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San Joaquin DUI Court Results

- WHAT:** Preliminary results from the new DUI Court in San Joaquin County
&
DUI Court model demonstration
- WHEN:** Friday August 29th 2008, 11:00am-1:00pm
- WHERE:** San Joaquin County Superior Court, Department #25
Courthouse, 222 E. Weber Ave., Stockton, CA
Contact: Judge Richard A. Vlavianos (209) 468-2827
- WHY:** According to the California Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) Management Information System's 2008 Annual Report, DUI arrests in San Joaquin County rose 12.2%.

AGENDA

11:00am – 12:00pm

Demonstration of DUI Court's innovative Accountability Phase

12:00pm – 12:10pm

News Conference

Hon. Richard A. Vlavianos, Judge of the Superior Court
Christopher J. Murphy, Director, California Office of Traffic Safety
Nathan Werth Program Coordinator
Joe Larranaga Case Assessment Manager
Juanita Gipaya Compliance Officer
Kevin Ford, Supervising Deputy District Attorney
Steven Sands, DUI Defense Attorney

PROGRAM MISSION:

The San Joaquin County DUI Court project seeks to increase public safety and the quality of life for all citizens by using proven behavior modification principles and programs to increase accountability for repeat DUI offenders and reduce recidivism among this high risk group.

SPONSOR:

The DUI Court is funded by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) with support from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)

SAN JOAQUIN DUI COURT FAST FACTS

- The DUI Court program began January, 2008, a collaborative effort designed by a group that included the court, the San Joaquin County District Attorney's Office, the Office of the Public Defender, DUI defense attorneys, San Joaquin County DUI program providers, and Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD).
- In the first six months, 77% of the clients are in compliance with court orders.
- According to the 2008 DMV Annual Report, only 27% of San Joaquin County second offenders enrolled in their court mandated program and 73% were out of compliance with the court's order.
- In the first seven months, the recidivism rate was 1%. (The recidivism rate within one year for DUI second offenders in Stockton was 10% in 2005, 78% higher than the state average.)
- According to the 2008 DMV Annual Report, there were 973 repeat DUI offender arrests in San Joaquin County, 632 in Stockton.
- In 2006 there were 17,602 alcohol related fatalities nationally, a 12% increase from 2005.
- 42% of all traffic fatalities nationally are alcohol related.
- Compared to the state average DUI second offenders in San Joaquin County are more likely to be involved in a car crash within one year, having the worst rate of any larger county in the state.
- A \$722,000.00 grant covering two years was awarded by the California Office of Traffic Safety in October of 2007.
- 36% of all repeat DUI defendants in the Stockton Judicial District fail to appear in court for their hearing. Working in collaboration with the Stockton Police Department's DUI Task Force, the DUI Court team has managed to bring a third of these cases back to court.

San Joaquin's DUI Court PROGRAM ELEMENTS

- The San Joaquin DUI Court covers all repeat DUI offenders within the Stockton Judicial District.
- The court has two tiers: the Accountability Tier and the Treatment Tier.
- All repeat offenders in the Stockton Judicial District are placed into the Accountability Tier where the DUI Court team monitors their enrollment in the court mandated education program. An Ignition Interlock Device (IID) is generally also ordered and monitored by the DUI Court team.
- Review dates are set at one month, six months and one year where the client must demonstrate to the court that they are in the program, have the IID installed and are in compliance with their conditions of probation.
- If a client violates the conditions of probation in the Accountability Tier or presents with a need for a treatment program in addition to the education program, they are assessed to determine the need for a treatment program. If it is needed, a treatment program is ordered and monitored by the court using a drug court model program.
- The second tier of San Joaquin's DUI Court will begin in full in late September adding a drug court model tier for those whose substance abuse issues are so strong they do not successfully respond to the accountability tier. San Joaquin County's Drug Court had a 77% graduation rate in 2006.