual Plan for the 2018-19 fiscal year is completed she will submit it to the Task Force Executive Board for final approval.
- Coordinator Parker-Wathne noted that the Executive Board still needs someone to fill the Secretary/Treasurer position.
 - MHP Trooper Mr. David Morris volunteered to fill the position, noting he will be gone for 2 months but will pick up when he gets back.
 - All voted in favor.
- Coordinator Parker-Wathne also stated that the Task Force needs a few more people on the CEASE Award Committee.
 - Ms. Lora Kruse and Ms. Grace Anderson volunteered.

POLICY COMMITTEE

- Coordinator Parker-Wathne mailed out 30 of the legislative surveys created by the Policy Committee and disappointingly only received 6 completed surveys back.
 - Officer Scott Newell suggested waiting until close to the election to publish anything or the public will likely forget the information.
 - Group decided to wait until 5/29 to contact the Bozeman Daily Chronicle.

P I & E COMMITTEE

Events

- Coordinator Parker-Wathne thanked Chair Katy Fritz for her work in handing out SKI SOBER stickers at the Big Sky Pond Skim.
 - Vice-chair Officer Ogden said he saw a DRIVER SOBER sticker on a car while out for dinner in Big Sky and saw a drunk guy put his keys in his pocket.
- Coordinator Parker-Wathne showed the Craft Beer Week posters that were created and posted at local breweries for that event.
- Coordinator Parker-Wathne reviewed the upcoming events, noting that Music on Main on 6/28 was summer kickoff event. (with 3-4 others) to speak after the screening of a film called "The Hungry Heart".
- Ms. Cathe Felz is interested in the DUI presentation for the Drivers Ed program in Three Forks and will visit with Mr. Lauver about it.
- Officer Scott Newell initiated conversation regarding the best events to target for West Yellowstone and Big Sky, noting that the Big Sky PBR is July 25-27 and would be a good one for that area. He also noted that the 4th of July in West Yellowstone might be better than the Rod Run in August.
 - Vice-chair Officer Ogden offered to pursue approval to hang the DRIVER SOBER banner at the Big Sky PBR rodeo.
 - Ms. Exley offered to help at the 4th of July celebration in West Yellowstone.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mr. Rick Gale announced that fellow Task Force volunteer Ms. Grace Anderson is MSU's Newman Civic Fellow, a national award given for students who have found solutions for problems facing their community. While majoring in architecture, Ms. Anderson also found time to work with hundreds of students regarding drug and alcohol use.
 - Ms. Anderson shared that she has also been granted an opportunity to

begin working with Attorney General Tim Fox.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:15 pm.

Next Meeting: **Wednesday/July 18, 2018 – 5:30 pm**
 Gallatin County Detention Center Community Room