



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 /November 16, 2016 – 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
Rick Gale, ADSGC
Jonathon Ogden, Bozeman PD
Matt Caires, MSU
Lora Kruse, Bozeman Deaconess Hospital
Jerry Pape, Citizen Member
Maureen Exley, Citizen Member
Steven Hamilton, Citizen Member
Heather Hume, Citizen Member

Guests

Steve Ette, Court Services
Richard Gibson, Citizen - W Yellowstone
Jesse Stovall, Belgrade PD

Absent

Scott Newell, W Yellowstone PD
Doug Lieurance, Gallatin County Sheriff's Office
Katherine Tillson, Gallatin Mental Health Center
Ed Hirsch, City Attorney
Marty Lambert, County Attorney
Frank Parrish, MSU PD
Amber Andriolo, ADSGC
David Morris, MHP
Arlene Wylie, Citizen Member
Iralene Osborne, Citizen Member
Dan Deming, Citizen Member

Task Force Chair Rocky Hamilton called the Meeting to order at approximately 5:45 pm.

INTRODUCTIONS

- Members and guests introduced themselves.

CONSENT AGENDA

- September Meeting Minutes approved.

BUSINESS

Executive Committee

- Chair Hamilton opened discussion about the election/nomination procedures for the new Executive Board officers/positions.
 - Mr. Ette reminded everyone that according to Article 1 current officers hold their positions until the first meeting of the new calendar year and the group needs to be sure to abide by the by-laws.
 - Chair Hamilton shared that nominations can be made via email for elections to be held at the January meeting.
 - Coordinator Parker-Wathne will send an email invitation to volunteers in this regard.

Stats

- Mr. Steve Ette of Court Services shared that as part of the County's efforts to prove and improve efficacy the DUI Task Force was given a list of needed monthly and quarterly statistical measurements.
 - Mr. Ette shared that the in-depth 2014 DUI Statistics Report required hiring someone and was too intensive and expensive to be done annually. He said the difficulty in getting accurate DUI statistics is not unique to Gallatin County but is the case across the entire state and that Mr. Kevin Dusko of MDT is in communication with the Supreme Court looking for better ways to track information.
 - Recommendation is for Coordinator Parker-Wathne to write a letter on behalf of the Task Force to each of the County Courts requesting the necessary information.

Volunteers

- Vice-chair Massey inquired as to the membership status of the Task Force.
 - Coordinator Parker-Wathne stated membership is full at this time.
 - Mr. Richard Gibson said he already turned in an application but is happy to participate in any capacity until a spot opens up.

P I & E COMMITTEE

Events

- Vice-chair Massey and Coordinator Parker-Wathne shared their observations of two **MSU Football** games they attended as part of the MSU SAFE Coalition.
 - Both agreed that most people were drunkest in the CAT Club/Sky Box area & seemed to be there as a social event not for the football.
 - Vice-chair Massey noted that kids can't go to bars but they can go to the bar at the CAT Club.
 - Mr. Caires said for many Americans football equals beer.
 - Both also noted law enforcement did a good job at the games.
 - Both agreed biggest takeaway/concern was impaired driving post-game.

- Coordinator Parker-Wathne said the **Empty Dinner Table Campaign** was approved for set up at the Bozeman Public Library and the Main Mall.
 - Ms. Exley said she would find out if we could set up at the Law & Justice Center.
 - All agreed too little visibility at MSU with students gone over the holidays.

- Coordinator Parker-Wathne said ideas are still needed for the **Christmas Stroll** December 3rd.
 - Planning to have the impaired driving goggles and to distribute hand warmers for those who answer trivia questions.

- Mr. Rick Gale distributed copies of the November **Bozeman Magazine** with an article Coordinator Parker-Wathne wrote called "Bozeman's Best".

- Group discussed various ideas for collaborating with **UBER** to promote sober driving and the DUI Task Force mission.
 - Mr. Keen shared Belgrade's program where they reward citizens who are "caught" doing something right and suggested DUI Task Force logo on the back of restaurant coupons as a thank you for making a safe choice.
 - Officer Ogden said he would get in touch with the head of Montana's UBER program, Mr. Brian Gebhardt.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mr. Jerry Pape said that he would like to see Montana require a special license plate frame for those with a DUI conviction.
 - Chair Hamilton said Montana has extended Right to Privacy laws and Mr. Keen said he didn't think it would ever get through legislation.

- Mr. Matt Caires said from reports he's seen there's been an incredible increase in DUI's lately including student DUI's but not sure why.
 - Mr. Massey and Mr. Gale suggested it might be due to the recent presidential election and the holidays.

- Mr. Ette said according the 2014 DUI Report when law enforcement swap shifts there is sometimes an increase in DUI's.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:35 pm

Next Meeting: **Wednesday/January 18, 2016 – 5:30 pm**
 Gallatin County Detention Center Community Room