



MONTANA BOARD OF CRIME CONTROL

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From left to right: Bryan Lockerby, Marty Heaney, Chairman Leo Dutton, Doug Overman, Brian Gootkin, Kaydee Snipes Ruiz, Michael Sanders, and Wyatt English.

March Board Meeting

The Board made funding decisions for 2022 Title II and 2023 John R. Justice applications, amended and approved the Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP) strategic plan draft, appointed new members to the Executive Committee, and presented the 2023 Spring Certificate of Outstanding Program to the Southwest Montana Drug Task Force.

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

Funding Opportunities

MBCC is seeking applicants for the FY2024 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Multi-Jurisdictional Drug Task Forces (MJDTF), Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training Program, and FY2024 Regional Juvenile Detention Grant funding opportunities. The 2023 STOP Violence Against Women (VAWA) funding opportunity will open on Wednesday, March 29, and the 2023 Title II Juvenile Justice Formula Grants funding opportunity will open the first week of May.

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



Marty Heaney, accepts the Spring 2023 MBCC Certificate of Outstanding Program on the behalf of the Southwest Montana Drug Task Force from MBCC Chairman Leo Dutton.

Spring 2023 Program Highlights

Southwest Montana Drug Task Force

The Montana Board of Crime Control presented the Southwest Montana Drug Task Force (SWDTF) with the Spring 2023 Certificate of Outstanding Program Award at the 2023 March Board Meeting in Helena, MT.

Steve Crawford, Marty Heaney, and Chad Anderberg presented before the Board on the important work SWDTF does, including the two-year investigation that dismantled a significant drug trafficking organization with ties to the Sinaloa Cartel, which brought in massive quantities of methamphetamine, counterfeit pills containing fentanyl, and heroin to Montana.

To view the presentation slides and read the full Program Highlights article about SWDTF, please visit the MBCC Program Highlights page.

[Find Out More About SWMDTF](#)

March 2023 Youth Justice Council

The Youth Justice Council welcomed new members, made funding recommendations for 2022 Title II applications, and made new Executive Committee and subcommittee appointments.

[Find Out More](#)



The deadline to submit student essays for the 2023 Do the Write Thing challenge was March 10, 2023. MBCC estimates as many as 566 students participated in the challenge across seven schools with 130 total student submissions.

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

MBCC will host a state-level celebration on **May 20, 2023** and the National Ambassadors will receive a trip to Washington, D.C. on **July 15 - 19, 2023**.

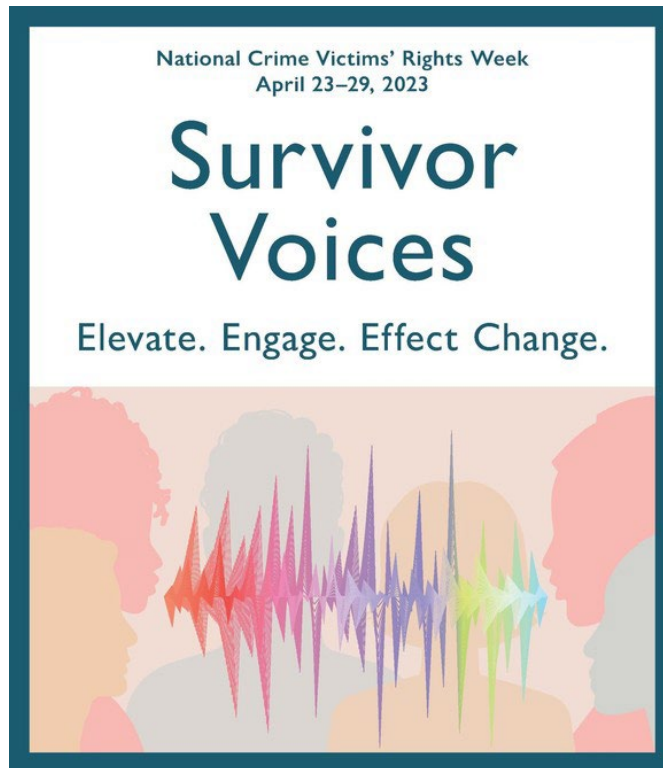
Thank you to all the students and teachers who participated!

[Find Out More](#)



Elder Abuse Investigations First Responder Training

The Elder Justice Taskforce has been busy this last quarter. The taskforce had the opportunity to connect with crucial later-in-life abuse partners. These partners include law enforcement, APS investigators and social workers, and grass-root advocates. These connections allowed the taskforce to work with Missoula Police Department and the Elder Justice Taskforce to put on a training for first responders that focused on elder abuse investigations. The training focused on interactions and interviews with later-in-life abuse survivors and the signs to be aware of during an investigation. The training involved essential partners such as the Department of Criminal Investigations' Elder Justice Investigator and Elder Justice Prosecutor and an APS Investigator from the Missoula office. The training was created with the help of YWCA Missoula. The taskforce looks forward to offering more training opportunities and learning from their partners!



National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW)

Survivor Voices: Elevate. Engage. Effect Change.

Since 1981, the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) has lead communities throughout the country in celebrating the victims' rights movement, reflect how far we've come, and call upon communities to amplify the voices of survivors.

This year, NCVRW will take place between April 23 - April 29, 2023.

Here are some ways you can participate:

2023 NCVRW Resource Guide

OVC is in the process of completing their 2023 Resource Guide. In the meantime, you can download the 2022 NCVRW Resource Guide from their website.

Customizable NCVRW Theme Posters

Raise awareness about the victim services resources in your community by downloading the NCVRW theme posters from the OVC website and customizing them with your organization's contact information.

[Learn More](#)



MBCC's EPH will continue throughout the spring. However, starting in April, the series will occur every other Tuesday. Please stay tuned for sessions related to law enforcement, drug task forces, victim services, and many more!

[**Subscribe for Email Updates**](#)

Be sure to subscribe to the Educational Power Hour email list to receive notifications about upcoming series and speakers.

[**Register for Educational Power Hour**](#)

Thank you to our partners within the juvenile justice system for an amazing series about how justice-involved youth receive services; and thank you, as always, to MBCC's Rachel Gemar for her support and collaboration during this series.

Over the next few months, we will be inviting programs and presenters from all facets of the criminal justice system to share the resources they have developed and how they support their clients.

Thank you to everyone who participates for your continued support of this virtual community!

Click the button below for more for the Educational Power Hour schedule, upcoming topics and speakers, recordings of previous presentations, and more.

[**Schedule, Recordings of Previous Presentations, and More**](#)



Just the Facts

MTIBRS Training & Technical Assistance Series

Join us in 2023 for a new year of National Incident-based Reporting System (NIBRS) crime data training topics. You helped us choose topics that matter to Montana Law Enforcement. Just like last year, the sessions are only 15 minutes every other Wednesday at 11:30. Our staff will be available afterwards for questions as well.

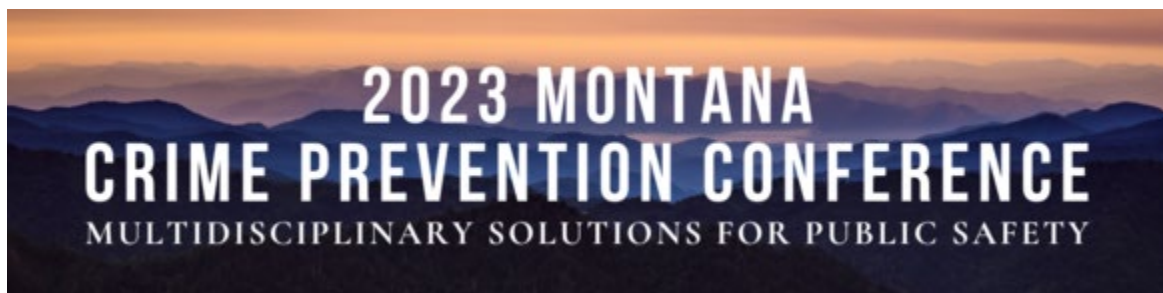
Based on your feedback, more topics will be added as the year progresses. Email us at MBCCDATA@MT.GOV with any crime data issues you would like us to cover.

By registering below, you are signing up for all 2023 sessions, although you do not need to attend every session.

[Register for Just the Facts](#)

The sessions will be recorded and any materials used for the presentation will also be available on the *Just the Facts* page.

[View Previous Trainings](#)



2023 Montana Crime Prevention Conference

October 3-4, 2023 | Fairmont Hot Springs Resort

MBCC is seeking presenters, exhibitors, and sponsors for the 2023 Montana Crime Prevention Conference.

Presenter Opportunities

The deadline to submit presentation proposals is **Friday, May 26, 2023**.

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 in June 2023.

[Submit Presentation Proposal](#)

Exhibitor Opportunities

MBCC has ten exhibitor booth slots available.

The last day to apply for an exhibitor booth is **Friday, May 26, 2023**.

[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 public and private sectors across the state.

For more information, please view the [Sponsorship Levels](#).

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