



# YELLOWSTONE COUNTY DUI TASK FORCE

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## Yellowstone County DUI Task Force Meeting Minutes June 19, 2014

**Present:** Stephanie Hons, Nick Owens, Mike Yakawich, Morgan Riggs, Richard Gilmore, Brandon Ihde, Roger Gordon, Sharmon Brougham, Rodney Willson, Kevin Holland, Keith Edgell, Sarah Reil, RD Harper, Kristin Lundgren, Tess Besaw, Rod Souza, Darla Tyler-McSherry. **Excused:** Kent O'Donnell, Monty Wallis, Mary Aggers, Jeannie Martin, Sara Mahoney, Stan Langve.

Meeting called to order at 11:38 AM.

Mike Yakawich from the March Against Drugs and Violence gave an update on this year's event. He thanked the Task Force for the \$500 support through the RFP process. This was the 17<sup>th</sup> annual event and they gave away all 300 t-shirts and also gave away 200+ informational bags for information dissemination and swag giveaways. One of the pre-program events was promotion of the local prescription pill drop boxes with over 400 pounds of disposed prescription drugs collected. Other local groups help coordinate these efforts including Billings PD, Elks Lodge, and the MSUB Global Peace Youth Corp. The DUI Task Force will add locations of the prescription drug drop boxes to the website.

Morgan Riggs from MSUB HEROES gave a summary of their RFP request. They are asking for assistance in promoting the Jacket Cab Safe Rides program. They also asked for support for the printing and mailing of over 1,200 letters mailed to freshmen and parents prior to school beginning on how communicate with the children about alcohol, how to resist alcohol, how to set clear expectations, and more. Additionally, they asked for support for a student or advisor to attend the national conference for peer health educators which offers more than 70 educational sessions, 2 keynotes, and 6 featured health presentations. The presented nexus between their request and DUI TF funding is prevention and education aimed at the high-risk group of college students. The requested amount is \$2,100.

The Billings Police Department submitted two requests. The first is for the purchase of a copier, toner and paper to be used at the DUI Processing Center. The presented nexus is to help decrease the amount of officer time spent on each DUI, as currently the situation is that the officer must pass through two sets of locked doors to make a copies of paperwork associated with the DUI. The requested amount is \$332.86.

The second request from Billings PD is for the purchase of DVDs and CDs to be used at the DUI Center and in patrol cars for documentation of DUI interviews and telephonic search warrants. The purchase of 50 cylinders of discs and should meet the needs of all three agencies (BPD, MT Highway Patrol, and Sheriff's Office) for a year. The presented nexus between this request and DUI TF funding is documentation of DUI evidence. The requested amount is \$1,200.00.

Probation and Parole submitted a request to help pay overtime for P&P officers who are conducting home and bar checks on felony DUI or alcohol-related offenders. This will provide for an additional amount of 132 extra hours of manpower in the field. The presented nexus between this request is to help track and monitor offenders to insure compliance with the terms of their probation/parole. The requested amount is \$5,000.00.

**Stop drivers under the influence**

Tavern Taxi submitted a request for Tavern Taxi support. Since this program began the Tavern Taxi program averages 7 to 8 rides per day. Between four to six bars use this program very consistently, with others less frequently. The presented nexus between this request and DUI TF funding is providing an immediate, direct alternative in keeping impaired drivers off the road. The requested amount is \$5,000.00.

Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks submitted a request for special patrols to address alcohol-related problems including boating under the influence, drinking parties at isolated fishing access sites and other remote locations, drinking in Lake Elmo State Park, and river using spectators at the Billings area hill climbs. The presented nexus between this request and DUI TF funding is direct DUI enforcement. The requested amount is \$4,000.00.

The Yellowstone County Sheriff's Office submitted a request for an Alco-Sensor PBT and funds to help Sgt. Lester attend DRE recertification in Phoenix, AZ. The presented nexus between this request and DUI is equipment and training in DUI detection and enforcement. The requested amount is \$1,320 with \$450 for the PBT and \$870 for Sgt. Lester's DRE recertification costs.

In summary, here are the requests:

Organization	Project(s)	Amount Requested	Amount Funded	Comments
MSUB HEROES	Parent/freshmen letters, Jacket Cab support, conference support	\$2,100	\$2,100	Funded will be provided up front
Billings PD 1	Copier, toner, paper	\$332.86	\$332.86	
Billings PD 2	DVDS/CDs	\$1,200	\$1,200	
Probation & Parole	OT felony DUI checks	\$5,000	\$5,000	
Willson LLC	Tavern Taxi support	\$5,000	\$5,000	Willson abstained from voting
FWP	OT DUI patrol support	\$4,000	\$2,000	
Sheriff's Office	PBT and DRE recertification	\$1,320	\$1,320	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$18,952.86</b>	<b>\$16,952.86</b>	

All RFP recipients will need to provide a report after the end of this cycle, as per the RFP guidelines. Additionally, reimbursement requests must be submitted no later than 30 days after the end of the current cycle, which is December 31, 2014.

A motion was made to approve the May meeting minutes. Motion seconded and approved.

Kristin Lundgren and Tess Besaw gave an update on the Alive at 5:00 events. The Downtown Billings Association approved the proposal for the joint sponsorship from United Way and the DUI Task Force. They are needing help with wrist banding participants—they need 3 to 4 volunteers per week Nick sends out weekly volunteer requests to the group. The events run 4:30-8:00 and volunteers can work anytime during it, such as 5:00-8:00 or smaller blocks of time as well.

Officers Ihde and Gilmore gave a progress report of the parade presence for the Laurel 4<sup>th</sup> of July event. They have bought decorations and have ordered car magnets. The parade entry fee was \$30. A theme the Task Force liked is, "We want you to drive sober".

Members received a budget update.

Meeting adjourned at 12:57 PM.