



Yellowstone County DUI Task Force
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**Yellowstone County DUI Task Force Green Lab Planning Meeting Minutes
November 20, 2025**

Present: Bob Drake, Andrew Loken, Monty Wallis, Kevin Holland, Gabby Thompson, Sam Morris, Brandon Ihde, Darla Tyler-McSherry.

Brandon called the meeting to order at 11:05 AM.

Brandon stated Lt. Colonel Hayter at the Montana Highway Patrol said that MHP will likely support the event with DRE help, but has not fully committed yet. He will get a meeting set that will include Lt. Colonel Hayter, Darla, and himself.

The Save the Date postcard is finished.

The sunset date for event cancellation is Monday, June 22.

We have courtesy blocks for individual guest rooms at both the DoubleTree Hilton and SureStay. Courtesy blocks allow us to have a block of rooms reserved but not guaranteed. There is no penalty to us if the courtesy block is not filled. Darla will confirm communication re: courtesy block released to other bookings.

The Save the Date flyer will include hotel booking info and training center address.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.



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Present: Andy Beach, Gabby Thompson, Sam Atwood, Sam Morris, Kevin Holland, Kacy Keith, Andrew Loken, Bob Drake, Haley Swan, Brandon Ihde, Travis Sylvester, Monty Wallis, Brandon Gatlin, Jenna Solomon, Cameron Farrell-Fox, Ben Milam, Darla Tyler-McSherry.
Excused: Micky Eckart, Karen Sylvester, Brennen Plucker

Brandon called the meeting to order at 11:57 AM.

Members received the October meeting minutes via email. Kacy motioned to approve the October meeting minutes without changes. Bob seconded. Motion approved.

Brandon asked for any new Conflicts of Interest. None reported at this time.

Members received the latest budget updates via email. Darla provided an overview of the one-pager Budget and Cash update. No questions were brought forward at this time.

Travis provided a social media update. They are wrapping up the messaging focusing on hunting season and Veterans' Day and transitioning to holiday-theme. He also made updates to the Symposium flyer and Darla will send it out with the meeting minutes.

Prior to the RFP review and vote, Brandon noted several late submissions. The group agreed that moving forward it is imperative to honor the due date. This will also be discussed again at the January meeting. The following RFPs were submitted for the January 1-June 30, 2026, cycle:

Organization	Date Rec'd	Project	Requested	Funded
MT Hwy Patrol	10/31	OT DUI Patrol	\$3,000	\$2,500
Laurel PD	11/1	OT DUI Patrol	\$2,000	\$1,500
YC Sheriff's Office	11/13	PBTs & Supplies	\$2,500	\$2,000
Billings PD	11/13	PBTs & Supplies	\$3,000	\$2,000
STEER Court	11/19	Client Transportation	\$1,500	\$1,000
Total			\$12,000	\$9,000

Sam Atwood motioned to approve the funded amounts shown. Andy seconded. Motion carried.

Brandon read Award of Merit nomination letters for the following individuals:

Montana Highway Patrol—Trooper Brennen Plucker
Motor Carrier Services—Corporal Brett Heggem
Yellowstone County Sheriff's Office—Deputy Dylan Council
Laurel Police Department—Officer Ryland Ratcliff
Billings Police Department—Officer Kathy Brown

Andy motioned to approve all nominations. Sam Atwood seconded. Motion carried.

The Angel Tree/Award of Merit Ceremony takes place Thursday, December 18 at noon in the Courthouse Lobby. This event replaces our monthly meeting. Volunteers for the ceremony are as follows: Bob Drake, Andy Beach, Andrew Loken, Kacy Keith, Haley Swan. Setup will begin at 10:30 AM on the day of the event. We have an angel to place on the tree to memorialize Marilyn Packard. Sam Atwood made a motion to recognize Marilyn. Sam Morris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Darla stated the Holiday Media campaign is set to begin on Thanksgiving and run through New Year's Eve Day. Radio stations include Mojo 92.5, Cat County, and the Mixx 97.1 FM. Television stations include KTVQ and Charter Spectrum.

The Blue Light Ceremony will not take place this year.

The Holiday parade is set for Friday, November 28. Haley, Gabby, and Darla will participate.

Brandon provided an update on the Green Lab event. The Save the Date postcard and flyer are set; we need to confirm agency support and involvement prior to large-scale event promotion.

We received Letters of Interest for Cameron Farrell-Fox from the County Attorney's Office and Shaun Pisk from Probation and Parole.

No New Business items were discussed at this time.

Brandon asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Andy. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 PM.
