



## 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/Sept 19, 2018 – 5:30 pm

Gallatin County Detention Center Community Room

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### **Members Present**

Kelley Parker-Wathne, Coordinator  
Katy Fritz, Chair  
Jon Ogden, Vice-Chair  
Rick Gale, ADSGC  
Grace Anderson, Citizen Member  
Dan Deming, Citizen Member  
KariLyn Gifford, Gallatin County Sheriff's Office  
Maureen Exley, Citizen Member  
Iralene Osborne, Citizen Member  
Jerry Pape, Citizen Member  
Lora Kruse, Citizen Member

### **Guests**

Edward Szczypinski, ADSGC

### **Absent**

Nicholas Grillo, MRDTF  
David Morris, MHP  
Scott Newell, WYPD  
Jesse Stovall, Belgrade PD  
Richard Gibson, Citizen Member  
Ed Hirsch, City Atty's Office  
Frank Parrish, MSU PD  
Cathe Felz, Three Forks High School  
Marty Lambert, County Atty's Office

Task Force Chair, Katy Fritz called the Meeting to order at approximately 5:35 pm.

## **MISSION MOMENT**

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

## **INTRODUCTIONS**

- Edward Szczypinski introduced himself as the future representative from ADSGC.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

- July Meeting Minutes approved by unanimous consent.

## **BUSINESS**

- Coordinator Parker-Wathne stated that nominations and elections for new Task Force Executive Board members will be held at the November Task Force meeting. She shared that the current Executive Board has agreed to re-write the current by-laws to extend the Board member positions for 2 year terms rather than 1 year.
- Coordinator Parker-Wathne shared that the MSU SAFE Coalition meetings are resuming and she will be participating in those again for the academic year.
  - Ms. Grace Anderson noted that the SAFE Coalition had agreed to give MSU Students in Recovery a lump sum of \$5,000 from the profits from the Bobcat beers. She voiced concern about where the rest of the money is going.
    - Mr. Rick Gale said he would bring it up at the next SAFE meeting.
- Vice-chair Officer Jon Ogden suggested inviting Police Chief Steve Crawford and the new Deputy Chief to the next Task Force Meeting.
- Coordinator Parker-Wathne reviewed the 9/11/18 trip to Helena for the Cascade County DUI Task Force report "roll-out". Chairman Katy Fritz and member Grace Anderson also attended.
  - Ms. Anderson shared that she visited with University Rep. Zack Brown and he sees concerns regarding DUI checkpoints. Ms. Anderson also shared that increasing the alcohol tax could be a huge benefit.
    - Mr. Ed Szczypinski stated that raising alcohol taxes is a hard fight even in California.
    - Mr. Gale shared that he has posted the Cascade County Report recommendations on the C-CODA website.

## **CEASE Awards**

- Vice-chair Officer Ogden reported on his experience at the Nashville DRE Conference he recently attended through CEASE Award funding. He shared that there is exciting new technology coming out for drug testing using saliva. He said many states are afraid to set THC standards but there is a big push on new training to determine impairment. Officer Ogden said he talked a lot about the Gallatin County DUI Task Force to people from across the country, and that many were excited about the DUI Awards Ceremony idea. He also reported that there is now a website with a free online drink calculator to add to the Task Force's booth information. Officer Ogden also shared that all hard drugs can be used in vaping and he reported about the dangers and implications of its increased prevalence/usage.
- Mr. Gale reported seeing the Streamline Bus advertisement on TV with the DUI Task Force logo.

## **P I & E COMMITTEE**

### **Events**

- Coordinator Parker-Wathne stated that she had also placed a DUI Task Force ad in the MSU Student Survival Kit that goes to all incoming freshmen as well as the annual Labor Day ad in the Bozeman Daily Chronicle.
- Coordinator Parker-Wathne reported on past/future events including:
  - Bozeman Stampede
  - Manhattan Potato Festival
  - Catapalooza
  - Drivers Ed
  - Transportation Safety Meeting - Helena
  - MSU Football Games
    - Ms. Grace Anderson shared that Students in Recovery are hosting a sober tailgate.
- Chairman Fritz said Ski Patrol starts in November in Big Sky and she will see that the SKI SOBER stickers are distributed.
- Coordinator Parker-Wathne said there are DRIVE SOBER coasters for distribution to local bars. Ms. Anderson volunteered to help with this.
- Vice-chair Officer Ogden explained the difficulties in obtaining a DUI fatality vehicle for the trailer and updated everyone on the search. He stated that the Traffic Homicide Unit with MHP might have knowledge of a vehicle.
  - Coordinator Parker-Wathne noted there was a recent DUI death of a young girl at Gallatin Gateway that might be a good option to pursue.

- Ms. Maureen Exley noted to make sure the judicial process is complete before purchasing a vehicle.
- Coordinator Parker-Wathne shared that the PI&E Committee had suggested using the trailer for floats in parades. Group agreed this was a good idea.
  - Vice-chair Officer Ogden also suggested having banners across the back of ATV's. Group agreed.
- Ms. Lora Kruse asked if the Task Force was still planning to do the Ghost Out Program at the schools. Coordinator Parker-Wathne stated that yes, we are but were planning to do it for area proms in the spring. Coordinator Parker-Wathne will contact Ms. Cathe Felz for help with this.
- Coordinator Parker-Wathne asked if members might be interested in a group trip to visit the WATCH Program at the State Hospital. Members agreed they would like to do this. Coordinator Parker-Wathne will pursue more on this.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Mr. Gale said that Oct 23-31 is Red Ribbon Week and that redribbon.org has a lot of information for students.
- Mr. Gale also complimented the Bozeman PD. He attended the Veterans Treatment Court as an evaluator and noted that this is a very successful worthwhile collaboration serving veterans with DUI's.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:25 pm.

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**Next Meeting:**      **Wednesday/November 28, 2018 – 5:30 pm**

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