



# Gallatin County DUI Task Force

## DUI Task Force Purpose:

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

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## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday/September 20, 2017 – 5:30 pm

Gallatin County Detention Center Community Room

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### **Members Present**

Kelley Parker-Wathne, Coordinator  
Jon Ogden, Vice-Chair/Bzmn PD  
Lora Kruse, Treasurer/Citizen Member  
Rick Gale, ADSSC  
Maureen Exley, Citizen Member  
Grace Anderson, Citizen Member  
Katy Fritz, Citizen Member  
Austin Owens, Manhattan PD  
Jerry Pape, Citizen Member  
Boyd Dressler, Citizen Member  
Frank Parrish, MSU PD  
Richard Gibson, Citizen Member

### **Guests**

Steve Ette, Court Services  
Alexander Velasquez, MHP  
Matt Caires, MSU Dean of Students  
Marci Torres, MSU Health Advancement  
Jeff Bondy, MSU Student Affairs

### **Absent**

Adrian Massey, Chair  
Iralene Osborne, Citizen Member  
Scott Newell, W Yellowstone PD  
David Morris, MHP  
Jesse Stovall, Belgrade PD  
Doug Lieurance, Gallatin County Sheriff's Office  
Arlene Wylie, Citizen Member  
Dan Deming, Citizen Member  
Steven Hamilton, Citizen Member  
Ed Hirsch, City Atty's Office  
Marty Lambert, County Atty's Office

Task Force Vice-Chair Jon Ogden called the Meeting to order at approximately 5:40 pm.

### **MISSION MOMENT**

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

### **INTRODUCTIONS**

- Coordinator Parker-Wathne introduced new members Richard Gibson and Boyd Dressler. Each shared a little about himself.
- Other members and visitors introduced themselves.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- July Meeting Minutes approved by unanimous consent.

### **BUSINESS**

- Coordinator Parker-Wathne distributed and read the new Media/Press Release and Event Participation Policy and Procedures Addendum.
  - Group discussed subsequent implications and questions.
  - Coordinator Parker-Wathne explained that it's ok to comment to the media personally but not as a representative of the DUI Task Force unless approved by the DUI Task Force Coordinator, the Court Services Director and/or the Executive Board Chair.
- Coordinator Parker-Wathne informed the group that officer nominations and elections will be coming up in November and January.
  - She also let the group know that 7 membership terms will expire on 12/31/17 and those members will need to reapply if they are interested in continuing with the DUI Task Force.
- Vice-Chair Officer Ogden and Coordinator Parker-Wathne informed the group that the trailer is now registered and owned by the DUI Task Force and is being securely stored in the City Impound Lot.
  - Ms. Exley is working on acquiring a DUI wrecked vehicle for display on the trailer & will continue to pursue that.
    - Officer Velasquez suggested a contact name for other wrecked vehicle options if needed.

## **Cease Awards**

- Coordinator Parker-Wathne said ABC Fox Montana was granted a \$1000 CEASE Award for supporting the production of more Streamline/HRDC commercials.
  - Vice-Chair Officer Ogden shared the positive impact of the Streamline Bus system in the significant reduction of the incidence of DUI's in Bozeman.

## **P I & E COMMITTEE**

### **Events**

- Coordinator Parker-Wathne and Vice-Chair Officer Ogden inquired as to whether the group preferred to use the newly implemented "Sign-up Genius" or the regular Event Sign-Up Sheet.
  - Coordinator Parker-Wathne said only three or four people used Sign-Up Genius. Group agreed to continue using the regular Sign-Up Sheets and Calendar distribution.
    - Coordinator Parker-Wathne stated how important it is for everyone to be diligent about reading the e-mails that are distributed.
- Coordinator Parker-Wathne reviewed the Events completed since the July Task Force meeting as well as the upcoming Events for the next few months.
  - MSU Police Chief Frank Parrish generously suggested the DUI Task Force operate out of the officer's hut at the MSU Football games this year and mingle with the crowd rather than waiting for the crowd to come to us. He thought purchasing yellow solo cups with our logo would be effective in helping the PD alleviate any glass bottles that people try to bring into the games by swapping out their bottle/s for the solo cup.
    - Coordinator Parker-Wathne will look into the cost of cups.

## **SPEAKERS**

- Coordinator Parker-Wathne introduced guest speakers MSU's Chief of Police Mr. Frank Parrish, Dean of Students Mr. Matt Caires, Director of Housing/Residence Life Mr. Jeff Bondy, and Director of Health Advancement Ms. Marci Torres. Group shared the new "3 Strikes You're Out" disciplinary standard that is being implemented at MSU.
  - Mr. Caires shared some of the background and history of disciplinary procedures on campus and the evolution of the new plan. He explained that students used to receive 5 or 6 warnings and therefore discipline wasn't taken very seriously. MSU is centralizing their platform and is now tracking and taking into account off campus tickets as well.
  - Mr. Bondy said the focus is much clearer and he is working closely with RA's and RD's to communicate about students and issues. They believe this will encourage more responsible drinking and he already sees students looking out for each other and is impressed how the campus has

cleaned up as far as beer cans and smoking, etc. He said he is very appreciative of the DUI Task Force's support of the Streamline Bus as well as the invitation to speak and share with our group.

- Mr. Parrish shared that MSU is working to "break the chain" in the "anatomy of a crash" and is moving towards proactive education rather than enforcement. He mentioned that almost every family is affected by alcohol and that 100% of sexual assaults are alcohol &/or drug related. He said his officers are being specifically trained to look for alcohol offenses, noting that in all of last year there were only 5-6 MIP's written and at the recent first home FB Game they wrote 35! He said they are working as a team across campus to build relationships and trust, to connect with students, and to ensure student safety.
  - Mr. Pape asked if the officers had some way of determining when impairment is due to drugs vs alcohol. Conversation followed re: DRE's, the ARIDE program, and the need for future drug breathalyzers.
- Ms. Torres stated that MSU works to make sure students know marijuana is still illegal here and said all new students have to complete online alcohol education that helps identify potential issues. She talked about the "Insight" and "Students in Recovery" programs as well as Peer Mentoring that are available on campus and said they are working to spread the message that you can be part of MSU without being part of high-risk behavior. She said in the past students were cited for marijuana and warned for alcohol offenses and now they are both being treated the same. She said they respond to any violations they hear about and try to provide resources for all facets of the issue from the very beginning through to recovery.
  - Treasurer Kruse, Coordinator Parker-Wathne and others in the Task Force voiced their approval and support of the new disciplinary program and MSU's proactive efforts.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:15 pm.

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**Next Meeting:**      **Wednesday/November 20, 2017 – 5:30 pm**

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