

SCRAM_x in Sheriffs' Departments



Milwaukee County • Wisconsin

Since January 2009, the Milwaukee County Sheriffs' Office has been using SCRAM® (Secure Continuous Remote Alcohol Monitor) as an integral part of its alcohol offender management program. It was one of the first – and currently among the largest – SCRAM programs in the country that is operated by a Sheriffs' department.

Milwaukee County initially began using SCRAM as an alternative to incarceration after a portion of its jail facility was condemned and closed. With space at a premium and severe overcrowding conditions, one of the target populations to redirect was alcohol offenders – but only if they could be effectively monitored to ensure that community safety was being protected.

Key Program Points/Results:

- One of largest Sheriff-run SCRAM programs in the country
- Primary use is as an alternative to incarceration
- Used on repeat OWI offenders
- More than 9 out of 10 offenders are fully compliant

Milwaukee County SCRAM Program Stats*:

Total Monitored: 1,693

Average Monitoring Period: 45 days

% Compliant (no violations): 94%

*As of December 2010

In response to this situation, the Milwaukee County Sheriffs' Office began using SCRAM to monitor offenders 24/7 for alcohol consumption, free up limited jail space, protect the citizens of Milwaukee County, and save taxpayer dollars as the program is offender paid. The SCRAM program is administered in association with Wisconsin Community Services, Inc. (WCS), which the Sheriffs' Office contracts with to provide supporting services.

The majority of offenders monitored by SCRAM are repeat (2nd and 3rd) OWI (Operating While Intoxicated) offenders. The Sheriffs' Office may use a combination of jail time, followed by putting the offender on SCRAM in conjunction with another form of electronic monitoring – such as house arrest or GPS – depending on the situation and/or offense.

Of particular note is the extremely high (94%) compliance rate of offenders in Milwaukee County's SCRAM program, meaning that they had no drinking events or tamper attempts while on the device. Driving this compliance is that fact that – upon the confirmation of a noncompliant event – the offender is immediately picked up by the Sheriffs' Office and put directly in jail. This firm stance is also exemplified by the fact that only a small percentage (5.5%) of offenders has one violation – and quickly learn their lesson – so hardly any (0.5%) have multiple noncompliant events.



**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.

