

**Anaconda-Deer Lodge County  
DUI Task Force Meeting Minutes  
10:00 am Thursday Nov 16 2023  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Community Center Conference Room**

**Board Members in Attendance;** Ben Krakowka – ADLC County Attorney, Marc Arment ADLC Housing Officer; Vera Hoscheid- ADLC Victim Witness Advocate, Sue Konicek

**Absent:** Mike Beausoleil –ADLC Commissioner District One; Debbie Robinson -Public Health Representative;

**Members of the Public:** Katie Gruss, Jaycee Jette,

**Call To Order:** County Attorney Ben Krakowka called the meeting to order at 10:03 am

**Approval of Minutes from Sept 14, 2023, DUI Task Force Meeting**

Keith Lopez motioned to approve the minutes from July 13, it was seconded by Vera Hoscheid. Motion passed unanimously.

**Financial Report**

County Attorney Ben Krakowka reported that the current balance is \$26516.50

**MIP/DUI Report**

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

| 2023         | DUI                        | MIP                        |
|--------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| January      | 12 (5 ADLC, 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 (ADLC)                   |
| Sept         | 2 (ADLC)                   | 0 (ADLC)                   |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>45 (36 ADLC, 9 MHP)</b> | <b>29 (27 ADLC , 2MHP)</b> |

Mr. Krakowka expressed continuing frustration with light sentencing for repeat DUI offenders in ADLC. He reported that the judge often prefers not requiring offenders to attend WATCH or other

treatment programs. A recent case involved a 5<sup>th</sup> DUI offense. The offender was given a lighter sentence for his 5<sup>th</sup> offense than when he committed his 4<sup>th</sup> DUI offense.

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

#### **Unfinished Business –**

- A. Ice Cream with a Cop Red Ribbon Week Activity report: Katie Gruss reported that the event was very successful with young kids interacting with Law Enforcement officers in a positive manner. Katie Gruss, Sue Konicek and Jaycee Jette are in agreement that they would like to see the event repeated next year.
- B. DRE Training update: Marc Arment reported that he has been asking several officers if they are interested in taking the training. So far, he has not had any officers expressing a desire to undergo the training. He feels that some are thinking about it. He will continue asking officers.
- C. Update regarding MVD statistics: Ben Krakowka reported that he could not reach anyone at the MVD. He did, however, speak with someone at the DOJ who verified that they were receiving accurate DUI conviction numbers from ADLC. He feels there may be a disconnect between the DOJ and the MVD or that there may be confusion regarding Deer Lodge Counties statistics and the town of Deer Lodge's statistics. He feels confident that the DOJ statistics for ADLC are accurate and there will be no discrepancy which would negatively affect DUI Task Force funding.

#### **New Business**

- A. Vera brought it to the group's attention that the High School Snowball Dance has been moved to Friday the 17. She expressed a desire that law enforcement callout extra officers to monitor this event. The group agreed that this would be a good use of DUI TF funds. Marc Arment will ask Chief Sather if callouts can be added to the schedule on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Miscellaneous Announcements –**

- A. Jaycee Jette reported that Red Ribbon Week events were successful. The following businesses participated in distributing treats to youth wearing red ribbons: Jordies, Copper Kiss Coffee, Stageline Pizza, Taco Time, McDonalds. Amanda Bohrer, ADLC tobacco prevention specialist provided materials to the schools from the Natural High program. SW MT Prevention, ACI, Anaconda Community Foundation and Discover Anaconda collaborated to light the Visitor Center in red lights.
- B. Mr. Krakowka suggested that the DUI TF offer windows stickers to local businesses who are supportive of events such as Red Ribbon Week and other DUI TF sponsored events. Sue will design some stickers and bring them to the Dec. for review
- C. Mr. Krakowka announced to the group that Highway Patrolman Oliverson who has served on the DUI TF for many years will be leaving the Task Force. He now is working at the headquarters in Boulder so it will be difficult for him to participate. Mr. Karakowka announced that there will be another Highway Patrolman joining the DUI TF. Ms. Konicek will bring a Thank You Card for Sgt. Oliverson to be signed at the Dec. meeting.

- D. Mr. Krakowka inquired about ACI activities which may need financial support. Jaycee explained that ACI will be holding a “Casino Night” themed After Snow Ball event at the Elks. She reported that they are not in need of funds currently.

**Public Comments –**

No public comment

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Dec 14, 2023

**Adjournment**

Vera Hoscheid moved to adjourn the meeting it was seconded by Keith Lopez. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:32 am.

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Sue Konicek, Treasurer  
DUI Task Force

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Ben Krakowka, Chairperson  
DUI Task Force