



Gallatin County DUI Task Force

DUI Task Force Purpose:

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

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday /May 19, 2015 – 5:30 pm

Gallatin County Detention Center Community Room

Members Present

Rocky Hamilton, Chair
David Keen, Treasurer
Kelley Parker-Wathne, Coordinator
Doug Lieurance, Gallatin County Sheriff's Office
Rick Gale, ADSGC
Jerry Pape, Citizen Member
Steven Hamilton, Citizen Member
Heather Hume, Citizen Member
Adrian Massey, Citizen Member
Dan Deming, Citizen Member
Ann Ewbank, Citizen Member
Jonathon Ogden, Bozeman PD
Matt Caires, Citizen Member
Arlene Wylie, Citizen Member

Guests

Rich McLane, Bozeman PD
Steve Crawford, Bozeman PD
Steve Ette, Court Services Director

Absent

Mark Lachapelle, MSU PD
Scott Newell, W Yellowstone PD

Chair Rocky Hamilton called the Meeting to order at approximately 5:40 pm.

Coordinator Parker-Wathne read the Task Force Mission Statement.

INTRODUCTIONS

- Chair Hamilton introduced himself as the new Task Force Chairman replacing former Chair Glen Barcus who submitted his resignation due to being promoted within the MHP.
 - Discussed now vacant Vice-Chair position and suggested anyone interested email nominations to Coordinator.
 - Clarified that whoever is elected to this position will need to attend monthly Executive Committee meetings
- Members and guests introduced themselves.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Chair Hamilton noted that March Meeting Minutes are available online via the DUI Task Force website.
 - Mayor Hamilton motioned to approve.
 - Mr. Gale seconded.

BUSINESS

Email Preservation

- Coordinator Parker-Wathne noted that everyone present should make sure to initial on the sign-in roster that they received a copy of the Gallatin County Email Preservation Memo.
 - Mr. Ette clarified the rules.
 - Chair Hamilton stated it might be wise to cc the Coordinator on any emails that are Task Force related.
 - Coordinator Parker-Wathne said a copy of the Memo should be kept in the Member Manuals.

2016 FY Task Force Plan

- Mr. Ette presented the new 2016 Task Force Plan and explained the Budget breakdown in detail for the coming year including money left in a carryover account as well as an additional \$18,000 the Task Force will be receiving from uncollected reinstatement fees.
 - Mr. Ette shared that Scott Swanson's report endorsed the basic Task Force Plan, that the Task Force needs to vote to approve it, and that it will also need to be approved by the County Commission before June 1st.
 - Mr. Keen motioned to approve the 2016 Budget.
 - Motion approved.
- Mr. Caires inquired as to how Scott Swanson's report interfaced with the 2016 Plan and if it was possible to discuss the Plan in further detail regarding the 23 areas of recommendation; particularly the issues of blood draws and a 24 hour

magistrate.

- Mr. Keen responded that there has been a ton of back and forth discussion among many parties regarding Mr. Swanson's report and that they are both difficult issues. He also shared that the issue of blood draws was on the agenda for the current meeting and that most judges are not willing to be on call.
- Coordinator Parker-Wathne shared that she has created a spreadsheet of the 23 recommendations and the steps that are being taken to address them and that the Executive Committee is planning a follow up article in the Chronicle at some point in the near future to update the public.
 - Chair Hamilton informed the Task Force that a lot of the recommendations are being addressed and are moving forward.
- Mr. Caires suggested maybe there should be a 9th goal added to the 2016 Plan that by December the Coordinator should give a report to the Task Force regarding follow-up on Scott Swanson's report.
 - Mr. Massey agreed this stands to reason.
 - Mr. Caires voted to add Goal #9.
 - Mr. Gale seconded.
 - Motion approved.
- Mr. Gale said he would like to comment on Goal #4: Networking and Partnerships. He is getting ready to meet with some of the Task Force stakeholders and stated that we need a presence at their meetings.
- Mr. Pape commented on the new legislation and that he doesn't think fines will do much, that we need to look at different programs, and there needs to be jail time. He said he believes embarrassment is what makes changes and punishments need to be more aggressive to get people off the streets.
 - Chair Hamilton replied he thought the next legislative session already has a similar plan and we should have updates on this tomorrow at the Alcohol Education Summit.
 - Mr. Deming replied that a 3rd offense DUI is spending 45 nights in jail.

Cease Awards

- Ms. Parker-Wathne informed the group that Rich McLane of the Bozeman PD had submitted a CEASE Award Application regarding Blood Draws and read Mr. Lachapelle's (CEASE Awards Committee) responsive remarks in absentia.
 - Mr. McLane addressed the Task Force and introduced the new Bozeman Chief of Police, Steve Crawford.
 - Mr. McLane then expressed the PD's appreciation of recently being awarded CEASE funds for PBT's and a Display Trailer and explained how those items will be used.
 - Mr. McLane suggested doing a group press release showing collaborative partnership.
 - Mr. McLane said it's the perfect time to do a press release as near 4th of July.
 - Mr. McLane explained the top 3 areas of concern in Mr. Swanson's report and that the leadership of Law Enforcement got together and decided to

- attempt to create a template regarding blood draws in Gallatin County.
 - Asked for 70/30 contribution.
 - AMR would be called in rather than hauling prisoners to hospital for blood draws which would free up officers and minimize risk.
 - AMR would donate their testimony time as needed.
 - Would like to include AMR in public relations piece.
- Mr. Gale asked if there was anything like this in place elsewhere in the State.
 - Mr. McLane said that Helena has a good system but they're set up differently and actually have nurses at the jail.
 - Mr. Gale offered that this could really become a model for the State as the officer safety issue at the ER is real.
 - Mr. Ogden agreed that this program could really take off.
- Mayor Hamilton asked if this would be a pilot project or ongoing.
 - Mr. McLane replied that if it works it would be ongoing.
- Chair Hamilton said in Manhattan all agencies would be 100% supportive and also explained that Mr. Lachapelle had suggested a 50/50 contribution since we had already approved 2 other awards for the PD and are at the end of our fiscal year.
 - Mr. Caires asked if there would be an option to give more next year.
 - Mr. McLane said they would assess each year and ask for assistance as needed.
 - Mr. Keen stated this was an important thing and that it needs to be taken very seriously as it could potentially take a lot of money from the Task Force budget. He said the Task Force could probably fund a percentage.
 - Chair Hamilton agreed that finding alternative funding might be hard but would be important.
 - Mr. McLane said a bill passed this year that the offender has to pay for testing and it might be feasible to modify it to pay for testing as well.
 - Mr. Ette pointed out that there is an additional \$18,000 in the budget next year and to maybe consider setting aside a certain amount for blood draws.
 - Mayor Hamilton said that from a budgetary standpoint it seems reasonable to fund 70/30 for now but to renegotiate every year.
 - Mr. Lieurance agreed.
 - Mr. Ette said with everything on the list we are right on track to hit \$55000 budget for this year. He suggested the Task Force pay 70/30 for blood draws this year and next year the funding could come out of the additional money.
- Mr. Caires motioned to approve all Awards as is and allocate \$4900 for next year for blood draws.
 - Seconded by Mr. Gale.
 - Motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mr. McLane informed everyone that the Police force is around the 50% mark for being trained for drug recognition and noted that Mr. Ogden will receive his final DRE certification in June.
 - Mr. Ogden explained what that means and how the DRE program works.
- Mr. Gale shared that the 4th Annual Memorial Motorcycle Ride is coming up on June 20th at Yellowstone Harley Davidson.
 - All are encouraged to attend.
- Mr. Ogden thanked the Task Force for their support with the Display Trailer and PBT's and said he'd be taking a SOBER banner to a local Motocross Race this weekend.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:10 pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday - July 14, 2015
5:30 – 7:30 pm
Gallatin County Detention Center Community Room