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The South Dakota 24/7 Sobriety Project Fact Sheet

The Program

- February 2005 launch
- 60 of 67 counties have participation agreements on file
- Original concept born out of a desire to deal with escalating jail and prison populations
- Used as a condition of bond, sentence, probation, parole, social services special condition, or work permit for a vast variety of offenses
- Used to control drinking behaviors and drug abuse

Testing Statistics

- Over 17,743 twice per day breath testing participants
 - 3.7 million breath tests administered with a pass rate of 99.28%
 - no breath testing challenges to date
- UA testing began June 2010
 - 1,771 participants with 38,480 tests administered
 - UA pass rate is 97.1%
- Drug Patch testing:
 - 83 participants; 946 patches used; pass rate 85%
- Transdermal alcohol testing:
 - 2,806 participants through January 2011
 - 399,146 days monitored; 292 drinking events and 1,047 tampers recorded

Additional Success

- NHTSA numbers indicate that SD is one of the national leaders in the reduction of alcohol related fatality and injury crashes since 24/7 implementation
- Mt. Plains Evaluation preliminary numbers indicate a reduction in recidivism for DUI offenses by 50% for 24/7 participants
- Expanded auto insurance coverage for participants (private industry partnerships) and an increased number of work permit eligible drivers

Corrections & Local Jail Information

- 1.85 million days @ \$65 per day potential savings in local jail expenses
- Current corrections numbers are not available, however, in the 28 years Warden Doug Weber has worked at the South Dakota state penitentiary, he's never seen the inmate population go down, two years in a row.

"It's positive, it's reassuring, and it's refreshing," he says. "One reason for the decrease is that judges have more options, such as the 24/7 program for drunk drivers, before sending a criminal to prison." WARDEN WEBER

Recidivism

- Analyses by the South Dakota Attorney General's Office find that offenders placed at least 30 consecutive days on 24/7 are over 50% less likely to commit another DUI offense.

