

## Mission of DUI Court

The mission of the Fresno County DUI court is to provide offenders with a comprehensive program that will reduce the rate of recidivism and financial burden to the community while enhancing public safety. This will be accomplished through a coordination of collaborative Court services which include individualized treatment plans, close supervision and judicial involvement.

“In many cases, an individual with multiple DUI convictions has an underlying problem that needs to be addressed. With additional guidance and support, this program allows individuals to receive the help they need to change their lives in a positive way.”

- Barbara Rooney, OTS Director

## Eligibility Requirements

- Applicant must be 18 or older
- Must reside in Fresno County
- Must be assessed as High Risk/High Needs
- Offense must be for a 3<sup>rd</sup> DUI Arrest

## Disqualifiers

- Out of County Residents
- Pending Felony Charges or Violations of Formal Supervision
- Actively on any type of supervision other than Conditional Probation
- History of convictions within the past 5 years involving any of the following are presumptively disqualified:
  - Violence
  - Gang Activity
  - Drug Sales
  - 290 Registrants
  - Protective Order Violations

## Fresno County Superior Court

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# Introduction

## Programs Goal:

The primary objective of the DUI Court is to help participants fulfill their sentencing obligations and reduce their chances of re-offending.

## How the Program Works?

Once a defendant has been screened as eligible to participate and is subsequently sentenced by a Judge, the defendant will be referred to DUI Court. Participants will be assigned a Case Manager and Probation Officer to ensure that they receive the supervision and support needed to comply with their conditions of Probation while receiving treatment services.

A Supervision & Treatment plan will be developed for each participant to ensure their success with program goals.

## How long is the Program?

Program completion will vary depending on participant compliance and willingness to accept treatment. At a minimum, duration of program is 12 months.

Participants must complete all four (4) phases of the program for successful completion and graduation. Each Phase has been designed to incrementally build participants self-ability to abstain from making poor choices as to substance abuse.

See below for minimum duration as to each Phase:

- **Orientation & Phase I** - 60 Days
- **Phase II** - 90 Days
- **Phase III** - 90 Days
- **Phase IV** - 120 Days

## Collaborating Today for Successful Tomorrows

The DUI Court is modeled after the County's other successful collaborative programs which have partnered with several agencies including the Superior Court, Probation Department, Department of Behavioral Health, Public Defenders Office, District Attorneys Office and other Law Enforcement Agencies.

Participants will be given professional help in confronting substance abuse issues which will facilitate life changing improvements in their lives.

## Participant Responsibilities

1. Attend all Court appearances on time and dressed appropriately
2. Comply with all orders issued by the Judge
3. Enroll into a Drunk Driving Program
4. Attend all required meetings and appointments
5. Submit to urine or hair samples for drug testing, and/or submit to alcohol breath testing as ordered by the Judge, Probation Officer or Treatment providers
6. Attend all self/group meetings as directed by the Judge, DUI Court Team or treatment providers.
7. Notify DUI Court Team in advance of any changes of address, employment, or telephone number.
8. Obtain Alcohol Monitoring Device and comply with testing schedule.
9. Be open & honest while engaging with treatment and all aspects of the program.

## Instructions to Defendant for DUI Court

- Your DUI Court Hearing is scheduled on \_\_\_\_\_ in **Dept. 97B at 1:30 pm.**
- You are ordered to contact the DUI Court Coordinator at [559] 457-2163 no later than **5:00 pm today** to schedule an interview with a DUI Case Manager.
- NOTE:** Any communications with the DUI Case Manager are confidential and may not be used for any purpose in this matter or any other pending matter. The Case Manager will advise the Court and counsel whether or not you are eligible for the DUI Court.

## Alcohol Monitoring Programs

<b>SCRAM of CA</b>	(800) 840-4111
<b>LifeSafer</b>	(800) 373-5625
<b>CheckBAC</b>	(747) 444-7981

## Questions

If you have any specific questions regarding your case, once you are admitted into the program please consult your DUI Program Handbook or your Court Documents. For any non-legal questions please refer to your Case Manager.