

Yellowstone County DUI Task Force
Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2009

Present: Keith Edgell, Polly Eames, Laura Harper, Kristin Lundgren, Rick Musson, Monty Wallis, Jeannie Marten, John Bedford, David Carter, Roger Gordon, Mary Aggers, Tammi Reimer, Rod Willson, Barry Willson, Darla Tyler-McSherry. Excused: Kevin Holland

Meeting called to order at 12:02. A motion was made to approve the February minutes as is. Motion seconded and the vote passed.

David Carter informed the group of an issue with last month's approval to fund the light bars for some of the BPD patrol cars. After discussion, the following was agreed upon that the light bars address DUI issues by: 1) helps make the officer as visible as possible—safety aspect; 2) it provides fleet expansion and enhancement of DUI apprehension which serves as a force multiplier and 3) it helps upgrade equipment. The group again clarified that last month's vote was and is the will of the Yellowstone County DUI Task Force to support this project. David will meet with Lisa in Finance to clarify the issue.

The Coordinator pay topic was again addressed. David has been talking with Finance about Manpower's fees. The Coordinator's level of pay will be an agenda item for the April issue.

Darla asked for clarification from the group regarding the number of times an organization may request funding from the Task Force. At this point, there will not be a limit. The group realizes this first year will include a transitional period for funding requests from various organizations. The RFP will go out to previous recipients no later than the end of March.

We received a request from the March Against Drugs and Violence committee to support this year's event on June 13. A motion was made to support this cause in the amount of \$500 with the stipulation that our logo/banner be present and a part of the march. The group voted to approve this project and Kristin Lundgren abstained from voting.

Darla provided an update on the possibility of a website for the Task Force. The County IT department can create and maintain it. Agreed website content (to date) is: mailing address, mission statement, meeting dates, times, location, DUI stats from represented agencies, RFP process info/letter. Darla will compile this information. It will then take 1-2 weeks for IT to get the site up and running.

The Strategic Plan is once again coming due. The plan is typically modified year to year to fully address the issue of DUI across the county.

Billings Police Department brought forth a request to fund officers and city attorney to attend Post Certified Training HGN: Anatomy of Prosecution in April in Missoula. The request was for 3 people for \$675. A motion was made to fund this project up to \$1,100 to have more people participate if possible. Motion seconded and vote passed.

Darla will gather information on fees/rates and PSA donation from local TV stations for a possible next round of our existing commercials. She will report her findings at the April meeting.

Laurel PD requested clarification regarding the ICOP system. This project was approved and documented in previous Task Force minutes. Rick Musson will submit an invoice to Darla for payment.

Meeting adjourned at 1:06 PM.