

SCRAM_x in Sheriffs' Departments



Contra Costa County • California

Contra Costa County, located in the San Francisco/Oakland area, is home to over 1 million residents and one of the largest Sheriffs' offices in the nation.

Contra Costa also has the distinction of being the first Sheriff office to leverage the dual continuous alcohol monitoring (CAM) and house arrest functionality of SCRAM_x® (Secure Continuous Remote Alcohol Monitor) to take a firm stance on tackling its DUI problem. Since June 2010, the Sheriffs' Office has been using SCRAM_x as a replacement for its previous use of BI's TAD® and Sobrietor® products.

Key Program Points/Results:

- Used on both pre-trial and post-conviction DUI and alcohol-related offenders
- Criteria is repeat (2 or more) DUI or DUI by a minor
- CAM used in pre-trial; house arrest may be added in post-conviction
- Annual savings of \$2.7 million as custody alternative

Contra Costa County SCRAM_x Program Stats*:

Total Monitored: 288

% Compliant (0 violations): 92%

*As of December 2010

SCRAM_x is used on both pre-trial and post-conviction alcohol offenders, based on a referral by the court. Program criteria is a repeat (2 or more) DUI offense, or a DUI for individuals under 21 years old. Repeat DUI offenders in the pretrial stage are initially ordered on CAM only until conviction, then house arrest may be added in lieu of incarceration. For those high-risk alcohol offenders who warrant even more intensive supervision, a separate GPS device may be used in conjunction with SCRAM_x.

Upon the receipt of the court docket, approval for placement into the SCRAM_x program is made and the bracelet is installed on the offender, who is then oriented with program rules and behavioral expectations. Of particular importance, offenders are informed that if there is a positive confirmed drinking event, they will be arrested and placed into custody. This swift and certain consequence – along with the house arrest component of SCRAM_x – helps the Contra Costa Sheriffs' Office achieve a compliance rate of 92%, or 9 out of 10 program participants.

Lieutenant Brian Kalinowski of the Contra Costa Sheriffs' Office explains that SCRAM_x is being used because of its "reliability, 24/7 monitoring capabilities, and reputation" of the product. "The Contra Costa County Sheriffs' Office uses SCRAM_x based on its performance – while helping ensure public safety and judicial confidence," he adds. "Most of our repeat DUI offenders who are on SCRAM_x know that they would otherwise be on their way to jail."

Kalinowski estimates that utilizing SCRAM_x in lieu of incarceration saves Contra Costa County up to \$2.7 million annually (based on program participation and traditional inmate custody costs). "The trend in corrections is the use of alternative custody programs," he says, "and SCRAM_x allows us to reduce expenses and bed days while maintaining public safety."

Continuous Alcohol Monitoring + House Arrest

SCRAM_x Helps Sheriffs Take a Tough Stand on Alcohol

As a Sheriff, you likely deal with alcohol offenders on a daily basis. In fact, since alcohol is a contributing factor in over 60% of all crimes, its reach extends far beyond DUI and can impact a significant part of your arrests.

To help address this, SCRAM_x[®] (Secure Continuous Remote Alcohol Monitor) provides Sheriffs with an effective way to take a firm stand on alcohol-related crime. SCRAM_x combines continuous alcohol monitoring (CAM) and house arrest technology in one device, letting you monitor hardcore/repeat offenders 24/7 for alcohol with the ability to add house arrest, as needed.

SCRAM_x provides Sheriffs with a comprehensive alcohol offender management solution that:

- Drives greater accountability
 - 9 out of 10 offenders are fully compliant while on the device
- Helps keep roadways safe
- Protects community safety
- Consolidates two technologies into one
 - Streamlines inventory management and saves time
- Gives departments the security of a proven, court-validated technology with the CAM industry leader
 - More than 165,000 offenders monitored since 2003
 - Court validated in:
 - 82 evidentiary hearings
 - 32 hearings resulting in Daubert/Frye rulings
 - 1 State Supreme Court and 1 State Appellate Court rulings
- Provides additional supervision for higher-risk or re-entry offenders
- Saves money and resources
- Helps reduce recidivism



SCRAM_x helps Sheriffs tackle what you likely find to be the most challenging aspects of dealing with alcohol offenders, and is an extension of your efforts in the field.

