



AMS and Veterans

A growing number of Veterans Treatment Courts are helping men and women in our local communities who are locked in a cycle of criminal behavior driven by combat-related mental health and addiction disorders. These courts address the specific needs of Veterans by bringing together a unique blend of resources, ultimately making our communities safer while restoring dignity to our Veterans on the home front.

SCRAMx for Veterans: A Helping Hand

SCRAMx for Veterans is a program that provides equipment and monitoring services to NADCP-designated Veterans Treatment Courts free of charge. AMS has established a fund to support the costs for this program, and our team donates their time to help work with each individual court to implement the technology and to identify long-term resources that can help make your alcohol management program self-sustaining.



Our goal: To help these courts help America's heroes.

Since 1997, Alcohol Monitoring Systems has been a company dedicated to helping individuals, families, and communities through innovative technologies. Our focus is on delivering an alcohol testing technology that meets the long-term needs of offenders with alcohol misuse disorders. We launched the AMS Veterans Program in 2009 as a corporate initiative dedicated to helping those who sacrifice so much for our country: U.S. Military Veterans. In addition to corporate support for Veterans organizations such as the Wounded Warrior Project, AMS has taken the initiative to give a helping hand to Veterans in our own backyard—the criminal justice system.

The Program Components

- ▶ AMS has created a grant, consisting of donated equipment and a block of no-cost monitoring days, for qualifying Veterans Treatment Courts. Each court can use their donated monitoring days to help establish long-term assessment and alcohol monitoring guidelines.
- ▶ Your free monitoring can be used to monitor 24/7 for alcohol consumption or can utilize both the 24/7 alcohol and the curfew monitoring functions that are available together in the SCRAMx Bracelet.
- ▶ No population has greater financial challenges than many of our Veterans, who struggle with stable housing and steady employment. Our AMS team will work with you on ways to make your alcohol program financially self-sustaining, from helping you find and apply for grants and funding to developing offender-pay programs appropriate for your jurisdiction.

Sources: National Association of Drug Court Professionals, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, U.S. Department of Defense, U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Statistics, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Justice For Vets, The National Clearinghouse for Veterans Treatment Courts, a professional service organization of the National Association of Drug Court Professionals, is the country's leading resource for news, data, research, and programs related to Veterans Treatment Courts. Justice For Vets is leading the way, working with federal, state, and local governments to change the way we support Veterans in the criminal justice system. Be sure to visit www.justiceforvets.org.



Getting Started

How to begin the process of utilizing donated alcohol monitoring services in your Veterans Treatment Court:

1. Work with Justice For Vets, The National Clearinghouse for Veterans Treatment Courts, a professional service organization of NADCP, to ensure you meet the criteria to receive designation as a Veterans Treatment Court.
2. Contact AMS at **800-557-0861**, and specify that you are calling in regard to the **SCRAM_x for Veterans** program.
3. Our team will quickly connect you with representatives who will:
 - ▶ **Link you with a network** of other Veterans Treatment Courts that are utilizing SCRAM_x monitoring in their program.
 - ▶ **Help you with assessment** and identification of the offenders best suited for 24/7 alcohol monitoring or SCRAM_x combined 24/7 alcohol and curfew monitoring.
 - ▶ **Set up the best approach** for monitoring for your program—either directly through AMS or through a local service provider when applicable.
 - ▶ **Begin the process of helping you** identify options for funding and sustaining your alcohol monitoring program.

Veterans, Addiction, and Criminal Justice

- 2010 is the 9th straight year the U.S. has been at war
- There are 23.4 million U.S. Veterans
- 2 million Veterans and counting are from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan
- 1 in 4 Veterans ages 18-25 met the criteria for substance abuse disorder in 2006
- 1.8 million Veterans of any age met the criteria for having a substance abuse disorder in 2006
- 81% of justice-involved Veterans had a substance abuse issue prior to incarceration
- There are 140,000 U.S. Veterans in prison, and 60% of those have a substance abuse problem
- There are 130,000 homeless U.S. Veterans, and 75% of them suffer from substance abuse problems

AMS Community Relations

As a company, Alcohol Monitoring Systems has committed to a number of community-based programs, either through corporate donations or participation in community-based fund-raising initiatives.

AMS Veterans Program

- ▶ Wounded Warrior Project, www.woundedwarriorproject.org
- ▶ SCRAM_x for Veterans, www.alcoholmonitoring.com/veterans

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Colorado Chapter

www.madd.org/co

AMS employees volunteer year-round with the Colorado Chapter of MADD, and each August the company has a team of staff, friends, and family who participate in their annual Walk Like MADD event.



Easter Seals Colorado

www.eastersealsco.org

AMS has provided corporate donations and has participated with matching contributions to employee-organized fund-raising activities.

AMS Classroom Education Program

AMS employees talk with students in local area classrooms, providing education about the dangers of drunk driving and what can be expected in the judicial system if you are arrested for a DUI.

Take Your Sons and Daughters to Work Day

AMS partners with Alive at 25, a nationwide nonprofit that works with local law enforcement groups to educate teens about the dangers of drunk driving. Each year AMS staff organizes a comprehensive day-long educational program for the AMS family. www.aliveat25.us

