

NO-COST partnership opportunity

Montana National Guard Counterdrug Joint Task Force

The Montana National Guard Counterdrug Civil Operations Program leverages unique military capabilities to increase awareness, inspire motivation, and provide leadership and guidance in calling for, and supporting, the commitment of Montana's youth to make healthy choices. This includes no-cost education and awareness about the dangers associated with impaired driving.

The Counterdrug Program partners with coalitions throughout the state of Montana to raise awareness within communities about high risk behaviors among its youth. Counterdrug has a large inventory of equipment specifically engineered to raise awareness with younger generations. Some of this inventory includes a SIDNE Cart, Fatal Vision equipment, Distract-a-match, Intox-o-clock, Low Ropes Team Building, etc.

The Simulated Impaired Driving Experience (SIDNE) cart gives a 1 ½ second delay to simulate a delayed response at the wheel or a distraction such as texting and driving. SIDNE has had great reviews by Helena

Drivers Ed instructors who have used the program to raise awareness among their students about the dangers of impaired and/or distracted driving.

The Counterdrug Civil Operations program is a no-cost program for any community coalition that submits a request form. Requests are supported to the best of Counterdrug's abilities based on availability of personnel.



SIDNE Cart being used at Capital High School (Helena) for Drivers Education – 17June, 2013

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Statewide DUI Task Force meeting

November 5-6, 2013

Montana Department of Transportation Auditorium
2701 Prospect Ave, Helena, MT

We asked –and you told us. 75% of those who responded to the DUI Task Force survey picked November 5-6 for the DUI Task Force annual meeting.

Thank you to all those who participated! We hope the meeting was of practical value to your task force's work.

Next issue will feature a meeting summary.

Long-time DUI Task Force Coordinator retires

Al Recke retired on September 23, 2013 after 19 years of service at the Great Falls Pre-Release Center. As the Community Coordinator, Al oversaw not only the community service program, but also was responsible for the jail alternative, electronic monitoring, sanction bed, and more. Al was the Cascade County DUI Task Force Coordinator for 18 years, and worked tirelessly to curb the DUI rates within the county.

Colleague Jerry Kelley remembers Al this way: “Having worked with Al for 9.5 years, I got to know him fairly well. His priority in life it seemed, is his family. He is always involved with their lives, as much as they wanted him to be. He is a kind man which seems to be the opposite of his somewhat gruff appearance. He is thoughtful and generous and is always there whenever you find yourself in a pinch. Al is one of those characters that speaks his mind or lets someone know they are doing something against the law (in his mind) even when he knows there will be repercussions in doing so. A very likeable guy.”

Gallatin County DUI Task Force Corodinator Jenna Caplette and Missoula County DUI Task Force Coordinator Lonie Hutchison both remember Al as being instrumental in returning the funding mechanism to the DUI Task Forces in 2003, after it had been disbanded by the Montana Legislature in 2001, by working closely with Representative Sue Dickenson of Great Falls.

Al was an innovator. For example, he championed the idea of DUI Task Forces linking arms to increase their reach and effectiveness, particularly during the legislative session.

“ *We as individuals have much to contribute in our fight to combat impaired drivers, but we as a group would be even more efficient and effective in our war.* ”

—Al Recke

Then Cascade County DUI Task Force Coordinator (Sept 2008)

He contributed the following article to the September 2008 edition of the *DUI Task Force Exchange*:

Why have a Statewide DUI Task Force Association?

By AL RECKE
Coordinator, Cascade County DUI Task Force

About a year ago, I was attending the annual statewide DUI Task Force meeting hosted by the State Highway Traffic Safety Bureau of the Montana Department of Transportation.

As I looked around the room at 35 or so folks, I became aware that I really didn't know most of the other attendees and thought about the resources that I was missing out on. Each of the attendees brought a unique approach to their own county's DUI issues. Although I've been the Coordinator of the Cascade County DUI Task Force for almost 14 years, I'm still learning new tricks to combat DUIs.

I then thought why don't we, as a group, form an association so we can exchange ideas, methods and successes (as well as things that don't work) so we don't waste time and money. I envisioned an association that would:

- Stay in touch by a web site, email, telephone and the occasional face-to-face meeting.
- Maybe a person to coordinate/facilitate the process and a “go-to” person for guidance if and when needed since many new folks were in attendance and just getting their Task Forces started.

I have testified in Helena before numerous legislative committees regarding DUI issues. When you stand in front of the committee, you have to state your name and if you represent any group or are just a citizen.

When I testified, I had to say I was representing the Cascade County DUI Task Force, which has 25 members. When I was thinking of a statewide association, I thought how much more influential it would have been if I could have said I, or whomever, represented 30-40 county DUI Task Forces with several hundred members.

Numbers Speak

When advocating for change, numbers speak. When several hundred persons get behind an idea, people pick up their ears and listen.



“Don't drink & drive this Halloween or we'll get ya!” —Al Recke

Remember, state Traffic Safety employees (or any other state employee for that matter) can't advocate before legislative committees because they are state employees and it would be illegal for them to do so. They can provide information if requested to do so, but they can't pitch either for or against a bill.

DUI Task Forces are not subject to lobbying restrictions and may advocate freely for legislative change.

We will be more powerful together than we are as separate entities in bringing about meaningful legislative change that will reduce impaired driving in Montana.

Best Wishes

We're going to miss you, Al. Thanks for *all* you did to deter DUIs and advance the need for effective and well-funded DUI Task Forces! We wish you a very happy and healthy retirement.

SFY 2014 DUI Task Force plans approved

MDT Director Mike Tooley, approved* DUI Task Force plans for SFY 2014 (July 1, 2013–June 30, 2014) submitted from these counties:

1. Anaconda-Deer Lodge
2. Big Horn County
3. Broadwater County
4. Carbon County
5. Cascade County
6. Dawson County
7. Fergus County
8. Flathead County
9. Gallatin County
10. Hill County
11. Jefferson County
12. Lake County
13. Lewis & Clark County
14. Lincoln County
15. Madison County
16. Missoula County
17. Park/Meagher Counties
18. Phillips County
19. Pondera County
20. Powell County
21. Ravalli County
22. Richland County
23. Sheridan County
24. Toole County
25. Yellowstone County

Thank you to all the counties who submitted plans prior to the deadline of June 3, 2013!

- ★ **61-2-105. Local programs.** Except as provided in this part, all highway traffic safety programs of political subdivisions must be approved by the governor and funds may not be spent unless the governor's approval is obtained. All local and state officials shall cooperate with the governor and department to accomplish the purposes of this part. The governor shall administer the highway traffic safety programs of this state and its political subdivisions in accordance with this part and federal rules.
- ★ Director Tooley is the appointed Governor's Representative for Highway Traffic Safety.

For a related article please see page 86.

Signs of underage substance use may be hidden in plain sight

Missoula Underage Substance Abuse Prevention Program, a project of Missoula Form for Children & Youth

The *Hidden in Plain Sight Bedroom* is an interactive educational display for parents, law enforcement, school personnel, and community members to help them identify potential signs of risky behavior that adolescents might have lying around in their bedrooms at home.

The concept is to set up a mock teenage bedroom (pictures provided) in public venues; such as Town Hall meetings, school open-houses, the county fair, safety fairs, and prevention conferences—the venue provides an engaging experience where people can see a teenager’s bedroom and the inconspicuous items in a room that could actually be used for harmful risky behavior, such as underage drug use.

An example might be an apple that could be hallowed out to be used as a pipe for smoking marijuana or a pair of flip flops that might have a bottle opener on the soles.

When adults walk through the mock bedroom with pre-teens or teenagers, this often spurs conversations about reducing these risky behaviors.

This is a low cost activity that DUI Task Forces can use to bring awareness to the issue of underage substance use, and make the connection to safe and sober driving.

What Did You Find?	What Is Actually There
1. _____	1. Crown Royal Bottle
2. _____	2. Air Dust
3. _____	3. Beer Bottle Opener
4. _____	4. Bob Marley Poster
5. _____	5. Shot Glass
6. _____	6. Beer Bottle Caps
7. _____	7. Lime-A-Rita Can
8. _____	8. Yearbook Messages
9. _____	9. Ropes
10. _____	10. Bottle Opener Ring
11. _____	11. Mirror with White Powder & Credit Card
12. _____	12. Cut Straws
13. _____	13. Paper Clip with Black Residue
14. _____	14. Red Solo Cups & Ping Pong Balls
15. _____	15. Toilet Paper Tube with Fabric Softener
16. _____	16. Bent Spoon
17. _____	17. Vaseline
18. _____	18. WD-40
19. _____	19. Super Glue
20. _____	20. Rags with Chemical Smell
21. _____	21. Apple Pipe
22. _____	22. Small Plastic Baggies & Electronic Scale
23. _____	23. Empty Nyquil Bottles
24. _____	24. Pop Can Pipe
25. _____	25. Vapor Rub & Surgical Mask
26. _____	26. Framed Party Picture
27. _____	27. Energy Drink with Alcohol
28. _____	28. Chewing Tobacco
29. _____	29. Electric Cigarettes
30. _____	30. Glass Pipe
31. _____	31. Condoms
32. _____	32. False Pop Bottle
33. _____	33. Alcohol Poster
34. _____	34. Wristband
35. _____	35. Bottle Top Converter
36. _____	36. Grocery Bag with Spray Paint
37. _____	37. Bottle of Peppermint Schnapps
38. _____	38. Empty Prescription Bottles



Acronyms Every Parent Should Know

POS = Parents Over Shoulders
 PIR = Parents In Room
 P911 = Parents Alert
 PAW = Parents Are Watching
 PAL = Parents Are Listening
 ASL = Age/Sex/Location
 MORF = Male Or Female
 SORG = Straight Or Gay
 LMIRL = Lets Meet In Real Life
 KPC = Keeping Parents Clueless
 TD2M = Talk Dirty To Me
 IWSN = I Want Sex Now
 NIFOC = Nude In Front Of Computer
 GYPO = Get Your Pants Off
 ADDR = Address
 WYCM = Will You Call Me
 KFU = Kiss For You
 MOOS = Member Of Opposite Sex
 MOSS = Member Of Same Sex
 NALOPKT = Not A Lot Of People Know This
 420 = Marijuana
 RU/18 = Are You Over 18?
 F2F = Face-to-Face

Online Resources

ALCOHOL AND OTHER SUBSTANCES
www.DEA.org
www.theantidrug.com
www.stopalcoholabuse.gov
www.missoulaforum.org
www.niaaa.nih.gov
www.cdc.gov
www.samhsa.gov
www.teenoverthecounterdrugabuse.com
www.drugfree.org
www.teendrugabuse.us/prescription_drug_abuse.html
www.tobaccofree.org
www.abovetheinfluence.com
www.parentpower.mt.gov
www.methproject.org

SUICIDE
www.safeyouth.gov
www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org
www.afsp.org
www.save.org
www.co.missoula.mt.us/healthpromo

OBESITY AND HEALTHY LIFESTYLES
www.adcouncil.org
www.letsmovemissoula.org
www.cdc.gov/obesity
www.surgeongeneral.gov
www.smallstep.gov
www.letsmove.gov

SEX AND DATING
www.thenationalcampaign.org
www.advocatesforyouth.org
www.cdc.gov/TeenPregnancy/PreventTeenPreg.html

OTHER RESOURCES
www.urbandictionary.com
www.netlingo.com/top50/popular-text-terms.php
www.textinganddrivingsafety.com/texting-and-driving-stats/
www.adcouncil.org/Our-Work/Current-Work/Safety/Texting-and-Driving-Prevention
www.npcp.org/resources/files/pdf/internet-safety/NPCP-FactSheet1.pdf



Hidden In Plain Sight

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www.missoulaforum.org

Represented on this page is the brochure that is made available as part of the *Hidden in Plain Sight Bedroom* display.

Have you seen any of these things in your teen's room?



Surgical masks and vapor rub are used in combination to enhance the effects of ecstasy.



Sometimes you may only have to look at what is hanging on your child's bedroom walls.
 ← Marijuana poster



Example of glass pipe used for smoking drugs.



Paper clip with black residue used to clean out pipes.



Apple or soda can that has been converted into a pipe for smoking marijuana.



Drug pipe made to look like a felt tip marker and other concealers



Bent spoon used to cook heroin.



Mirror, razor blade or credit card, rolled bills, broken pens or cut straws used for snorting drugs.



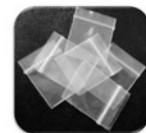
Inhalants are invisible, volatile substances found in common household products that produce chemical vapors that are inhaled to induce psychoactive or mind altering effects.



Other signs of inhalant use are plastic bags and rags smelling of chemicals, cans or bottles with hardened glue, sprays, or paints inside of them.



Small electric scale and small plastic bags for weighing and packaging drugs for sale



The Choking Game is voluntary strangulation to the point of unconsciousness for the purpose of a "rush" or light headed sensation.



Fruit flavored snuff looks like a candy tin.



Electric cigarettes look more like candy cigarettes than real cigarettes



Toilet paper tubes with fabric softener sheets inside are blown through to help mask odors of smoking.



Eye drops used to conceal drug use by "Getting the red out."



Condom wrappers that look more like buttons or stickers.

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Online at www.missoulaforum.org — check out the new **Parent Resource Guide**, which includes the *Hidden in Plain Sight* concept

SFY 2015 DUI Task Force plan approval timelines

DUI Task Force plan approval timeline for SFY 2015 (July 1, 2014–June 30, 2015):

- ★ SFY 2015 DUI Task Force plans are due to MDT by **June 1, 2014**.
- ★ Annual reports must be submitted to your county commission in accordance with MCA 61-2-106. Many DUI Task Forces submit their annual reports within the month following the end of the state fiscal year (i.e. by July 31).
- ★ Learn more at the November 5-6 Statewide DUI Task Force Meeting!

We Want Your Comments

A CALL TO ACTION

Please enhance the effectiveness of statewide efforts to reduce impaired driving crashes, injuries & fatalities in Montana by sharing your expertise, concerns, opinions, projects, challenges, successes, helpful websites, etc. with other traffic safety advocates in the state.

Please submit articles for inclusion in future issues of this newsletter to:

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preventing impaired driving and crashes
...AT THE COUNTY LEVEL

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