

Carbon County DUI Task Force Plan



July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016
Submitted to the
Montana Highway Traffic Safety Bureau
Montana Department of Transportation

Our Mission:

To reduce the percentage of alcohol related crashes, deaths, and incidents in Carbon County, to increase the conviction rate of DUI's and MIP's, and to elevate the awareness, prevention and education of legal consequences to driving drunk.

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Approved By the
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We, by our signatures, as the Commissioner Board of Carbon County, resolve to approve the existence and Mission of the Carbon County DUI Task Force for the Fiscal Year of July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016


John Grewell, Chairman

5/14/2015
Date


John Prinkki, Commissioner

5/14/2015
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5-14-2015
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Carbon County DUI Task Force

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Carbon County Overview

Carbon County is located in the South Central region of Montana and covers approximately 2, 048 square miles. According to the 2010 Census, 10, 078 people reside in Carbon County.¹

There are 54 active liquor licenses in Carbon County, including

- 11 Off-Premise type, beer and wine, grocery store;
- 35 On-Premise type, all beverage;
- 6 On-Premise type, beer and wine;
- 1 Temporary On-Premise type, all beverage;
- 1 National Fraternal Organizations type, all beverage.

In Carbon County Courts there were 139 DUI arrests April 2014 through April 2015. There were 83 filings in 2013, down 36 % from 2012 filings of 131. While the 2014 arrest total is a big jump (40%) from the total number of arrests in 2013, it may be due, in part, to the fact that Red Lodge was without a Chief of Police for much of 2013.

Of the 139 DUI filings in Carbon County Courts, there were 65 guilty verdicts, (47 %), including

- 21 guilty verdicts of 63 arrests in Red Lodge City Court (33%),
- 35 guilty verdicts of 56 arrests in Carbon County Justice Court (62.5%), and
- 9 guilty verdicts of 18 arrests in Carbon County District Court (50 %).

Of the 30 MIP filings in Carbon County Courts, there were 25 guilty verdicts (83%), including

- 9 of 13 in Red Lodge City Court, (69%), and
- 16 of 17 in Carbon County Justice Court, (94%).

70.9% of respondents to the 2013 Beartooth Billings Clinic Community Health Assessment identified Alcohol/drug/tobacco use/abuse as the number one health concern in Carbon County.² It was the number one health concern when the Community Health assessment was conducted in 2009, also.³

In 2010 Montana had the second highest alcohol-impaired fatality rates in the nation, 0.66 per 100 million vehicle miles traveled. It was almost double the national rate of 0.34.⁴ With fifty four of fifty six counties reporting, Carbon County ranked 11th highest for alcohol and/or drug related crashes in 2011.⁵

According to the Carbon County Youth Risk Behavior Survey conducted in 2009, forty four percent of high school students had consumed at least one drink of alcohol in the last 30 days. Twenty nine percent had consumed five or more drinks of alcohol in a row, within a couple hours in that thirty day period.⁶

¹ 2010 US Census Bureau Quickfacts

² Community Health Services Development Community Health Assessment Report, Beartooth Billings Clinic, Revised October 2013

³ Community Health Services Development Community Health Assessment Report, Beartooth Billings Clinic, 2009

⁴ MT Gov. Overview of Montana's Impaired Driving Problem Updated August 2011

⁵ MT Gov. Overview of Montana's Impaired Driving Problem Updated August 2011

⁶ 2009 Carbon County Youth Risk Behavior Survey

The Carbon County DUI Task Force is committed to working with local and county law enforcement officials and county prosecutors to help prevent drinking and driving crashes and underage drinking through education, awareness and prosecution.

Carbon County continues to be challenged with:

- Illegal Alcohol Sales and Service
 - Local law enforcement repeatedly states that over-serving alcohol is the number one problem in Carbon County, Red Lodge in particular.
- MIP parties hosted by adults of legal age at private residences
- Lax attitudes of many parents and adults about underage drinking
- Carbon County residents and business owners lack of knowledge regarding liquor laws.
- Failure to conduct compliance checks.

Goals and Objectives

Program Goals:

- To reduce the number of drinking and driving occurrences, crashes and deaths in Carbon County and
- To keep alcohol out of the hands of underage youth and
- To increase awareness of the dangers and consequences of drinking and driving.

Program Administration:

The DUI Task Force is made up of members from different facets of DUI enforcement and prevention. Members are listed at the beginning of this plan. Contact information is at the end of this plan.

The Carbon County DUI Task Force meets in Red Lodge at 12:00 pm, for a lunch meeting, in the Conference Room of the Carbon County Public Services building, at 10 South Oakes, Red Lodge. The meetings are Quarterly. The meetings are announced via the Carbon County News, social media, and e-mail delivered agendas. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

DUI Task Force Coordinator:

The Program Coordinator will be responsible for the following:

- Implementation and monitoring the Carbon County DUI Task Force Plan and budget.
- Administer DUI patrol contracts with local law enforcement agencies.
- Serve as liaison to the media, the State Highway Traffic Safety Office and other community and state groups.
- Write and submit the Carbon County DUI Task Force plan and the year-end report to the Carbon County Commissioners and the State Highway Traffic Safety Bureau.
- Participate in the bi-annual statewide DUI Task Force meeting hosted by the Montana Department of Transportation's State Highway Traffic Safety Bureau if held.

- Attend a regional DUI Task Force meeting to network with others.
- Keep the Task Force members updated on recent events and data, take minutes at the monthly meetings, and produce agendas and minutes to the Task Force and community members.

Objective 1: Increase public knowledge about the dangers of drinking and driving and the consequences associated with DUI's caused by over-service of alcohol.

Strategies:

- Use Local Newspapers, Radio, other mediums and Social Media to educate and build awareness, through free and paid publicity.
- Attend and present a display at the Carbon County Health Fair with activities, information and “freebies” related to DUI and MIP prevention.
- Aggressively hold RASS trainings in Carbon County to educate servers and sellers, law enforcement and Carbon County residents about the law and the consequences of over serving.
- Create a strong presence throughout Carbon County by recruiting and retaining Task Force members from the whole County
- Obtain Chamber of Commerce membership.

Objective 2: Decrease the number of MIPs by reducing the sale and distribution of alcohol to underage youth in Carbon County.

Strategies:

- Aggressively hold RASS trainings in Carbon County to educate servers and sellers, law enforcement and Carbon County residents about how to reduce third party sales of alcohol to minors and the consequences of selling to minors.
- Provide clear information and education to Carbon County outlets and the public regarding underage drinking laws.
- Engage local School administration, guidance counselors and activity directors in policy setting and enforcement for students and student athletes who get MIPs or DUIs.
- Work with law enforcement to implement compliance checks throughout Carbon County.
- Engage the residents of the municipalities and county residents in discussions of Social Host ordinances.

Objective 3: Decrease the number of DUI incidents, crashes, injuries and deaths, in Carbon County by deterring drivers from driving under the influence.

Strategies:

- Recognition for officers that perform consistently in identifying and arresting DUI suspects.

- Fund vital equipment for identifying and documenting DUI evidence, such as PBTs, in-car video cameras, personal video recording devices, etc.
- Coordinate and fund saturated DUI patrols for local officers to make a presence in our community during known local alcohol related events, i.e. Graduation weekends, Home of Champions Rodeo, Iron Horse Rodeo, Jim Bridger Days, Ski Joring, and Winter Carnival.
- Develop a voucher program with Red Lodge Taxi Service, licensees, and Carbon County residents, whereas the DUI Task Force will reimburse for rides home for residents who meet the set criteria.
- Be aggressive in providing reinforcement and recognition for Carbon County residents who consistently use their seat belts.

Objective 4: Reduce the over service of alcohol in bars and restaurants in Carbon County

Strategies:

- Aggressively hold RASS trainings in Carbon County to educate servers and sellers, law enforcement and Carbon County residents about the consequences of over serving alcohol to customers or selling to intoxicated persons.
- Work with law enforcement to encourage the use of citations or incident reports for over service when it has been identified, or when an arrest has been made at or near a bar for an alcohol related incident.
- Build a relationship with licensees and Carbon Stillwater Tavern Association members to gain insight into the challenges they encounter when complying with the law. Strategize ways to comply with the law while maintaining and growing their businesses.

Objective 5: Educate youth to the dangers of alcohol, tobacco and drug use.

Strategies

- Recruit local school administrators, guidance counselors, driver's education instructors, Health teachers, coaches or activity directors to the DUI Task Force.
- Maintain involvement in the "It's Your Choice" program at Carbon County Schools.
- Work cooperatively with the ReACT program, providing prevention education and activities for 7th through 12th graders in County Schools.
- Distribute materials and information regarding drinking and driving to parents through the schools and community groups, i.e. 4-H, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Church Youth Groups and the Boys and Girls Club.
- Coordinate and fund MIP Party Patrols for local officers to make a presence in our communities on known alcohol related events such as Homecomings and proms.
- Fund a \$500 scholarship to a graduating Carbon County senior who will submit an essay about drinking and driving. (Applications for the scholarship will be available February 1, and must be returned to the Dui Task Force by April 30th) The winner will be announced at the end of May. Other participants will receive a thank you letter from the task force for applying.

- Continued support for the Boys and Girls Club Alcohol Awareness Award at the annual Carbon County Celebration of Youth program.

2015-2016 Fiscal Budget Estimate

Description		Annually	Total
Salaries and Wages			
DUI Patrol	8 @ 180.00 per event	\$1440.00	
MIP Party Patrol	4 @ 180.00 per event	720.00	
Coordinator Salary	250 @ 15.00 per hour	3750.00	
Salary Expenses		920.00	
Salaries and Wages			\$6830.00
Office Expenses			
Office Supplies		\$200.00	
Memberships		200.00	
Postage		125.00	
Freight & Shipping		25.00	
Printing		50.00	
Office Expenses			\$600.00
Policy and Legislation			
Compliance Checks		\$600.00	
Meeting Expenses		400.00	
RASS Trainings		200.00	
Travel & meals		200.00	
Policy and Legislation			\$1400.00
Education/Awareness/Media Advocacy			
Speakers		\$1500.00	
Voucher/RL Taxi		500.00	
It's Your Choice		350.00	
Scholarship		500.00	
Celebration of Youth		50.00	
Publicity/advertising		1200.00	
Educational games/contests		1000.00	
Prevention events		630.00	
Education/Awareness/Media Advocacy			\$5730.00
Enforcement/Prosecution/Adjudication			
Equipment purchases, PBTs, Video cameras		\$5000.00	
Enforcement/Prosecution/Adjudication			\$5000.00
Carry Forward to FY17		\$6000.00	\$6000.00
Total			\$25,560.00
Projected Carry Forward from FY 15		\$2560.00	
Projected Income 2015-2016		5000.00	
One time Reinstatement fees		18000.00	
Total Revenue			\$25,560.00

2014-2015 Accomplishments

Quarter 1, July, August, September 2014

- The Carbon County Commissioners hired a new DUI Task Force Coordinator.
- Sara Mahoney, Prevention Specialist, agreed to conduct regular RASS classes, as needed in Carbon County until the Coordinator, Mary Cameron, could obtain certification.
- Extra patrols were approved for Jim Bridger Days, in Bridger.
- The Task force met in September.
- RASS class was held in Rockvale with 12 in attendance from the Bridger, Rockvale and Fromberg area.

Quarter 2, October, November, December 2014

- A RASS Class was held in October at the Red Lodge Elks club. There were 15 in attendance.
- In October the coordinator manned a booth presentation at the Carbon County Health Fair, held at the Beartooth Billings clinic.
- The Coordinator created and promoted a Carbon County DUI Task Force Facebook page.
- A RASS Class was held in December at the Buckeye Bar in Bridger. There were 14 in attendance.
- The November DUI Task Force meeting was rescheduled for January.
- Ads were purchased on the radio, FM99 the Mountain, for the week prior to New Year's Eve.
- Reminders to refrain from drinking and driving were placed on social media sites in Carbon County, Red Lodge Classifieds, Red Lodge Buzz, Red Lodge Alert, Carbon County Classifieds, and Carbon County DUI Task Force Facebook pages.

Quarter 3, January, February, March 2015

- A RASS class was held in January at the Elks in Red Lodge. 6 people attended.
- The DUI Task Force meeting scheduled for January was cancelled.
- The DUI TF Coordinator attended training in February to become certified to teach the Prime for Life (ACT) class for the Mental Health Center in Red Lodge.
- A RASS Class was held in March at the Red Lodge Pizza Company. 28 people attended.
- Reminders to refrain from drinking and driving were placed on social media sites in Carbon County, Red Lodge Classifieds, Red Lodge Buzz, Red Lodge Alert, Carbon County Classifieds, and Carbon County DUI Task Force Facebook pages.
- We awarded a \$50 savings bond at the Celebration of Youth for the winner of the Dangers of Drinking and Driving category.

Quarter 4, April, May, June 2015

- In April the DUI Task Force Coordinator attended training at the Great Falls Police Department to obtain certification to teach the RASS, Let's Control It, course.
- In April we teamed up with the ReACT, Tobacco Prevention Specialist, Jean Atherly, and held a Tobacco, Alcohol and Drug free dinner, movie and activity night at Red Lodge Pizza Company for youth in 7th through 12th grades. It was attended by about 30 kids.

- A DUI Task Force meeting was held at the Carbon County Public Services Building, 10 South Oakes, in Red Lodge. It was well attended. The Task Force decided to meet again in May, after the plan is submitted to the commissioners for approval.
- In May, two RASS Classes were held at the Carbon County Public Services Building. 25 people attended the classes.
- In May the coordinator submitted the DUI Task Force Plan for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 to the Carbon County Commissioners.
- In May placed ads in Carbon County News and FM99 The Mountain prior to graduations in Carbon County
- A 2nd DUI Task Force meeting was held in May at the Carbon County Public Services Building.
- Submitted the DUI Task Force Plan for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 to the Montana Highway Traffic Safety Bureau, Montana Department of Transportation.

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