

IGNITION INTERLOCK REQUIREMENTS:

- Alcohol offenses occurring after January 1, 2011 (no OWID)
- Two or more OWI or OWVI
Preceded by one or more convictions in another state
- 45 hard suspension through SOS
- 90 days of documented TX and must be in compliance with the TX requirements
- All court fines/cost and probation fees must be paid in full.
- The interlock device(s) must be on each vehicle owned or operated by the defendant (all cost associated with the interlock device(s) are the responsibility of the defendant)
- The restricted license associated with this program only allows the defendant to drive to and from work, school and TX (AA). It does not permit the defendant to drive for work purposes.
- Any violations will result in immediate revocation of the restricted license and the defendant will not be eligible again for any additional restricted license from the 35th DC
- The 35th DC Sobriety Court Program does not accept: transfer cases from other courts, person's who have or are seeking a medical marijuana card or persons who have previously been in a Sobriety Court Program.

Program Overview

RESOURCES EMPLOYED

- Substance abuse counseling
- Intensive supervision
- Random drug/alcohol testing
- One-on-one judicial contact
- Education programs
- Community service

OBJECTIVES

- Protect public safety by reducing alcohol and other drug related recidivism
- Reduce jail costs associated with repeat offenders
- Return participants to the community as more productive, sober members of society



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35TH DISTRICT COURT



SOBRIETY COURT PROGRAM

The 35th District Court Sobriety Court Program provides a cost effective utilization of community resources to eliminate non-violent offenders' use of alcohol and other drugs, which further protects the public.

We teach tools for life long Sobriety, encourage individual goals, and intensively monitor drug court participants' progress. We thereby reduce recidivism and assist drug court participants to become more productive members of our community.

Each year more than 1,200 people are arrested for alcohol and other drug related offenses in the Canton/Northville/Plymouth communities. In response to this serious problem, the 35th District Court has implemented a sobriety Court Program.



The 35th District Court Sobriety Court Program is a non-grant funded self sustaining program that utilizes a multifaceted approach, which consists of intensive supervision by a Sobriety Court Probation Officer, mandatory treatment, random testing, community service, and frequent appearances before a District Court Judge. Sanctions are imposed for non-compliance. Participants must voluntarily agree to enter the program. The treatment consists of individual and/or group counseling, regular attendance at 12 Step meetings and assistance with education, life skills, parenting and/or employment concerns. The length of the program is determined by each participant's progress through the four paths.

The Sobriety Court Program also provides more frequent drug/alcohol testing and monitoring during the program than other forms of community supervision. The end result is that criminal behavior is significantly reduced and public safety is improved.

ELIGIBILITY:

Any defendant who has not been convicted of an assaultive offense and who is a first time offender with a BAC of .20 or higher or has been convicted of a subsequent misdemeanor OWI offense.

BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY:

- Enhances public safety by reducing the dangers posed by alcohol and other drug (AOD) related offenders.
- Reduces jail costs related to AOD related offenders.
- Returns the offender to the community as a productive member of society.

PATHS OF THE PROGRAM:

PATH ONE: (MINIMUM 9 WEEKS)

- Meet with Probation Officer weekly.
- Attend Sobriety Court Review Hearings monthly
- Attend substance abuse counseling as directed.
- Submit to random drug and/or alcohol testing as directed by the probation officer/treatment provider.
- Attend 12 step meetings and provide written verification as directed.
- Obtain a sponsor and contact sponsor as directed.

PATH TWO: (MINIMUM 9 WEEKS)

- Meet with Probation Officer twice a month.
- Attend Sobriety Court Review Hearings monthly
- Attend substance abuse counseling as directed.
- Submit to random drug and/or alcohol testing as directed by officer/treatment provider.
- Attend 12 step meetings and provide written verification as directed.

PATH TWO: (CONTINUED)

- Continue to contact sponsor at least once a week or as directed.
- Complete a minimum of 40 hours of community service with written proof of completion in order to be transferred to Path 3.

PATH THREE: (MINIMUM 9 WEEKS)

- Meet with Probation Officer one time per a month.
- Attend Sobriety Court Review Hearings monthly
- Attend substance abuse counseling as directed.
- Submit to random drug and/or alcohol testing as directed by the probation officer/treatment provider
- Attend 12 step meetings and provide written verification as directed.
- Continue to contact sponsor at least once a week or as directed.
- Complete a minimum of 40 hours of community services.

PATH FOUR:

- Meet with Probation Officer monthly.
- Attend substance abuse counseling as directed.
- Submit to random drug and/or alcohol testing as directed or as directed by officer/treatment provider.
- Attend 12 step meetings and provide written verification as directed.
- Continue to contact sponsor at least once a week.
- Complete the remaining hours of community services.