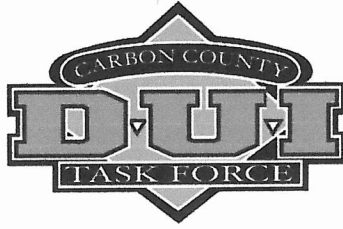


# Carbon County DUI Task Force Plan



July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

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 Carbon County Commissioners

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, 2020-June 30, 2021

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Commissioner, District #1

Date

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5/28/2020

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Scott Blain, Commissioner, District #2

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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.<sup>1</sup>

There are 58 active liquor licenses in Carbon County, including

- 16 Off-Premise type, beer and wine, grocery store;
- 32 On-Premise type, all beverage; including 1 National Fraternal Organizations type and 1 seasonal.
- 10 On-Premise type, beer and wine; including 1 seasonal and 3 restaurant

While preparing this document the decision was made to use the data available from the Montana Board of Crime Control website. The most recent data available was from 2017 and 2018. All three Law Enforcement Agencies in Carbon County reported, Bridger Police Department, Carbon County Sheriff Office, Red Lodge Police Department.

In 2018 Carbon County law enforcement agencies made 43 DUI arrests, Bridger 0, Carbon County 11, Red Lodge 32. That number is down 24% from 2017 total of 57 DUI arrests in Carbon County.

In 2018, Carbon County Sheriff's Deputy made 1 juvenile liquor law violation arrest. In 2017, Red Lodge Police made 1 juvenile DUI arrest.<sup>2</sup>

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.<sup>3</sup> With fifty four of fifty six counties reporting, Carbon County ranked 11<sup>th</sup> highest for alcohol and/or drug related crashes in 2011.<sup>4</sup>

According to the Carbon County Prevention Needs Assessment conducted in 2018 almost thirty two percent of high school students reported consuming at least one drink of alcohol in the last 30 days.<sup>5</sup> That figure is down 28% from 2009 Carbon County Youth Risk Behavior Survey.<sup>6</sup>

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 prevention education, awareness, and prosecution.

### Carbon County continues to be challenged with:

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

<sup>2</sup> Montana -NIBRS Agency Crime Overview - 2018 and 2017

<sup>3</sup> MT Gov. Overview of Montana's Impaired Driving Problem Updated August 2011

<sup>4</sup> MT Gov. Overview of Montana's Impaired Driving Problem Updated August 2011

<sup>5</sup> 2018 Carbon County Prevention Needs Assessment

<sup>6</sup> 2009 Carbon County Youth Risk Behavior Survey

- Illegal Alcohol Sales and Service
- Lax attitudes of many parents and adults about underage drinking
- Failure to wear seatbelts

## **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 DUI conviction rates; and
- To increase seatbelt use.

### **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 either 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, or over the Carbon County Go To Meeting venue as needed. The meetings are every other month. 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 Bylaws**

The Carbon County Commissioners, upon the recommendation of the Carbon County DUI Task Force adopted bylaws for the DUI Task Force in 2020. There is no longer a DUI Task force Coordinator.

Officers of the Carbon County DUI Task Force shall be:

- Chairman;
- Vice-Chairman; and
- Secretary.

Each officer shall be appointed by the majority vote of the Task Force Membership present at a meeting and shall serve a term of 2 years. Terms shall run from July 1 to June 30. The Chairman and Secretary will be appointed in even years. The Vice Chairman will be appointed in odd years.

The Chairman is responsible to execute or delegate 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.
- Participate in the Carbon County Health Fair, It's Your Choice program, and other alcohol and drug education and awareness opportunities in Carbon County.
- Support the aggressive conducting of 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.

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

Strategies:

- Support certified instructors to conduct frequent RASS training 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.
- Support local law enforcement to conduct compliance checks throughout 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 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, Winter Carnival.
- Provide 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:

- Support certified trainers to provide frequent RASS training in Carbon County to educate servers and sellers, law enforcement and Carbon County residents about the consequences of overserving alcohol to customers or selling to intoxicated persons.
- Build a relationship with licensees and Carbon Stillwater Tavern Association members to gain insight into the challenges they encounter trying to comply 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 County Prevention programs, providing prevention education and activities for students in Carbon County Schools.
- Support the distribution materials and information regarding drug and alcohol use 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 Clubs.



## 2020-2021 Fiscal Budget Estimate

Description	Per unit	Annually	Total
<b>Office Expenses</b>			
210 Office Supplies		\$75.00	
311 Postage		75.00	
220 Printing		50.00	
Office Expenses			\$ 200.00
<b>Policy and Legislation</b>			
Meeting Expenses		400.00	
Travel & meals		400.00	
Policy and Legislation			\$ 800.00
<b>Education/Awareness/Media Advocacy</b>			
FM 99, Social Media, Website, print media	sports sponsor and promotion	Education, Awareness Advocacy	\$ 4000.00
<b>390 Other Purchased Services</b>			
Compliance/Enforcement/Prosecution CCSO, BPD		\$3000.00	
Equip - PBTs, Video cameras, CCSO, BPD, RLPD		7000.00	
NYE Safe Ride - RLPD		500.00	
Compliance/Enforcement/Prosecution RLPD		500.00	
390 Other Purchased Services			\$11000.00
Carry Forward to FY22			\$ 1500.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$17500.00</b>
Projected Carry Forward		\$9500	
Projected Income 2020-2021		\$8000	
		<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$17500.00</b>

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