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## Executive Director's Message *Building Blocks for Safer Communities*

In 2015, the MBCC Board of Directors identified some key priorities to create safer Montana communities. The priorities include crime prevention and criminal justice diversion initiatives, behavioral health interventions and information sharing across the justice system, community education, and expansion of victims services in Indian Country and other rural, underserved areas.

MBCC staff and leadership worked to refine our goal statements, realign resources and pursue new funding and grants to support the priorities. We have worked to identify best practices in these areas, develop new partners, and facilitate information sharing opportunities.

### ***Our 2017 – 2019 Strategic Plan seeks to advance these important long term goals:***

- \* Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health Information sharing is seamless across the entire justice continuum
- \* Evidence based crime prevention initiatives are launched throughout the state to reduce crimes against person, property and society
- \* Services for victims of crime are accessible and are delivered through trauma informed programs and services to help victims heal and reduce future victimization
- \* Early intervention, jail diversion and restorative justice initiatives are launched in communities across Montana to reduce incarceration rates and provide opportunities for justice reinvestment

**Action Steps!** To achieve our goals, we need targeted grant funds, timely and reliable data, and collaborative partnerships. Heading into 2017, we have a solid foundation upon which to build. The MBCC has applied for and been awarded nearly \$16 million in grant dollars to meet identified community needs; more than double the funding available in 2014. We are working collaboratively with state and local partners to develop an integrated jail and prison data system, inclusive of behavioral health and suicide risk screening, and linkages to community benefits, including Medicaid, that will facilitate successful re-entry efforts. We've improved our outreach to stakeholders through a comprehensive communications plan that includes this Bulletin, a new and improved website, and social media. And finally, we have increased the technical assistance and training we offer to meet community needs: topics including successful grant writing and administration; the impacts of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs); use of force protocols; crisis intervention team (CIT) training and more!

To learn more, visit our website at [www.mbcc.mt.gov](http://www.mbcc.mt.gov) or contact our office at 406-444-3604. We look forward to working with you to bring the Building Blocks for Safer Communities to your hometown.



# ***MBCC Presents Lifetime Achievement & Innovative Community Improvement Awards***

## ***2016 Lifetime Achievement Award Presented to Mike Batista, Director, Department of Corrections***

In recognition of more than 34 years in law enforcement, the Montana Board of Crime Control presented Mike Batista with the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award at the 10th Annual Montana Crime Prevention Conference. Mike was an intelligence manager for the Drug Enforcement Administration from 1987 to 1994, working in Texas and Nevada. Following his time with the DEA, he returned to Montana where he was the Administrator for the Division of Criminal Investigation in the Montana Department of Justice for 20 years. During that time period, Mike introduced a number of initiatives important to law enforcement and the citizens of Montana including the Children's Justice Center to improve Montana's response to crimes against children; the Missing and Endangered Person Advisory process to inform the public and law enforcement statewide; new investigative units within DCI that specialized in workers' compensation and Medicaid fraud and forensic computer analysis; and scenario-based training at the Montana Law Enforcement Academy enabling trainees to receive invaluable experience with potentially life-threatening situations. He was also the first Montanan invited to serve as a board member of the National Children's Alliance.



Mike was appointed as Director of the Department of Corrections by Governor Steve Bullock and in his four year tenure has steadfastly pursued a deliberate system design based on reliable data and correctional practices which have proven effective. He has renewed the department's commitment to risk-and-needs assessments, ensuring that every offender receives individualized case management and has strengthened the state's reentry initiatives, serving as chair of the Statewide Reentry Task Force. Throughout his career he has remained true to the highest ethical standards and demonstrated a rare ability to step back from the daily crises, understand the big picture and implement strategies designed to better protect the public.

## ***2016 Innovative Community Improvement Award Presented to Brandi Ries & Robin Turner, Co-Chairs State Bar of Montana, Justice Initiatives Committee***

In recognition of exceptional program development, implementation and community partnerships, the Montana Board of Crime Control presented the prestigious Innovative Community Improvement Award to Brandi Ries and Robin Turner on October 6. Brandi and Robin are co-chairs of the State Bar of Montana Justice Initiatives Committee (JIC). Upon taking the office two years ago, they established the first Standing Committee on Domestic and Sexual Violence, launching a legal community campaign which included an unprecedented focus on domestic violence in *The Montana Lawyer* in a series of articles throughout the year which culminated in a statewide, day-long domestic violence continuing legal education for attorneys and advocates at the Alexander Blewett III School of Law in Missoula. Brandi and Robin have been deeply committed to survivors from the beginning of their respective careers. Brandi was formally a DOVES staff attorney, providing legal representation to survivors in Lake County and Flathead Indian Reservation. As an attorney in private practice, she focuses on representing victims and their families and speaks about domestic violence and sexual assault. In her private practice, Robin has provided invaluable assistance to survivors. She is now the Legal Director at the Montana Coalition Against Domestic Violence where she advances policies and initiatives that forever change the landscape of how Montana serves its survivors.



## Jennie Hansen and Wyatt Glade join MBCC Board of Directors

In September MBCC welcomed Jennie Hansen of Huntley and Wyatt Glade of Miles City to its Board of Directors.



Jennie is the Eastern Bureau Chief, Probation and Parole Division of the Department of Corrections where she is responsible for three regions in Eastern Montana, including 10 field offices. She serves as the liaison for the Riverside Adult program and the Pine Hills Adult Treatment Facility and works to designate placement for offenders in the community, secure placement and/or treatment facilities. Additionally, she is a Commissioner on the Legislative Sentencing Commission and Chairman of the Billings Re-Entry Task Force. Jennie received her BA in psychology from St. Mary College in Leavenworth, Kansas.

Wyatt is the County Attorney for Custer County where he represents the State of Montana in criminal prosecutions, child abuse and neglect actions, involuntary mental health commitments, and youth court actions. He was appointed by United States Attorney Michael Cotter as a Special Assistant United States Attorney from 2012 to 2015 and has served on the Attorney General's Prescription Drug Advisory Council since 2010 where he serves as a liaison to local communities to raise awareness of the issues related to prescription drug abuse. Prior to his position as the County Attorney, he was in private practice in Miles City.

## New Police-Mental Health Collaboration Toolkit Available Online



The Police-Mental Health Collaboration Toolkit provides resources for law enforcement agencies to safely respond to people with mental illness. The online program provides the 10 essential elements of any PMHC, the various response strategies available to agencies, and the value that PMHC programs provide for law enforcement agencies, communities, and people with mental illness.

Go to [pmhctoolkit.bja.gov/learning](http://pmhctoolkit.bja.gov/learning) to explore this effective program.

## National Incident-Based Reporting System Training Scheduled for May 23-24, 2017 in Helena

MBCC will host training on the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) on Tuesday, May 23 and Wednesday, May 24 in Helena. John F. Morton II, Training Instructor with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, will provide the training over two full days.

Mr. Morton has been with the FBI more than 21 years and has worked with Criminal Justice Information Services Division (CJIS) and National Instant Background Checks System (NICS) as well as the Biometric Technology Center (BTC). He joined the FBI Training staff in February 2016 and since October of 2016 has been assigned to Montana. Mr. Morton specializes in Uniform Crime Reporting Summary and National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) training as well as Hate Crime, Human Trafficking and Cargo Theft.

Kathy Ruppert, MTIBRS Program Manager and Candy Kirby, Quality Assurance Reviewer will be available for questions during the training. The event will be held at the Radisson Colonial Hotel at 2301 Colonial Drive. Registration will be available in early January 2017.

Anyone from local law enforcement that works with MTIBRS (Montana Incident-Based Reporting System) is invited and encouraged to attend. Training will be provided at no cost to the law enforcement and justice-related agencies.

## MBCC Awarded Two New Grants

MBCC was awarded two new federal grants totaling \$594,970 as part of the FY 16 grant cycle: the *Enhanced Training and Services to End Abuse in Later Life Program* and the *Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program*.

The *Enhanced Training and Services to End Abuse in Later Life Program* has been developed to increase and strengthen training for police, prosecutors, and the judiciary in recognizing, investigating, and prosecuting instances of abuse, neglect, exploitation, domestic violence and sexual assault against older individuals. The project will provide or enhance services for older victims, create or support multidisciplinary collaborative community responses to older victims and conduct cross-training for victim service organizations, governmental agencies, courts, law enforcement and non-profit, nongovernmental organizations serving older victims. The program is a three year collaborative agreement with the Office on Violence Against Women and will conduct outreach and trainings statewide. Tina Chamberlain (tchamberlain@mt.gov) & Samantha Erpenbach (serpenbach@mt.gov), Program Specialists at MBCC are the points of contact for the program.

The *Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program* grant supports innovative cross-system collaboration to meet the needs of individuals with mental illnesses or co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders who come into contact with the justice system. MBCC was awarded the Category 1 grant in 2013 and submitted the *Strategic Plan for Suicide Prevention and Response in Montana's Jails* in 2015. The new grant focuses on the Planning and Implementation phase of the project. The *Crisis Intervention and Suicide Prevention through Collaborative Partnerships* project will establish new Crisis Intervention Teams (CIT) in Montana, increase knowledge within existing CIT teams on appropriate protocols and practices to improve response to incidents involving individuals with mental disorders and co-occurring substance use disorders, and evaluate the programs currently in place. This is a three-year grant administered by the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance. MBCC will work in partnership with CIT Montana, a statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to improving community response to mental health crisis. CIT Montana will serve as the Project Coordinator for the program. Samantha Erpenbach (serpenbach@mt.gov) is the MBCC contact for the project.

## \$2 Million Sexual Assault Kit Initiative Grant Awarded to DOJ

Attorney General Tim Fox announced September 29 that Montana was awarded a \$2 million federal grant to test and track unsubmitted sex-assault evidence kits across the state. This is in addition to a \$284,500 grant Montana received earlier in September specifically for kit tracking. At the request of Attorney General Fox's Sexual Assault Evidence Task Force, Tina Chamberlain, MBCC Program Specialist and point of contact for the grant, submitted an application to the Bureau of Justice Assistance for the FY 2016 National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative Competitive Grant, requesting \$2 million. The National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative provides an opportunity for Montana to inventory, test, and track unsubmitted sexual assault kits, examine the issues surrounding why the kits were not submitted, and facilitate a development of victim-centered policies and procedures in responding to sexual assaults and eliminating a backlog of unsubmitted kits. One critical component of Attorney General Fox's plan is to provide assistance to the seven tribal governments in the state. While tribal governments work under their own sovereign nation justice initiatives, the Montana Attorney General's Office will ensure that training opportunities and technical assistance are available to help tribes establish their own sexual assault protocols in evidence collection, tracking, investigations, prosecutions, and victim assistance.

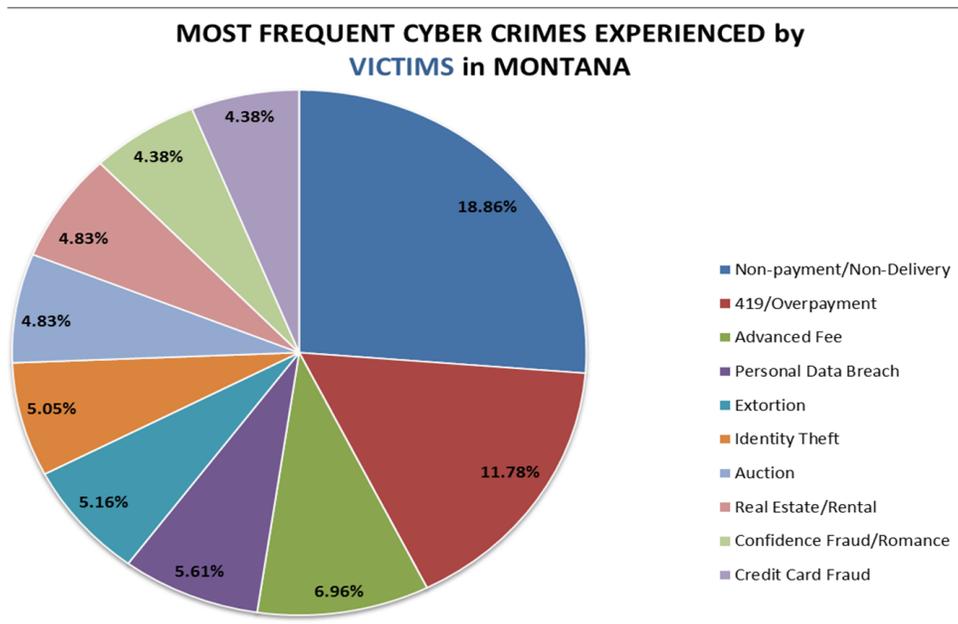
A search for the project coordinator is currently underway. He/she will facilitate communication between the task force and project partners, as well as law enforcement jurisdictions and survivors whose kits result in positive DNA hits in the national Combined DNA Index System. The coordinator will also track Montana's approximately 1,400 unsubmitted kits throughout the three-year project. Other positions, including an investigator to assist local agencies with unsolved cases, a community victim advocate, and a law enforcement training coordinator will also be filled as part of the project. Grant funds will also be used to produce a law enforcement field guide outlining policies and procedures for sexual assault investigations.

For more information on the program, contact Anastasia Burton at the Montana Department of Justice. To see the full announcement by Attorney General Fox, go to <https://dojmt.gov/montana-awarded-2-million-grant-test-track-unsubmitted-sex-assault-kits/>.

# Cyber Crime in Montana

Bryan Lockerby, Administrator, Montana Division of Criminal Investigation and Dawn Temple, JITSD Information Security Officer, provided the closing plenary *Cyber Security & Cyber Crime in Montana* at the *10th Annual Montana Crime Prevention Conference* in October. With the emergence of cyber crime nationally, how is Montana affected? Are Montanans at risk of cyber crime? The chart below illustrates the impact to Montanans by cyber crime. Thanks to Bryan & Dawn for sharing their expertise and knowledge on this important topic which affects all business and personal computers.

***\$1.6 million in losses reported in 2015 by Montana citizens to the Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) representing 733 victim complaints***



## Did You Know...



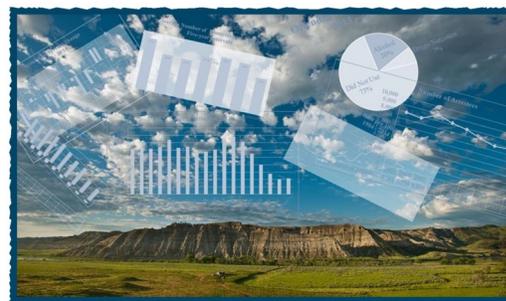
⇒ Phishing has seen a 432% increase from 2015 versus 2013

⇒ Identify theft has seen a 161% increase from 2015 versus 2013

# Big Sky...Big Data

## MTIBRS Crime Data Reporting Changes for 2016/2017, effective January 1, 2017

Periodically, the FBI proposes changes in the UCR data collection. Every two years, new laws, amendments, and repeals are generated through the state legislature that require changes to MTIBRS data collection. The UCR state program also adds certain offenses and data elements to improve accuracy of crime data reporting. Listed below are additions to the MTIBRS data collection for 2016/2017.



Four animal cruelty codes will be changed from Group B to Group A offenses. Instead of collecting offense information related to a Group B arrest, the new Group A codes will capture all incident based information on animal cruelty offenses regardless if an arrest is made or not. Type of criminal activity will be mandatorily reported (Simple/Gross Neglect, Organized Abuse, Intentional Abuse and Torture, or Animal Sexual Abuse (bestiality)) with these codes.

### New Location Code:

**Cyberspace:** The definition is a virtual or Internet-based network of two or more computers in separate locations, which communicate either through wireless or wire connections.

### New Offenses Codes Added:

- Hacking/Computer Invasion
  - Wrongfully gaining access to another person's or institution's computer software, hardware or networks without authorized permissions or security clearances.
- Exploitation of older person, incapacitated person, or person with developmental disability
  - Offense is listed under the Fraud category.
- LEOKA, non- aggravated
  - A person commits the offense of assault on a peace officer or judicial officer if the person purposely or knowingly causes bodily injury to a peace officer or judicial officer.
- Disorderly conduct, physical contact
  - A person commits the offense of disorderly conduct, physical contact if the person knowingly disturbs the peace by fighting between offender and victim or mutual combatants.
- Trafficking of persons, sexual servitude
- Trafficking of persons, involuntary servitude
  - A person commits the offense of trafficking of persons if the person purposely or knowingly recruits, transports, transfers, harbors, receives, provides, obtains, isolates, maintains, or entices another person intending or knowing that the person will be subjected to involuntary servitude or sexual servitude; or benefits, financially or by receiving anything of value, from participation in a venture that has subjected another person to involuntary servitude or sexual servitude.
- Tampering with communication device
  - A person commits the offense of tampering with a communication device if the person purposely or knowingly tampers with a telephone or other communication device to obstruct, prevent, or interfere with using it.

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## Upcoming Events & Meetings

*MBCC holds a number of meetings, trainings and events throughout the year. All MBCC Board of Directors Meetings are open to the public and unless otherwise noted, held in the MBCC Offices on the corner of the Walking Mall and Broadway Avenue in Helena. The calendar is available online on our website for updates.*

Date	Event	Location
Wednesday, December 7, 2016	Youth Justice Council Meeting	5 South Last Chance Gulch, Helena
Thursday, December 8, 2016	MBCC Board of Directors Meeting	5 South Last Chance Gulch, Helena
Wednesday, March 8, 2017	Youth Justice Council	5 South Last Chance Gulch, Helena
Thursday, March 9	MBCC Board of Directors Meeting	5 South Last Chance Gulch, Helena
Tuesday, May 9	Multi-Jurisdictional Drug Task Force Application Review Committee Meeting	5 South Last Chance Gulch, Helena
Tuesday, May 23 & Wednesday, May 24	NIBRS Training	Radisson Colonial Hotel, 2301 Colonial Drive, Helena
Wednesday, June 7	Youth Justice Council	5 South Last Chance Gulch, Helena
Thursday, June 8	Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Grant Application Review Committee Meeting	5 South Last Chance Gulch, Helena
Thursday, June 8	MBCC Board of Directors Meeting	5 South Last Chance Gulch, Helena
Tuesday, September 12	Youth Justice Council	5 South Last Chance Gulch, Helena
Wednesday, September 13	MBCC Board of Directors Meeting	To be Determined
Thursday, September 14 & Friday, September 15	MBCC Board of Directors Retreat	To be Determined
Tuesday, October 3— Thursday, October 5	11th Annual Crime Prevention Conference	Radisson Colonial Hotel 2301 Colonial Drive, Helena
Wednesday, December 13	Youth Justice Council	5 South Last Chance Gulch, Helena
Thursday, December 14	MBCC Board of Directors Meeting	5 South Last Chance Gulch, Helena



**Events added daily! Check out our website:**  
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