

**Anaconda-Deer Lodge County
DUI Task Force Meeting Minutes
10:00 am Thursday Sept 14 2023
3rd Floor Community Center Conference Room**

Board Members in Attendance; Ben Krakowka – ADLC County Attorney, Mike Beausoleil –ADLC Commissioner District One; Marc Arment ADLC Housing Officer; Vera Hoscheid- ADLC Victim Witness Advocate, Sue Konicek, Debbie Robinson -Public Health Representative;

Absent: Dave Oliverson - Montana Highway Patrol

Members of the Public: Katie Gruss, Jaycee Jette,

Call To Order: County Attorney Ben Krakowka called the meeting to order at 10:00 am

Approval of Minutes from July 13 2023, DUI Task Force Meeting

Mike Beausoleil motioned to approve the minutes from July 13, it was seconded by Marc Arment. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report

County Attorney Ben Krakowka reported that the current balance is \$28159.75

MIP/DUI Report

County Attorney Ben Krakowka updated DUI and MIP reports for February 23.

2023	DUI	MIP
January	12 (5 ALDC, 7MHP)	2 (MHP)
February	5 (ADLC)	1 (ADLC)
March	8 (ADLC)	2 (ADLC)
April	1(ADLC)	15 (ADLC)
May	4 (2ADLC) (2MHP)	3 (ADLC)
June	2 (ADLC)	2(ADLC)
July	4 (ADLC)	1 (ADLC)
August	6 (ADLC)	1 (ADLCL
Sept	1 (ADLC)	0 (ADLC)
TOTAL	43 (34 ADLC, 9 MHP)	25 (22 ADLC , 2MHP)

Mr. Krakowka reported seven DUI's in August and Sept. and one MIP. He noted that some of the

relatively low BAC levels reflect the good work that the officers are doing. They are paying close attention to drivers who exhibit signs of impairment. They are also comfortable ordering blood tests in the field. He spoke about those who refuse a breath test. He explained that if the driver has a previous DUI or have previously refused a breath test the officer has the option to order a blood draw by requesting a warrant. The blood tests pick up substances other than alcohol such as meth or marijuana. Mr. Krakowka explained that even if a driver has a BAC between .04 and .08 the case can still be prosecuted if there is evidence of impaired driving.

Sgt. Oliverson had provided data via email regarding MHP alcohol related citations. This data will be presented at the next meeting after Mr. Krakowka has time to examine the documents.

Approval of the Financial and MIP/DUI reports was motioned by Marc Arment and seconded by Vera Hoscheid. The motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business –

- A. Ice Cream with a Cop Red Ribbon Week Activity: Katie Gruss reported that the ice cream single serve cups are no longer available through Butte Produce. She found a more expensive alternative and requested \$1000.00 from the DUI TF for the event. She felt confident that she can find the ice cream for less than that amount but preferred to ask for that amount in case it cost that much.

Marc Arment motioned to approve donating \$1000 from DUI TF funds to the Ice Cream With A Cop event. Seconded by Vera Hoscheid. Passed unanimously.

- B. ACI/ Jaycee Jette requested \$500 financial assistance for purchases related to Red Ribbon Week Activities in the schools. The money will help purchase stickers, pencils and bookmarks for the younger students and \$10 gift cards for the High School.

Marc Arment motioned to approve donating \$500 from DUI TF funds to ACI Red Ribbon Week purchases. Seconded by Mike Beausoleil. Passed unanimously.

New Business

No new business

Miscellaneous Announcements –

- A. Sue Konicek inquired about the feasibility of sending a local LE officer through DRE training. Mr. Krakowka reported that there is scholarship/grant money available for the training tuition fee. If DUI TF directs money toward the training of the officer it would be for housing and food for the trainee. Discussion ensued regarding specific officers and the criteria to be used to determine the appropriateness of different individuals for the training. It was agreed by Mr. Krakowka and Mr. Arment that Chief Sather should be the person to determine the best candidate. Officer Arment will bring up the topic with Chief Sather and other officers to gauge interest level. Mr. Beausoleil added that the county budget will be subject to many cuts soon that may include the Police Department budget. The DUI TF does currently have the funds to assist with the costs associated with this training.

- B. Katie Gruss spoke about the statistics from the Motor Vehicle Division of the Montana Dept. of Justice. The data reflects no felony DUI convictions in ADLC since 2019. Mr. Krakowka disputed this and feels that the ADLC courthouse personnel may not be providing the MVD with the correct statistics from the county. Mr. Krakowka will reach out to the contact from the MVD in an attempt to discover why the numbers are incorrect.

Public Comments –

No public comment

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Sept Oct 12, 2023

Adjournment

Marc Arment moved to adjourn the meeting it was seconded by Vera Hoscheid. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 am.

Sue Konicsek, Treasurer
DUI Task Force

Ben Krakowka, Chairperson
DUI Task Force