



MONTANA BOARD OF CRIME CONTROL

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From left to right: Wyatt English, Beth McLaughlin, Kaydee Snipes Ruiz, Mike Sanders, Dana Toole, Shantelle Gaynor, Bryan Fischer, Kayla Bragg, Leo Dutton, Rick Kirn, Wyatt Glade, Meaghan Mulcahy, Doug Overman, and Bryan Lockerby

March Board Meeting

The Board made decisions on 2021 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) and 2021 Delinquency Prevention Program (DPP) funding, updated the MBCC bylaws, YJC bylaws, and B-05 Crime Data Reporting Policy, and appointed new members to the Executive Committee.

The agenda, public documents, and more can be found on the [MBCC Events Calendar](#).

[Find Out More](#)

Funding Opportunities

MBCC is seeking applicants for the FY 2023 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Multi-Jurisdictional Drug Task Force (MJDTF) funding opportunities.

Applications for 2023 JAG are due on April 12, 2022.

The 2022 STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) funding opportunity will open on April 7, 2022 and the 2022 Title II funding opportunity is expected to open in May, 2022.

For funding opportunity links, dates, and deadlines, and more information, please visit the [Funding Opportunities](#) page on the MBCC website.



From left to right: Dana Toole, Bryan Fischer, Kala Bragg, Leo Dutton, and Bryan Lockerby

Spring 2022 Program Highlights

MT DOJ Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI)

The MBCC Board of Directors presented SAKI Site Coordinator Kayla Bragg, SAKI Site Training Program Manager Bryan Fischer, and MT DOJ Special Services Bureau Chief Dana Toole with the Spring 2022 Certificate of Outstanding Program Award at the 2022 March Board Meeting in Helena, MT.

Kayla presented before the Board of Directors on the important work MT DOJ SAKI does, including ending the backlog of untested and partially tested rape kits, developing and improving sexual assault response training, and fundamentally enhancing responses to survivors of sexual assault.

To view the presentation slides and to read the full Program Highlights article about MT DOJ SAKI and the outstanding work they do, please visit the MBCC Program Highlights page.

[Find Out More About SAKI](#)



From left to right: Rachel Gemar, Natalia Bowser, Tim Brurud, Randy Shipman, and Mark Thatcher

March 2022 Youth Justice Council

The Youth Justice Council met on March 9, 2022 to make funding recommendations for the 2021 Delinquency Prevention Program (DPP), select Title II priority areas, and review committee appointments.

Tim Brurud presided over his last meeting as Chairman of the Youth Justice Council before stepping down to focus on his new role as Director of the [Boys & Girls Club of the Hi-Line](#). MBCC Staff and YJC members congratulated Tim on his new role and thanked him for his many years of service to the Youth Justice Council and the Montana Board of Crime Control.

Tim was appointed to the YJC and the Montana Board of Crime Control in 2007, was appointed as Chair of the YJC in December of 2015, and continued to serve on the Board until December of 2021. The invaluable insight and leadership Tim provided over his 15 years of service with the YJC will be dearly missed, but staff is hopeful that he will rejoin the YJC again in the future.

Fortunately, Tim is leaving the Youth Justice Council in good hands with new YJC Chairman, Randy Shipman. Randy is Superintendent of the Dillon Elementary School District and a seasoned member of the YJC with 9 years on the Council. The YJC and MBCC staff are grateful for Randy's dedication to education, commitment to improving conditions for Montana's youth, and for his continued guidance.

[Learn More About the Youth Justice Council](#)



The deadline to submit student essays for the Do the *Write* Thing challenge was March 1, 2022. MBCC staff saw an increase in participation this year with just over 400 total participating students across six schools and 158 student submissions. The five schools with the highest participation rate of 7th and 8th grade students will be awarded \$1,000.

Staff has started the scoring process and expects to announce ten State Finalists and two National Ambassadors in April.

MBCC will host a state-level celebration in May and the National Ambassadors will receive a trip to Washington, D.C. in Summer 2022.

[Find Out More](#)

MBCC to Continue the DOC Educational Power Hour

The Montana Board of Crime Control will begin facilitating the Educational Power Hour series originally hosted by the Montana Department of Corrections Victims Services in early April.

The series will continue to be hosted every Tuesday from 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM and will be hosted via Zoom.

Starting in the month of April, the Educational Power Hour will address strangulation. Each week, a professional from a different field--including law enforcement, local advocacy, legal, and medical--will share their expertise with the goal of strengthening our community response to strangulation through collaboration with public safety partners.

Please join us on Tuesday, April 5 for the first presentation on strangulation from Nate Griesse, Domestic Violence Detective in the Special Victims Unit of the Missoula Police Department.

MBCC will send the Zoom registration link Tuesday, March 28 to previous attendees and to any new subscribers that sign up for the MBCC Educational Power Hour Mailing list.

[Subscribe for Educational Power Hour Link and Updates](#)

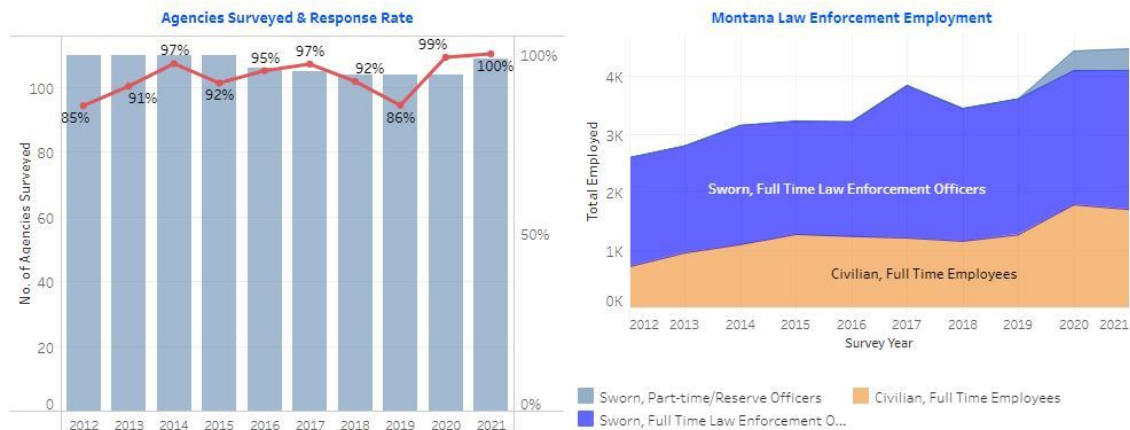
Abuse in Later Life Update

New Prosecutor Joins Elder Abuse Task Force

Mike Fanning, Montana Elder Justice Prosecutor, has joined the Elder Abuse Task Force. Mike will fill an essential role as prosecution representative for the Abuse in Later Life training series. Mike is passionate about serving the community and contributing to aid those in need. While Mike isn't fighting crime, he can be found baking, woodworking, welding, or gardening.



Montana Law Enforcement Employment Survey



2021 Employment Summary

SELECT YEAR	COUNTY SHERIFFS	MUNICIPAL POLICE	AIRPORT POLICE	STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT	Grand Total
2021					
Count of Agencies	55	46	5	6	112
Civilian, Full Time Employees	1,014	203	2	199	1,418
Sworn, Part-time/Reserve Officers	275	85	0	0	360
Sworn, Full Time Law Enforcement Officers	840	786	34	520	2,180
Full Time Sworn Officers Per 1,000 Pop	1.44	1.60			2.03
Population Subtotal	583,357	490,754	0	0	1,074,111

[Statistics by Population](#)
[Statistics by Agency](#)

Survey conducted annually by the Statistical Analysis Center (SAC). | Response rate to annual survey averages 94% (2012-2021). | Agency Population data provided by the FBI. Data includes population from outside jurisdictions listed in "covered by" status. | Tribal Law Enforcement data not included.

Statistical Analysis Center

Data Improvements Starting in 2021

In utilizing the new MTIBRS repository and through the persistence of the SAC staff, (special thanks to Jessika Hard), Montana will have the most complete and accurate data set in the history of the UCR program. For the first year, the SAC can see when an agency submits data with errors.

As of March 14th, the end of the FBI data collection year, Montana had 4,065 incidents with errors that would have prevented the data from reaching the FBI or our dashboards. Out of 54,293 incidents submitted for 2021 that amounts to a 7.49% error

rate. The SAC staff was able to correct and clear 3,898 of those errors leaving 167 that could not be corrected resulting in a 0.19% error rate.

The new MTIBRS data repository is helping the SAC unit to collaborate with law enforcement agencies, their records management vendors, the FBI, and our repository vendor to identify issues and correct them efficiently and effectively. This saves all partners time and effort while producing more reliable data for decision making. The dashboards shown below will be updated with the 2021 data by the end of March.

[View Data Dashboards](#)

2022 Montana Crime Prevention Conference

October 4-5, 2022 | Fairmont Hot Springs Resort

MBCC is seeking presenters, exhibitors, and sponsors for the 2022 Montana Crime Prevention Conference.

Presenter Opportunities

The deadline to submit presentation proposals is **Friday, April 29, 2022**.

All presentations must be 2 hours so that they may be certified for POST credit.

MBCC will review and accept presentations as they come in. All presentation selections will be announced no later than **Friday, June 3, 2022**.

[Submit Presentation Proposal](#)

Exhibitor Opportunities

MBCC has ten exhibitor booth slots available.

The last day to apply for an exhibitor booth is **Friday, April 29, 2022**.

[Apply for an Exhibitor Booth](#)

Sponsorship Opportunities

Support from our sponsors enables the Montana Crime Prevention Conference to continue to provide key educational sessions to law enforcement professionals, state, local and tribal government, probation, victim service providers, educators, and leaders from the public and private sectors across the state.

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