



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/November 20, 2019 – 5:30 pm

Gallatin County Detention Center Community Room

Members Present

Kelley Wathne, Coordinator
Katy Fritz, Chair
Jon Ogden, Vice-Chair
Thomas Luhrsen, MSU PD
Anthony Kearney, W Yellowstone PD
Sabra Van Leeuwen, W Yellowstone PD
Dan Deming, Citizen Member
Shelly Johnson, ADSGC
Ed Sypinski, Citizen Member
KariLyn Gifford, Gallatin County Sheriff's Office
Iralene Osborne, Citizen Member
Rick Gale, ADSGC
Maureen Exley, County Atty's Office
Frank Smith, Citizen Member

Guests

Steve Ette, Court Services

Absent

Scott Newell, WYPD
Jerry Pape, Citizen Member
David Morris, MHP
Ed Hirsch, City Atty's Office
Jesse Stovall, Belgrade PD
Charles Kendall, Citizen Member
Daryl Rogers, Manhattan PD
Nicholas Grillo, MRDTF

Vice-Chair, Officer Jon Ogden, called the Meeting to order at approximately 5:45 pm.

MISSION MOMENT

- Vice-Chair, Officer Jon Ogden read the DUI Task Force Mission Statement.

INTRODUCTIONS

- All present introduced themselves.

CONSENT AGENDA

- September Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved.

BUSINESS

- Vice-Chair, Officer Jon Ogden updated the group that he and Trooper David Morris have located and obtained a wrecked DUI vehicle from a Park County fatality that they've put on the DUI Task Force trailer. Officer Ogden is working with Bridger Bowl to have the trailer/vehicle on display at Bridger Bowl for opening day/week of December 6, 2019.
 - Mr. Rick Gale stated that there had been conversation about having the wrecked DUI vehicle at Bozeman's Christmas Stroll and Belgrade's Festival of Lights.
 - Coordinator Wathne will work on getting the story boards done for the vehicle so they're ready to go.
 - Ms. Maureen Exley said she will help with the story board and that the County GIS Department can print them.
- Mr. Ed Sypinski inquired about the status of the sign/electronic reader board that has been mentioned in the past, noting that he has about \$16,000 in his budget to contribute towards it through the Communities That Care program.
 - Coordinator Wathne shared that interest seemed to have waned as the Bridger Bowl owners had mentioned a sign they were going to invest in on their own. Group discussed pursuing this independently to place at the entrance/exit to Bridger Canyon &/or other locations.
- Vice-chair Officer Ogden updated the group on the Coordinator position, noting the number of and a brief overview of the current applicants.
 - Chair Ms. Katy Fritz presented outgoing Coordinator, Kelley Wathne with a card and appreciation plaque.

P I & E COMMITTEE

Events

- Coordinator Wathne shared that following the DUI Task Force's decision to decline releasing the MSU report as requested, the PSA that had been approved by MSU Athletics (via Ms. Bethany Cordell) to air at half time and at the end of the Bobcat football and basketball games never happened. She tried several times but was subsequently unable to connect with Ms. Cordell.
- Coordinator Wathne reviewed events including the upcoming Cat-Griz Football game and Christmas Stroll.
 - Chair Fritz said she and guest volunteer, Lauren Boland will work at the game. Mr. Gale and Mr. Sypinski will also be there.
- Mr. Dan Deming, Mr. Frank Smith, Ms. Shelly Johnson and Chair Fritz all volunteered to help at the Christmas Stroll on 12/7/19.
 - Group discussed also attending Belgrade's Festival of Lights on 12/14/19.
- Ms. Johnson asked if there was going to be a DUI Task Force ad for the holidays and Coordinator Wathne said yes, that we usually do Labor Day, Memorial Day, the 4th of July and New Year's.
 - Mr. Sypinski suggested looking at DUI messaging and social media.
 - Chair Fritz suggested having junior members manage social media since it is very time consuming.
 - Officer Thomas Luhrsen suggested talking to the Dean of Students at MSU re: assisting social media as a community service option.
- Deputy Karilyn Gifford's name was drawn for Volunteer Appreciation Award.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:35 pm.

Next Meeting: **Wednesday/January 15, 2019 – 5:30 pm**

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