

# Carbon County DUI Task Force Plan



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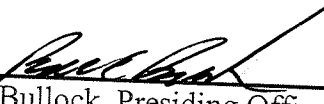
Our Mission:

**To reduce the number of alcohol related crashes, deaths, crimes and injuries in Carbon County; to increase the conviction rate of DUIs and MIPs; and to elevate awareness and prevention by educating the public of the legal, financial and community consequences to driving impaired.**

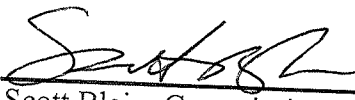
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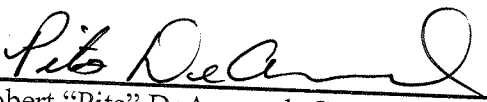
We, by our signatures, as the Commissioner Board of Carbon County, resolve to approve the existence and Mission of the Carbon County DUI Task Force for the Fiscal Year of July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019

  
Bill Bullock, Presiding Officer

5-17-18  
Date

  
Scott Blain, Commissioner

5/17/18  
Date

  
Robert "Pits" DeArmond, Commissioner

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# Carbon County DUI Task Force

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Becky Narmore	Red Lodge City Attorney
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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.<sup>1</sup>

There are 57 active liquor licenses in Carbon County, including

- 16 Off-Premise type, beer and wine, grocery store, including 1 in pending status.
- 32 On-Premise type, all beverage, including 1 Seasonal & 1 National Fraternal Organizations type;
- 9 On-Premise type, beer and wine, including 2 Seasonal & 3 Restaurant (1 pending);

Carbon County Sheriff's Office made 48 DUI arrests in 2017. Carbon County Justice Court convicted 37 defendants. Red Lodge Police Officers made 60 arrests for DUI in 2017. Red Lodge City Court convicted 38 DUI defendants. The total number of DUI arrests in Carbon County is up to 108, which is 8 more than 2016. Carbon County courts successfully convicted 75 defendants of DUI in 2017, down from 110 in 2016. Some of those defendants had been charged in 2016, but hadn't been brought to court until 2017. Some of the defendants arrested in 2017 will not go to court until 2018. DUI Task Force will work with prosecutors to provide financial support, as requested and approved, to bring DUI convictions up.

In 2017, Carbon County law enforcement agencies made a total of 22 arrests for Possession Of Intoxicating Substances While Under the Age of 21. More than half of those arrested, 12, were under the age of 18 years. It is the consensus of the CC DUI TF that we need to concentrate more of our efforts on the problem of underage drinking in Carbon County.

Also in 2017, Red Lodge City Court had 13 convictions for Liquor Law violations, including, Selling to a Person Intoxicated or Under Age 21, and Providing Alcoholic Beverage to an Intoxicated Person. There were 6 open container citations issued in Red Lodge.

Data from 2015 indicates that 58% of all crash fatalities in Montana were the result of impaired driving. This is a 4.6% increase from the previous five year average (2010-2014). The consumption of alcoholic beverages in Montana is nearly 33 percent greater than the national average of 2.32 gallons per capita.<sup>2</sup> The CC DUI TF decided to expand our prevention education activities to bring together more parents, students, health and safety professionals and initiate discussions in our communities about changing practices and attitudes that view teen drinking as acceptable.

70.9% of respondents to the 2016 Beartooth Billings Clinic Community Health Assessment identified Alcohol/drug/tobacco use/abuse as the number one health concern in Carbon County.<sup>3</sup> It was the number one health concern when the Community Health assessments were conducted in 2013<sup>4</sup> and 2009, also.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> 2010 US Census Bureau Quickfacts

<sup>2</sup> Impaired Driving Program Assessment, State of Montana, National Traffic Safety Administration, April 10-16, 2016

<sup>3</sup> Community Health Services Development Community Health Assessment Report, Beartooth Billings Clinic, 2016

<sup>4</sup> Community Health Services Development Community Health Assessment Report, Beartooth Billings Clinic, 2013

<sup>5</sup> Community Health Services Development Community Health Assessment Report, Beartooth Billings Clinic, 2009

The Carbon County DUI Task Force is committed to working with local and county law enforcement officials, county prosecutors, liquor license holders and community members, 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.
- Lax attitudes among parents and adults about teenagers drinking alcohol.
- Convicting drivers charged with DUI.
- Failure to wear seat belts.

## **Goals and Objectives**

### **Program Goals:**

- To reduce the number of drinking and driving occurrences, crashes and deaths in Carbon County,
- To keep alcohol out of the hands of underage youth and young adults,
- To increase DUI conviction rates, and
- To increase seatbelt use.

### **Program Administration:**

The DUI Task Force is made up of members from different facets of law enforcement, local civic leaders, health, and safety professionals. 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 Personal Services building, at 10 Oakes Ave South, Red Lodge. Currently, the meetings are held the third Monday of odd months. 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.
- Work cooperatively with local law enforcement agencies and provide financial assistance when possible, for extra patrols at events where alcohol is served in Carbon County communities.
- Serve as liaison to the media, the State Highway Traffic Safety Office and other community and state groups.
- Conduct regular Let's Control It! classes for the alcohol servers and sellers of Carbon County.
- 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 bimonthly 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.
- Organize and sponsor four Coffee with a Cop events in Carbon County. Two in Red Lodge and two in Bridger.
- Conduct Let's Control It! 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 Carbon County
- Conduct two of the six DUI Task Force meetings, in a Carbon County community other than Red Lodge.
- Attend RASS trainings conducted by other trainers in Carbon County to inform students and trainers about DUI and MIP information specific to Carbon County.

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

Strategies:

- Conduct 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.
- Attend RASS trainings conducted by other trainers in Carbon County to inform students and trainers about DUI and MIP information specific to Carbon County.

**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 and training for local officers, as requested and approved, to make a presence in our community during known local alcohol related events, and increase DUI conviction rates.
- Further develop a Safe Ride program with Red Lodge Taxi Service, Uber, licensees, and Carbon County residents, whereas the DUI Task Force will reimburse for rides home for residents and visitors during local alcohol related events.
- Promote the use of the free SaferRide app among Android and iOS smart phone users.
- Provide 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:

- Conduct 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.
- Attend RASS trainings conducted by other trainers in Carbon County to inform students and trainers about DUI and MIP information specific to Carbon County.
- Maintain a relationship with licensees and the 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 participate in open discussions with parents and students about teenage drinking, access to alcohol and drinking and driving.
- Work cooperatively with the ReACT program, providing prevention education and activities for 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders in County Schools.

## 2018-2019 Fiscal Budget Estimate

2950 DUI Task Force	Category	Description	Total
<b>111 Salaries and Wages</b>			
		<b>Coordinator Salary</b>	<b>\$3000.00</b>
<b>141 Unemployment</b>			9.00
<b>142 Worker Comp</b>			34.00
<b>144 FICA</b>			230.00
<b>145 PERS</b>			245.00
		<b>Salary Expense</b>	<b>518.00</b>
<b>210 Office Supplies</b>			
			<b>400.00</b>
<b>220 Operating Supplies</b>			
Enforcement, prosecution, Adjudication		Equipment, training	1690.00
Education/Awareness/Media Advocacy		RASS Classes	240.00
Policy and Legislation		Meeting expenses	1100.00
		<b>Operating supplies</b>	<b>3030.00</b>
<b>311 Postage, Box Rent, Etc</b>			<b>25.00</b>
<b>312 Freight &amp; Shipping</b>			<b>25.00</b>
<b>330 Publicity, Subscriptions, Dues, Fees</b>			
Education/Awareness/Media Advocacy		advertising	2700.00
		<b>Public, Subscrip, Dues, Fees</b>	<b>2700.00</b>
<b>370 Travel, Meals Etc</b>			
Policy and Legislation		RASS, presentations	600.00
		<b>Travel Meals Etc</b>	<b>600.00</b>
<b>390 Other Purchased Services</b>			
Enforcement, Prosecution, Adjudication		DUI/MIP Patrol	1080.00
Education/Awareness/Media Advocacy		Voucher RL Taxi/Uber	600.00
Enforcement, Prosecution, Adjudication		DUI specific training	350.00
		<b>Other Purchased Services</b>	<b>2030.00</b>
		<b>Carry Over to FY 20</b>	<b>2072.00</b>
		<b>Budget TOTAL</b>	<b>\$14,400.00</b>
Projected Carry Forward from FY 17		\$7440.00	
Projected Reinstatement Fees 2017-2018		7000.00	
		<b>Projected Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$14,400.00</b>



## 2017-2018 Accomplishments

### **Quarter 1, July, August, September 2017**

- One Let's Control It training was held. 7 servers and sellers earned certification.
- Attended August 2017 Liquor Education Summit at Big Sky
- \$1,700 license reinstatement fees were received.
- \$1,500 license reinstatement fees were received for Q4, FY17.
- \$551 undistributed license reinstatement fees were received for FY17.
- July 24, 2017, correspondence to Red Lodge Area Chamber of Commerce regarding DOR special permits for chamber sponsored events.
- August 23, 2017, submitted correspondence to Carbon County News, asking businesses, agencies or organizations to host Coffee With a Cop events.
- September 14, 2017, published an article in Carbon County News announcing Coffee with a Cop program in Carbon County.
- September 28, 2017, placed an ad in Carbon County News notifying public of two Coffee with a Cop events in Carbon County on October 4, 2017

### **Quarter 2, October, November, December 2017**

- Two Let's Control It trainings were held, one of them in Bridger. 16 servers and sellers earned certification
- \$1,200 license reinstatement fees were received.
- October 4, 2017, held two Coffee with a Cop events in Carbon County on October 4, 2017, at the Coffee Roasters in Red Lodge, and at the Buckeye Bar and Garage Steakhouse in Bridger.
- In November Coordinator met with the Red Lodge Merchants and Lodging Association. I conducted a presentation on Montana Laws regarding the service of alcohol, and the availability of DOR special permits for events.
- November 20, 2017, DUI Task Force meeting was held.
- December 13, Coffee with a Cop at Dry Creek Saloon in Bridger.
- Ads were purchased in Carbon County News, and 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 Classifies, Red Lodge Buzz, Red Lodge Alert, Carbon County Classifieds and Carbon County DUI Task Force Facebook pages. Other Facebook pages shared the reminders.
- Sponsored safe rides home by Red Lodge Taxi on New Year's Eve for residents and visitors in the Red Lodge area.
- Published on multiple Facebook pages, and in Carbon County News, instructions regarding downloading and the use of the Dept. of Transportation's, SaferRide mobile app for iOS and Android.

### **Quarter 3, January, February, March 2018**

- Two Let's Control It trainings were held. 38 servers and sellers earned certification.
- \$2,200 license reinstatement fees were received.
- Contributed to article in Carbon County News about events over the New Year's weekend.
- Coffee with a Cop held at Carbon County Boys and Girls Club, January 25, 2018.

- Article published in the Carbon County News regarding Coffee with a Cop and DUI Task Force activities.
- February 8, 2018, DOR article published in the Carbon County News seeking volunteers to provide training to liquor establishments.
- February 8, 2018, correspondence to Red Lodge Restaurants outlining the benefits to their business by participating in the free training to become Let's Control It trainers.
- February 22, 2018, brought concerns to Red Lodge City Council regarding the service of alcohol at a city sponsored event (Earth Day Park Cleanup, scheduled for April 21).
- March 26, 2018, received notification from DOR Liquor Education that training would be held in Red Lodge.

#### **Quarter 4, April, May, June 2018**

- Three Let's Control It trainings were held. 51 servers and sellers earned certification.
- May 2018, placed ads in the Carbon County News and on FM99 The Mountain, prior to graduations in Carbon County.
- May 17, 2018, DUI Task Force Plan submitted to Carbon County Commissioners for approval.
- May 21, 2018, Carbon County DUI Task Force meeting.
- Submit the DUI Task Force Plan for Fiscal Year 2019 to the Montana Highway Traffic Safety Bureau, Montana Department of Transportation.
- June 20, 2018, DOR Liquor Education's Lisa Scates conducting Let's Control It, Train the Trainer, at Red Lodge Pizza Company.

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