



MONTANA BOARD OF CRIME CONTROL

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From left to right: Rick Kirn, Eric Bryson, Amy Tenney, Leo Dutton, Dave McAlpin, Laurie Barron, Robert Weber, Kaydee Snipes Ruiz, Matt Kuntz, and Shantelle Gaynor.

September Board Meeting

The Board met at the Red Lion Hotel in Kalispell, MT on September 4, 2025, to discuss funding for the John R. Justice (JRJ) Student Loan Repayment Program, the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP) and the FY25 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA).

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

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Upcoming MBCC Events

- **Youth Justice Council (YJC) Meeting:** December 3, 2025, from 10:00am - 2:00pm
- **Board Meeting:** December 4, 2025, from 9:00am - 2:00pm

Upcoming events can be found on the [MBCC Events Calendar](#).



MBCC Chairman Leo Dutton presents The Women's Resource Center's Rebecca Knox and Klaire Kramer with the Certificate of Outstanding Program Award.

MBCC Fall Program Highlights

Women's Resource Center

The Montana Board of Crime Control honored Women's Resource Center with the Certificate of Outstanding Program Award at the September Board Meeting. Women's Resource Center gave a presentation on the important work they do helping victims of sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking and how they educate the community, professionals, schools, health care providers, and other human and community service providers on the dynamics of abuse.

More information about The Women's Resource Center can be found on the MBCC [Program Highlights page](#).

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2025 Montana Crime Prevention Conference

Multi-Disciplinary Solutions for Public Safety

The 2025 Montana Crime Prevention Conference took place at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Billings on October 28th and 29th, with post-conference training on October 30th.

The Opening Ceremony began with the National Anthem, performed by MBCC staff member Jackie Hoover, followed by the Presentation of Colors by the Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association Honor Guard. Sheriff and MBCC Chairman, Leo Dutton, delivered opening remarks, blessings, and welcomed everyone to the 19th Annual Montana Crime Prevention Conference.

Following the Opening Ceremony, John Parker delivered a powerful keynote speech about the mindset of a leader which was a deep dive into the mental habits and beliefs that empower leaders to inspire, influence, and innovate.

MBCC honored the 2025 Lifetime Achievement Award recipient, Guy Baker, and the 2025 Innovative Community Improvement Award recipient, Georgia Bruski at the Tuesday, Awards Luncheon.

In addition to the traditional Victim Services, Law Enforcement, and General track sessions, attendees had the option to attend a special track sponsored by the Montana Community Corrections Association (MCCA). MCCA-sponsored sessions included Evidence-Based Practices and Medication-Assisted Treatment. Thank you to MCCA for your support and valuable training opportunities!

MBCC Staff facilitated a Subgrantee Training on Thursday while Scott Donaldson provided *Resiliency and 21st Century Leadership in Law Enforcement*.

Thank you to all of our presenters, sponsors, exhibitors, and all who attended!

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2025 Lifetime Achievement Award

Guy Baker



The Montana Board of Crime Control honored Guy Baker with the 2025 Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of his distinguished law enforcement career, which began in 1990. Starting in uniform patrol, he later joined the Street Crimes Unit, where he was instrumental in combating gang activity in Missoula. A dedicated advocate for gang prevention, he serves as Senior Vice President of the Northwest Gang Investigators Association. Recognized nationally as a gang investigation expert, he has trained thousands through the Montana Law Enforcement Academy and the National Youth Gang Center. Since becoming a detective in 2000, Guy has earned a reputation for

professionalism, dedication, and compassion, treating every case with the care he would expect for his own family.



2025 Lifetime Achievement Award recipient Guy Baker with family and friends.

MBCC Chairman Leo Dutton presented the 2025 Lifetime Achievement Award to Guy during the Tuesday Awards Luncheon. Chairman Dutton then turned the room over to Guy, who gave an overview of his career and impact on the criminal justice system.

Thank you for all you have done, Guy, and congratulations on your retirement!

For more information about Guy Baker and the Lifetime Achievement Award, please visit the [MBCC Recognition Awards page](#).

Learn more about Guy Baker

2025 Innovative Community Improvement Award

Georgia Bruski



The Montana Board of Crime Control is pleased to present Georgia Bruski with this prestigious award in recognition of her exceptional and enduring commitment to the youth and families of Ekalaka. Through more than a decade of selfless service, Georgia has exemplified visionary leadership, unwavering dedication, and profound compassion. Her efforts have significantly advanced student safety, expanded career opportunities, and fostered a culture of empowerment and support. Her legacy, marked by innovation, collaboration, and a steadfast devotion to community well-being, will continue to shape and inspire future generations. With deepest respect and sincere

appreciation, we honor Georgia Bruski for her outstanding contributions to community service.



2025 Innovative Community Improvement Award recipient Georgia Bruski with family and friends.

MBCC Chairman Leo Dutton presented the 2025 Innovative Community Improvement Award to Georgia Bruski during the Tuesday Awards Luncheon. Georgia gave a speech about her work and thanking all her co-workers and the members of her community.

We are so proud of the work you do, Georgia! Congratulations!

For more information about Georgia Bruski, please visit the [MBCC Recognition Awards page](#).

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The 2026 Do the Write Thing Challenge has begun!

All across America, students are taking action to end youth violence. Montana's Do the Write Thing Challenge is a violence prevention program that encourages middle school students to examine the causes of youth violence, the impact of violence on their lives, and to communicate in written form what they think should be done to reduce youth violence. By encouraging students to make personal commitments to do something about the problem, the program ultimately seeks to give them the opportunity to break the cycles of violence in their homes, schools, and neighborhoods. Do the Write Thing is an initiative of the National Campaign to Stop Violence.

Student writings are due March 8, 2026. Ten State Finalists and One Student National Ambassador will be selected and invited to the State Recognition Event in

Helena in May 2026. The Student National Ambassador will be invited to the National Do the Write Thing Recognition Ceremony in Washington D.C. in July 2026.

If you would like to participate in the Do the Write Thing challenge, or would like more information, please email [Jeremy Shields](mailto:Jeremy.Shields@montana.gov).

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2025 Do the *Write* Thing Challenge!

For more information about National Student Ambassadors and State Finalists from this year and previous years, challenge rules, and more, please visit [MBCC's Do the Write Thing webpage](https://montanacommunitycorrections.org/do-the-write-thing).

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