

## **DUI TASK FORCE MEETING**

### **MINUTES – September 1, 2021**

The Granite County DUI Task Force met on Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. in open meeting at the Granite County Courthouse's District Courtroom for its normally scheduled meeting. The meeting was called to Order by Sheriff Scott Dunkerson at 1:18 p.m. Task Force members in attendance included the following Sheriff Scott Dunkerson; Blaine Bradshaw, Granite County Attorney; Claudette Parke, Granite County Attorney's Office (non-voting); Dirk Sichveland; Dwayne Ulrich, and Anna Belle Locke (New Member). Members not in attendance were Montana Highway Patrol Sgt. Dave Oliverson and Tami Martin, Butte Cares, Administrator.

Sheriff Dunkerson noted that a quorum was present for this meeting.

**Reading of the Minutes:** The meeting minutes from May 5, 2021 were reviewed and approved. A motion for approval of the May 5, 2021 minutes was made by Dwayne Ulrich and seconded by Anna Belle Locke with all voting in favor of the motion.

**FINANCIALS:** Sheriff Scott Dunkerson shared an email that was received showing \$200 reinstatement fees that were received for the task force and that they would continue to come due to the DUI Task Force Plan that is in effect. Sheriff Dunkerson shared the process of the reinstatement fees with new member Anna Bell Locke. Currently there is \$3,256.28 in the DUI Task Force Fund.

**MIP/DUI REPORT:** Sheriff Scott Dunkerson provided the MIP/DUI report for the last 2 months from the sheriff's office with reporting only two (2) in the past few months.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Sheriff Scott Dunkerson stated that there had been any DUI Patrols on the July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday weekend. Sheriff Scott Dunkerson stated that the sheriff's office had opted out of the Campground patrols as the Deputies work enough overtime already and would still patrol the campgrounds but it wouldn't be specifically Campground Patrols. Sheriff Dunkerson shared that MHP is stretched thin in Butte and they are not able to be in Granite County as often as he would like. Sheriff Dunkerson was hopeful that a new captain at the helm of the MHP would be a positive change for patrols in Granite County.

Sheriff Dunkerson stated that he only had two (2) gift cards remaining so Granite County Attorney, Blaine Bradshaw made a motion to approve \$100 to buy Designated Driver gift cards (5 at \$20) from a Kikos Mexican Restaurant in Philipsburg. The motion was seconded by Dwayne Ulrich and everyone voted in favor of the motion.

Dirk Sichveland reported that the Sunshine and White Front Bars have some of the Think Twice single use tests for those patrons who want to check their alcohol level before driving home. Sheriff Dunkerson shared that in his experience 4-5 beers can put you over the legal limit.

There was an open discussion regarding the possible marijuana DUI's that could be coming up with the legality of marijuana in Montana. Scott with the Montana Crime Lab was hoping get more blood test kits to local law enforcement agencies. Currently, there are no MHP DRE (Drug

Recognition Expert) in the area. Granite County Attorney, Blaine Bradshaw stated that MHP Trooper Christopher Ellis was going to be attending DRE training soon.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** The Task Force listed the following upcoming events: Labor Day Weekend; Octoberfest/Blues & BBQ's; School sporting events

New member Anna Belle Locke stated that she had spoken to Granite High School Superintendent Mr. Nice about having someone possibly speak at the school to discuss the consequences of impaired driving. Sheriff Dunkerson shared that Missoula County has a wrecked car (from DUI crash) that they take to schools sometimes as an object lesson. There was also discussion about a possible simulator experience in the schools. Possibly could work with both Drummond High School and Granite High School Superintendents to join in a common activity. Sheriff Dunkerson let Anna Belle know that Deputy Jason Ostler is the SRO and would be the one to coordinate with on these matters. County Attorney, Blaine Bradshaw suggested checking with Anaconda Schools to see if they already have something scheduled that local schools could also contact. County Attorney, Blaine Bradshaw made a motion to approve \$500 to Anna Belle Locke toward a speaker or program for the schools. The motion was seconded by Dwayne Ulrich and all voted in favor of the motion.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Dirk Sichveland stated that he believed that the Think Twice program was a success and discussed other possible businesses who would like to be involved. No decisions were made on the DUI Task Force paying for additional businesses to be included.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** None were discussed

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at 1:00 pm in the Granite County Courthouse District Courtroom. Meetings are held, per the by-laws, on the first Wednesday of March, May, September and December.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.