



# MONTANA BOARD OF CRIME CONTROL

## quarterly newsletter

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### June Board Business Meeting

The Board made decisions for Victims funding, reviewed the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Strategic Plan, and honored the 2020 Lifetime Achievement Award (LAA) and 2020 Innovative Community Improvement Award (ICIA) winners.

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

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### MBCC To Transition Back to MT DOJ

As passed by the 67<sup>th</sup> Montana Legislature, the staff of the Board of Crime Control, in collaboration with the Department of Justice, shall implement the plan to fully transition the board to DOJ by January 1, 2022.

MBCC will be allocated to DOJ for administrative purposes only.

The transition will allow the Board to hire its own personnel and staff will report directly to the Board. All current staff will be retained.

# A Message from Chairman Leo Dutton

With the start of a new administration, the Montana Board of Crime Control welcomes its own new beginnings and a new board. I would like to thank Governor Gianforte for appointing me to the position of Chairman of the Board and for selecting so many good people to serve the state of Montana.

Those who have served on the Board for years, including myself, look forward to transitioning back to being administratively attached to the Montana Department of Justice. The Board thanks the Montana Department of Corrections for their support over the last several years and during this transition. The staff of the board are second to none and are looking forward to being successful in the challenges ahead.

The Board of Directors are thankful to meet in-person again, and as we develop into a performing team, may we always remember we are here to serve our citizens by forwarding the mission of crime control and prevention.

Sincerely,

Leo C. Dutton  
Sheriff/Coroner, Lewis & Clark County  
Chairman, Montana Board of Crime Control



## 2020 Lifetime Achievement Award

### John Strandell

The Montana Board of Crime Control honored John Strandell with the 2020 Lifetime Achievement Award during the June 10th Board Meeting. Former Attorney General Tim Fox, who nominated John for the prestigious award, spoke to the impeccable character, unshakable calm demeanor, and exceptional leadership John displayed throughout his career. While Bryan Lockerby, Division Administrator for the Division of Criminal Investigation, was unable to make it in-person, he recorded a video congratulating John and thanking him for his contributions to public safety throughout Montana.

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

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## **2020 Innovative Community Improvement Award**

**Gayle Butler, Marisa Britton-Bostwick, Teri Gochanour,  
and the Montana Correctional Enterprises CAMPP MT Team**

Cynthia Wolken, Deputy Director of the Montana Department of Corrections, nominated Gayle Butler, Marisa Britton-Bostwick, Teri Gochanour, and the Montana Correctional Enterprises (MCE) CAMPP MT Team for the 2020 Innovative Community Improvement Award for their work on the Connecting Adults and Minors through Positive Parenting program. Brian Gootkin, Director of the Montana Department of Corrections and a member of the Board, congratulated Marisa and Teri, who accepted the prestigious award on behalf of the entire CAMPP MT team.

For more information about CAMPP MT and the Innovative Community Improvement Award, please visit the [MBCC Recognition Awards page](#).

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## 2021 Montana Crime Prevention Conference

### Multi-Disciplinary Solutions for Public Safety

The 2021 Montana Crime Prevention Conference will take place on **September 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>**, with post-conference training on **September 30<sup>th</sup> and October 1st**.

As long as the public health situation permits, the Conference will take place at **Fairmont Hot Springs**. However, MBCC is prepared to host the Conference virtually, as it was in 2020, if event and gathering restrictions continue in the Fall. MBCC will release more information when the Board makes a final decision about the Conference format and location.

For more information about submitting presentation proposals, sponsorship opportunities, training credits, and more, please visit the 2021 Montana Crime Prevention Conference webpage.

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## Elder Abuse Awareness Month

**June is Elder Abuse Awareness Month. 1 in 10 adults, age 60 and over, will experience physical, sexual, or mental abuse from a caregiver or family member.**



Elder harm is one of the most hidden and underreported crimes. Only 1 in every 24 crimes are reported to law enforcement. Break the silence. If you suspect you or someone you know is being harmed, help is available.

Learn the signs of elder harm, resources and tools, information on how to report elder abuse, and elder abuse hotlines, please visit the MBCC Abuse in Later Life webpage.

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# Statistical Analysis Center Reports and Updates

## Tableau Dashboard Coming Soon

The MBCC Statistical Analysis Center is preparing the rollout of a Tableau Dashboard for quarriable data on reports from 2021 and forward. In the meantime, please visit the report pages linked below for past and current Law Enforcement Surveys, Hate Crime Reports, and Crime in Montana Summaries.

## 2020 Law Enforcement Survey

The 2020 Law Enforcement Survey is now available and can be found on the Law Enforcement Personnel in Montana section on the [Crime in Montana Reports webpage](#) page. Reports from 2002 forward, are available on this page as well.

[View Survey](#)

## 2020 Hate Crime Report

The 2020 Hate Crime Report is now available and can be found on the Hate Crime in Montana section on the [Crime in Montana Reports webpage](#) page. Reports from 1992 to present can be found on this page.

[View Report](#)

## 2020 Crime in Montana Summary

The 2020 Crime in Montana Summary is now available and can be found on the Crime in Montana Reports section of the [Crime in Montana Reports webpage](#). Reports as far back as the 1970s are available on this page.

[View Summary](#)

## 2021 Do the *Write* Thing Challenge

### MBCC Congratulates Montana's State and Student

#### National Ambassadors

Every year, MBCC collaborates with middle schools across Montana to facilitate the Do the *Write* Thing challenge, a national writing program in which participants analyze and communicate the causes and impacts of youth violence on society, their communities, and their own lives.

Each year, MBCC selects ten State Finalists with the most impactful essays and holds a celebratory state event to honor their efforts and insights. Of the ten State Finalists, two are selected to be Student National Ambassadors to be honored by the National Campaign to Stop Violence.

MBCC is honored to present the 2021 Do the *Write* Thing State Finalists, Odin Wiggins, Christa Lashley, Kieran Foote Spotted Wolf, Ashley Alberez, William Hansen, Taylor Dunn, Mac Campbell, Tyla Larson, Michael Moorman, and Allison Bailler.

Congratulations to Montana's two Student National Ambassadors, Odin Wiggins and Christa Lashley!

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