



YELLOWSTONE COUNTY DUI TASK FORCE
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**Yellowstone County DUI Task Force Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2023**

Present: Kent O'Donnell, Glenn Gunther, Kevin Holland, Monty Wallis, Andrew Loken, Bob Drake, Brennen Plucker, Brandon Ihde, Sam Morris, Jenna Solomon, Hayden Taylor, Brandon Coleman, Andy Beach, Karen Sylvester, Kacy Keith, Jeannie Marin, Brandon Gatlin, Travis Sylvester, Darla Tyler-McSherry.
Excused: Haley Swan, Bethany Honcoop, John Ryan, Micky Eckart, Ryan Carroll.

Meeting called to order at 11:57 AM. Members received the October meeting minutes via email prior to the meeting. Monty made a motion for approval. Kevin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

No new Conflicts of Interest were disclosed at this time. To date, sixteen current members have signed the annual Conflict of Interest/Code of Ethics form. Darla has sent out a reminder email to those who need to complete it.

Members received the current budget reports via email prior to the meeting. Darla led the review of the one-page Budget and Cash report. No questions were brought forward at this time.

Travis provided the social media report. The focus for the holiday campaigns will include messages on keeping families safe and being thankful for safe roads. His team will tap in the NHTSA messages too. They will launch a campaign with a heavy enforcement message, and though it will include marijuana and prescription drugs, it will heavily emphasize alcohol and being behind the wheel. They will schedule these to run at a strategic timeframe of 9:00 PM-4:00 AM.

The following table summarizes the RFP application review and vote:

Organization	Project	Nexus w/ DUI	Requested Amount	Funded Amount
Billings Police Dept	Overtime DUI Shifts	DUI Interdiction	\$4,000	\$3,750
Laurel Police Dept	OT DUI Shifts and 4 PBTs & supplies	DUI Interdiction	\$5,000	\$4,750
Sheriff's Office	6 PBTs & supplies	DUI Interdiction	\$3,000	\$2,750
Montana Highway Patrol	OT DUI Shifts & DRE Callouts	DUI Interdiction	\$3,000	\$2,750
TOTAL			\$15,000	\$14,000

Kacy motioned to approve all four (4) applications, less \$250 each to stay within our line-item budget for the RFP process. Monty seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Brand read aloud the Award of Merit nominations submitted by the following organizations:

Sheriff's Office	Sergeant Scott Newell
Laurel Police Dept	Officer Gabriel Seibert

MT Highway Patrol Trooper Brennen Plucker
Billings Police Dept. Officer Tyler Bishop
Motor Carrier Services Officer Justin Moran

A motion was made to approve all nominations and to include Judge Harris. Motion seconded and carried. Kacy will provide a letter for Judge Harris.

The Angel Tree/Award of Merit ceremony will be held Thursday, December 21 at noon in the Courthouse Lobby. Room 105 is reserved for the refreshments and a light lunch afterwards. John Ryan confirmed there are no angels to add this year. Bob, Kacy, Andrew, Jenna, and Sam volunteered to help with setup. Volunteers are to meet at the Courthouse Lobby at 11:00 AM. Brandon will emcee the event.

For this year's holiday media campaign, we are using Mojo 92.5, Cat Country, and KISS 97.1 FM for our radio spots, and using Spectrum/Charter cable for the TV spots. The TV ad is now updated with our new logo.

The Blue Light Ceremony sponsored by COPS (Concerns of Police Survivors) will be held Tuesday, December 5 at 5:30 in the Commissioner's Board Room. This ceremony honors fallen Montana law enforcement personnel. All are encouraged to attend.

The Holiday Parade will be held Friday, November 24. We will have a Task Force presence. Haley is the main coordinator for this project along with Brandon. Contact them if you wish to join. Lineup is at 5:30 with the parade beginning at 6:30.

The discussion for the potential PPE kit project is tabled until the January meeting.

Task Force members discussed the renewal of the coordinator contract. Members agreed that requested workload had increased in addition to the overall cost of living. Members agreed to a 3-year contract with a 5% increase each year which the current Coordinator accepted.

The Task Force received a letter of interest from Andy Beach. Brandon read the letter aloud for the group's consideration. Sam made a motion to approve membership. Kacy seconded. Motion approved.

Karen showed examples of the prevention education campaign utilizing coasters (4,000) and posters (2,000). They are planning for distribution the week after Thanksgiving and will appreciate any help Task Force members can provide. She also provided an example of the packet project in which all parents of kids in School District 2 will receive. The packets include information about kids and substance misuse and resources and events. The Task Force can include materials in the packets if desired. They are also planning to bring in a speaker in early December for a Town Hall event. More info to come. Darla will forward information for coaster and poster pickup as it becomes available.

Brandon shared that the Mason Moore Foundation calendars are available. The proceeds benefit the Foundation's grant process to fund law enforcement projects in Montana.

Meeting adjourned at 1:12 PM.