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**Missoula County DUI Task Force Meeting
Thursday, November 7, 2019
12pm-1:30pm**

Members Present:

1. Shannon Sproul - WMMHC
2. Kelsey Cooley – Life Guard Group
3. Julie Richter – Compass Insurance
4. Jodine Tarbert – Compliance Monitoring Systems
5. Kathy Andress – Missoula Emergency Services
6. Dede Ferguson – Community Medical Center
7. Samantha Arcand – Missoula County Justice Court
8. Sgt. Greg Amundsen – Missoula Police Department
9. Steve Schmidt – MCCHD – Health Promotion
10. Leah Fitch – MCCHD – Health Promotion
11. Evan Rosenberg – Superhero Citizen
12. Virginia Braun – Superhero Citizen
13. Heidi Starrett – Missoula Broadcasting
14. Paul Pfau – Montana Highway Patrol

Face Book Check-in

Steve provided instructions on how to “Check-In” on Facebook. (Paper Instructions on Tables)

Welcome, Introductions, Call to Order

Steve Schmidt, DUI Task Force Coordinator, called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM.

Previous Minutes

Motion to Approve by Kathy Andress. 2nd by Dede Ferguson. All in Favor

What are the things you bring to the table.?

In October Steve asked the group to individually answer the question “Why are you here?”

This meeting Steve asked, “What do you bring to the table?”

Attending members provided their own personal answers as to what each contribute to the Task Force. Some of the answers included:

- Partnership
- Meeting Location
- Public Policy Experience
- Law Enforcement perspectives
- Local Radio to help get the word out
- Insurance expertise
- Promoting non-drinking and driving
- Fundraising
- Working with Youth
- Prevention Specialties
- Connection
- Criminal Justice Treatment
- Historical Perspective
- Statewide Perspective

We have a lot of different perspectives, resources and people that offer connections and resources that help us fulfill our mission of helping preventing the rate of DUIs.

2019 Annual Transportation Safety Planning Meeting Recap/Report – Sgt Greg Amundsen
Sgt. Amundsen provided a detailed recap/report of the meeting that was held on October 30th and 31st, 2019 in Helena. Both Sgt. Amundsen and Steve Schmidt attended the meeting.

Items Discussed

- Psychological Reactance & Moral Disengagement
- High School Peer-Peer Presentations
- Roadway Engineering
- Autonomous Vehicles
- DUI/DRE processing
- MDT App - <https://roadreport.mdt.mt.gov/travinformobile/> (Web Version)

Think Twice Update – Steve Schmidt

Roadblocks have been experienced with Grizzly Sports Properties (GSP) – They have backed out of their funding promise. Think Twice will not be at any of the remaining games.

- Our argument with GSP is that Think Twice needs the space after the economic value of space is no longer viable. Meaning, most paying organizations vacate their spaces shortly after the 2nd quarter or immediately following half-time. This is the time in which the services of Think Twice becomes most valuable.
- Looking to set up an individual meeting with DUI Task Force Member – Dr. Sarah Swager regarding next season and the use of Think Twice services on campus.

Committee Breakout

- The Compliance Check Committee was disbanded since it doesn't have a direct link to DUI Prevention as it's more of a Department of Revenue and Law Enforcement issue.
- Each Committee broke off into their smaller groups.

- Each committee was provided with a list of questions to consider.
DUI Task Force Committees

Questions to Ask

- Historically, committees have not been a part of the DUI Task Force how is this committee going to play a critical role in the mission and vision of the Task Force?
- What are three things that would define this committee if it was considered “Fully Active?”
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
- What sort of time commitment from each member would be necessary to be a “Fully Active” committee?
 - Is “Fully Active” necessary? Why or Why not?
- Are the members of this committee willing to work on tasks outside the DUI Task Force Meetings?
- Who else needs to be involved? Other Committees? Do we need to recruit someone specific to the DUI Task Force or is there someone specific we need to reach out to? (i.e. State Legislature)
- What do we need, in the form of guidance and direction, from Schmidty or other committees?
- Do we need to meet as a committee outside of the DUI Task Force meetings?
 - Yes / No?
 - Why or why not?
 - When?
 - How long?
 - Who will bring the donuts?
 - If we Bring Donuts, who’s inviting Schmidty?
- How can we make this committee the envy of all other committees? (i.e., We get stuff done, we always wear cooler shoes, we bring donuts, we are more pet friendly, etc.)
- What support materials, trainings, etc. would help?

- Do we have a plan for next months? This Quarter? 6 Months from now? 1 Year from now?
- Other thoughts, ideas, questions, concerns, etc.

Meeting Adjourned

		Reach: Organic / Paid	Post Clicks	Reactions, Comments & Shares		
Published	Post	Type	Targeting	Reach	Engagement	
09/21/2019 3:48 PM	Thinking Twice! Test your BAC at the Griz Game! #duitaskforce #thinktwice #DUISuck			108	22 8	
09/21/2019 1:22 PM	District Court Judge Vanetta proving DUI education to a participant of the Arrive Alive Tour at the Griz Game.			490	57 26	
09/21/2019 12:28 PM	Live at the Griz Game! Come see us at the GSA Tailgate. Check your BAC before you leave the game.			47	1 2	
09/21/2019 11:48 AM	What's your BAC? Find out before you decide to drive. Think Twice at the GSA Tailgate. #GoGriz #ThinkTwice			171	10 12	
09/21/2019 11:46 AM	Arrive Alive at the Griz Game. Got to see some great friend who stopped by to try the simulator. Just like you			695	309 47	
09/20/2019 7:58 PM	Interview with Superhero Mel Holtz of Frenchtown Fire. He's been helping with the Arrive Alive Tour here at the			133	8 13	
09/20/2019 2:45 PM	Arrive Alive is active behind Frenchtown High School. Frenchtown students are getting their chance to drive			533	70 19	
09/19/2019 2:24 PM	Think Twice on the Oval at U of M			509	25 22	
09/19/2019 1:38 PM	Arrive Alive Tour on the U of M Oval			278	30 22	
09/19/2019 1:34 PM	Justice Court Judge Beal and State Farm Agent Riley McGiboney talking to a couple of student who just went			112	12 10	
09/18/2019 3:10 PM	DUI Task Force - Missoula County, MT			81	5 2	
09/17/2019 1:08 PM	DUI Task Force - Missoula County, MT added a button to help you learn more about them.			93	5 5	
09/17/2019 1:04 PM	2019 Missoula County Arrive Alive Tour Dates and Times September 18 - Seeley Lake Community Foundation - 2			1.4K	94 49	
09/17/2019 8:30 AM	Arrive Alive Tour Dates and Times - Missoula County. Thanks Katie Didier from CASA of Missoula for the			117	3 5	
09/11/2019 8:57 AM	The Arrive Alive Tour is coming to Missoula. Please Share to Spread the word. - #ArriveAlive			161	5 10	

Think Twice – Griz Game Update

Think Twice has been fully approved to have a presence at all upcoming home Griz Games

- October 5th
- October 26th
- November 9th
- November 16th
- Play Off Games – Unknown

Speaking with Forrest, they initially needed to find \$500 per game to pay for Luke and equipment at the game. Think Twice made the decision to try portable handheld PBTs (Portable Breath Testers) for the upcoming October 5th game. This will only cut their funding requirement down to \$250 per game.

2021 Legislation – Ron Yates – Call for Volunteers

A letter, from Ron Yates who is the past chairman of the DUI Law Committee of the Cascade County DUI Task Force, was distributed. Ron is seeking community volunteers to help push for “Better DUI Laws.” Members of the Legislative Committee Virginia Braun & Sarah Swager indicated that they will meet to develop a plan and response to the letter. Letter is attached and follows the meeting minutes.

Make Your Move – Brenna Merrill

Brenna addressed the group and provided information regarding organizations and establishments around Missoula who are providing venues and hosting events, such as a small concert. These organizations, Free Cycles for example, are allowing participants to bring their own alcohol into the venue which is causing a completely unregulated, understaffed, and dangerous environment for the large amounts of alcohol being consumed. Brenna mentioned one sexual assault that has been reported during one of these events. Brenna was seeking any recommendations or suggestions that DUI Task Force may have regarding the regulations of future events. It was determined that Brenna should reach out to the Missoula City Coded Enforcement Officer, Charmell Owens for additional ideas.

Combining DUI and Buckle-Up Meetings

This particular agenda item was briefly mentioned but it was not discussed during the meeting. Steve Schmidt it to complete and distribute some sort of poll to the group in an effort to seek thoughts, ideas, pros and cons to the possibility of combining the two meetings.

As of yet, this is only a discussion item and no formal decision has been made. Until such a decision is made, the meeting schedule for both coalitions will remain unchanged.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm

Next meeting will be Thursday, November 7th, Noon – 1:30 pm, at Missoula Emergency Services Training Center, 1220 Burlington.

A Call for Your Help to Find Volunteers Willing to Advocate for Better DUI Laws

Dear friends concerned with drunk and drugged driving in Montana,

I have written you in the past about legislation we have proposed to reduce impaired driving in our state. Although our efforts this year were not successful, much has been learned that can make us successful in the upcoming 2021 legislative session.

Foremost, we need your help in identifying individuals in your community or elsewhere in the state, including yourselves where possible, who would be willing to serve in an informal organization that can effectively advocate for better DUI laws. These volunteers would be provided with DUI research information and legislative proposals and asked to personally visit their community's elected leaders seeking their support for evidence-based laws that reduce DUI's. They would also be asked to write letters/emails and make phone calls to legislators periodically when bills are being introduced. They would be given an opportunity to do other things where they have the time and interest, including research, surveys, speaking, testifying before the legislature, helping with letter mailings, and contributing financially if they so desired to defray costs of mailings, travel, or publicity this effort will likely incur. This year we severely lacked the needed passionate volunteers willing to do this. It is essential to develop soon an organization of volunteers across the state, with a minimum of 2-3 in every county, to let the legislature know Montana citizens care about our DUI problem and demand their support to reduce the problem. Many hands truly make lighter work!

Secondly, DUI bills, in my opinion, need to be simple and each focus only on one key issue. The Attorney General's SB 65 was a good bill but dealt with too many controversial issues in one bill, causing the entire bill to get tabled. Based upon our survey of DUI taskforces and lower court judges in January, 2018, we should advocate for several simple bills to 1) provide better funding for prevention education in the schools; DUI law enforcement; and DUI Courts; 2) allow law enforcement the use of electronic warrants that require a blood test from first time DUI suspects refusing to take a breathalyzer test; 3) fund and encourage use of sobriety checkpoints by law enforcement; and 4) require either close monitoring or ignition interlocks for first-time DUI offenders.

Third, we need to identify and work with sympathetic well-respected legislators willing to sponsor our proposed legislation several months before January, 2021.

Here is what I ask you to do. Please visit with two or three folks in your community or elsewhere in the state you think could do a good job in this organization. Please talk to them about what their responsibilities would entail. If they are willing to participate, please send me their names and emails and phone numbers as soon as you can and our current volunteers will personally contact them with more details. If enough are willing to join the effort, we will be successful in Helena in 2021. Your help is the first step in making this possible. Thank you.

Ron Yates, Past Chairman of the DUI Law Committee of the Cascade Co. DUI Task Force
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