



Gallatin County DUI Task Force

DUI Task Force Purpose:

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

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday /September 19, 2015 – 5:30 pm

Gallatin County Detention Center Community Room

Members Present

Rocky Hamilton, Chair
Adrian Massey, Vice-Chair
David Keen, Treasurer
Kelley Parker-Wathne, Coordinator
Marty Lambert, County Attorney
Ed Hirsch, City Attorney
Rick Gale, ADSGC
Matt Caires, MSU
Dan Deming, Citizen Member
Ann Ewbank, Citizen Member
Arlene Wylie, Citizen Member
Madison Brown, (MADD), Citizen Member
Steven Hamilton, Citizen Member
Jerry Pape, Citizen Member
Heather Hume, Citizen Member
Lacy McConnell, Citizen Member
Mark Lachapelle, Citizen Member

Guests

Steve Ette, Court Services
Katherine Tillson, Gallatin Mental Health Center
Christine Meacham, MSU Student
Pat Lupton, Citizen Visitor

Absent

Scott Newell, W Yellowstone PD
Doug Lieurance, Gallatin County Sheriff's Office
Jonathon Ogden, Bozeman PD

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

Coordinator Parker-Wathne read the Task Force Mission Statement.

INTRODUCTIONS

- Members and guests introduced themselves.

Visitors

- Ms. Katherine Tillson of the Gallatin Mental Health Center has submitted an application and is in attendance as needed for Task Force membership approval.
- Ms. Christine Meacham, a student at MSU is attending as a guest of Ms. Brown and is interested in conversation regarding the ASMSU Student Body President's recently publicized DUI.
- Mr. Pat Lupton is visiting as a guest of Mr. Massey in consideration of possible citizen membership.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Chair Hamilton requested approval to the July Meeting Minutes.
 - Minutes failed approval as not properly posted on County website.

BUSINESS

Chronicle Article

- Coordinator Parker-Wathne distributed copies of the 9/13 Bozeman Daily Chronicle article written by Whitney Bermes entitled "One-third of Felony DUI Arrests Don't Lead to Convictions".

Press Release

- Coordinator Parker-Wathne informed group that there will be a joint press release in the near future with the Bozeman PD regarding the new message trailer that was purchased via the Task Force CEASE Award program.

24/7 Conference

- Coordinator Parker-Wathne said she attended the 1st National 24/7 Summit held in Big Sky, 9/13-15 and distributed copies of a 9/16 Bozeman Daily Chronicle article written about the conference.

Plaque

- Coordinator Parker-Wathne will be scheduling a time with the Gallatin County Commissioners for the Task Force to present an appreciation plaque to Glen Barcus for his years of service with the Task Force.

Student Body President

- Coordinator Parker-Wathne informed the Task Force that the Executive Committee discussed the recent public revelation of the ASMSU Student Body President's DUI. The Executive Board believes that the situation is best left to MSU to handle and would not make an official statement or take an official position on the matter at this time.
 - Mr. Keen reminded everyone that the Student Body President we can't get caught up in the court of public opinion; i.e. we can't make comments about guilt before she has been found guilty.
 - Ms. Brown read a "Letter to the Editor" she wrote on behalf of the MADD Organization pertaining to the situation.
 - Guest Ms. Christine Meacham said she couldn't find any official information regarding expectations of the position of Student Body President. She said she believes the goal is to gain traction with all students and especially other students who may need help.
 - Mr. Lupton said he agreed that action needs to be taken in a way that is positive for all students.
 - Mr. Caires spoke from the Dean of Student's perspective, stating that this is a "teachable moment" for all involved and that because there have been no standards in place, it is an opportunity for the Student Body to implement needed change. He guaranteed that there is much going on behind the scenes and that the issue is being addressed.
 - Mr. Massey suggested that the Task Force needs to be part of the "teachable moment".
 - Mr. Steve Hamilton said the "teachable moment" is happening all over campus right now and that acting harshly would remove the opportunity for students to learn.

Budget

- Mr. Ette gave an overview that the Task Force has spent about 20% of its budget to date, which is right on track for yearly expenditures. He shared that Coordinator Parker-Wathne has been learning about the County accounting process and software (Eden).

P I & E COMMITTEE

Events Update

- Coordinator Parker-Wathne reminded everyone that the MSU Involvement Fair was happening tomorrow, 9/17 from 9 am – 3 pm and that the location had been changed from the Centennial Mall to the SUB Ballrooms.
 - Interested members offered their available participation times.
 - Mr. Caires and Coordinator Parker-Wathne scheduled a time to meet to discuss other opportunities at MSU for Task Force presence and visibility.

- Suggestions were made for parking options for those planning to volunteer at the Task Force booth at the Belgrade Fall Festival on Saturday, 9/19.
 - Coordinator Parker-Wathne distributed a vendor map of the park.
- Coordinator Parker-Wathne said the Task Force had (after much deliberation), been approved to have a booth at the 10/10 Family Day Bobcat Football Game and at the 11/21 Cat/Griz Bobcat Football Game. She said MSU Athletics was reluctant to have us there but finally conceded to two games.
- Mr. Caires suggested the Task Force consider spending time in the SUB with a table and our banner. He said there is a reservation process and he will connect Coordinator Parker-Wathne with the right parties to facilitate the process.
 - Chair Hamilton suggested the Task Force take more time to visit with people at events rather than just handing stuff out as it is an opportunity to educate and make an impact.
 - Mr. Keen said the Task Force members need to help more as the Coordinator's hours are limited.

Promotional Items

- Coordinator Parker-Wathne showed the two promotional license plates Mr. Ette had made with the Task Force's new logos. The plates are like real license plates, but are strictly for promotional/incentive purposes.
 - The Executive Committee agreed that selling Task Force t-shirts and license plates would be a good way to generate extra revenue. Mr. Ette will need to discuss with Ed Blackman at the County before we proceed.
 - Mr. Steve Hamilton suggested giving a license plate to the local Driver's Ed teachers to have in their classrooms.
 - Mr. Ette further suggested giving one to those who support us: the County Commissioners, judges, etc.
- Coordinator Parker-Wathne said Task Force window decals, magnets and balloons had all been ordered.

Education/Outreach

- Mr. Pape would like the Task Force to target Drivers Education programs as that is the front line of where kids are becoming adults.
 - Chair Hamilton said this is something the Task Force is planning to do but we need to develop an actual curriculum.
 - Mr. Gale said the Elks are already making efforts towards this through the Elks Drug Awareness Program.

STATISTICS

- Mr. Ette said the Executive Committee set aside money to hire temporary employees to gather DUI Statistics. Ms. Hume was hired and has accumulated about 100 hours. She is through most of Justice Court but has not started on Municipal Court. We may need to hire more help, but also may reduce the detail

of information to save time and money.

- Mr. Massey asked what percentage of DUI cases come through Justice Court.
 - Mr. Ette said Municipal Court will be the largest and that Justice Court is probably one/day average over the year. We will have all of this information and are hoping to be done in 60-90 days.
- Coordinator Parker-Wathne said she and Mr. Ette had visited with the INBRE Program coordinator at MSU re: finding more help and that we may be able to use the Court Services interns.
- Mr. Hirsch said there may be potential access to the statistics program at his office.
 - Mr. Ette said the concern is consistent data and being careful re: confidentiality, etc.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Ms. Brown shared that MADD hosts a National Day of Remembrance on 12/3 and invited the Task Force to partner on that event locally. She also said that Missoula does an “Empty Dinner Party” where they charge \$35/plate and the goal is to recognize real victims. They have one person speak and hold a vigil as well as provide a time for survivors to meet.
 - Mr. Gale said he thought Park County had done something similar in the past and suggested sending an email out to everyone with more information.
- Mr. Gale informed the group that Saturday, 9/26 is National Drug Take-back Day at the Law and Justice Center.
- Mr. Gale distributed an article about Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM) and asked if the Task Force Executive Board had discussed devices detecting marijuana.
 - Mr. Keen said marijuana usage is over the top right now and the Task Force will need to start looking at it on a whole new level.
 - Mr. Lupton asked if there was any sort of roadside testing device and if there a company working on a model that would give specific readings.
 - Mr. Hirsch said PBT information can’t be used in court.
- Mr. Ette recognized Ms. Brown for her great work with the Victim Impact Panel, noting the number of positive evaluations/remarks received from participants.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:15 pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday/November 18, 2015 – 5:30 pm

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