



Yellowstone County DUI Task Force  
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**Yellowstone County DUI Task Force Meeting Minutes  
July 18, 2024**

**Present:** Brandon Ihde, Andy Beach, Bob Drake, Monty Wallis, Andrew Loken, Brennen Plucker, Glenn Gunther, Kent O'Donnell, Brandon Gatlin, Sam Morris, Kacy Keith, Darla Tyler-McSherry.

**Excused:** Haley Swan, Micky Eckhart, Kevin Holland, Bethany Honcoop, Jenna Solomon, Jeannie Martin, Karen Sylvester, Travis Sylvester.

Brandon called the meeting to order at 12:04 PM.

Members received the June meeting minutes via email. Kacy motioned for approval of the June meeting minutes without changes. Monty seconded. Motion approved.

There were no new disclosures for any Conflicts of Interest.

Members received the budget reports via email. We had been two quarterly reimbursement payments behind from the state, but now we believe it is only one payment behind. Because of the slowness of these payments, we reduced the upcoming RFP funds by 10K.

Travis was not able to attend today's meeting, therefore, we do not have a social media report. Members commented on the frequent posts that are in alignment with the "100 Deadliest Days on the Road" campaign which addresses impaired driving and summer recreation activities.

Brandon provided an update on the Symposium planning progress. Day One, Thursday, May 1, is mostly complete. For Day 2, we are reaching out to Sgt Newell, Michelle Evans from the State Crime Lab, and Officer Combs to place into some of the afternoon slots. Brandon will partner with Sam to conduct a K9 demonstration using his dogs and her Hidden in Plain Sight project. Andy is available to present on excited delirium. Ideas for swag include pens, paper, stickers, keychains. We can give away our BAC wheel charts and the rodeo handbills. Other new include car first aid kits, air fresheners, car shades. We can explore having sponsors pay for these costs. We will check with Travis on the possibility of drawing a random prize per month for social media comments related to Symposium posts. Andy stated he can donate a trauma kit.

Brandon and Darla are meeting with Commissioners today to present a request for PILT funds to help support the Symposium. We are asking for \$7,500. They provided \$5,000 for the 2023 Symposium.

Brandon provided an overview of the DUI Task Force's Laurel 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade presence. It was very well attended. Haley drove her Laurel patrol SUV, pulling Brandon's jet skis behind. We used our

magnets promoting awareness of cannabis-related impaired driving. Our banner was up over the railroad tracks in Laurel for a couple of weeks. A suggestion was made to explore the Burn the Point opportunities.

The Ales for Trails event takes place on Friday, September 6 from 5:00-10:00 at the Zoo. Kacy stated she will donate water again. Andy will again participate as the Safety Officer. As the time gets closer, Darla will send a sign up for volunteers. We will offer free bottled water, the interactive game, candy, etc.

RAID coins were made available at the meeting. Brennen will send an email to the group asking for volunteers to help distribute coins. We will ask Travis to create a design for a thank you card to go with the coins. Andy, Kacy, and Sam volunteered to help distribute. We can also use photos for an online collage for our Facebook page, Facebook reels, etc. (with getting consent from recipients to use their photos). Additionally, it was suggested we create an informational on "how to help an officer make an arrest" that corresponds with the promotion surroundings the coins.

In the new business section, Brandon shared information on a social media post regarding a "safety shot" that is purported to speed metabolism to "sober up" faster. This dialogue continued into the potential of the Task Force hosting a web lab for training purposes for local law enforcement. We will continue the dialogue.

The PPE kits are out in the field; to date, we haven't received any feedback. We do have QR codes on the kits for reorders and suggestions for items to be added to future kits.

Brandon asked for a motion to adjourn. Kacy motioned; Glenn seconded. Motion approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:57 PM.