

Sanctions/Incentives/Graduation

Sanctions

It is the intention of the DUI Court Program to work closely with its participants to ensure success in their completion of the court program. however, participants who fail to meet phase requirements may be required to complete additional treatment, community service, or incarceration.

Incentives

Participants who comply with all rules of the DUI Court Program will be eligible to receive various rewards and benefits.

Graduation

All participants who successfully complete the requirements of the DUI Court Program will receive a certificate of completion from the Court and will participate in our graduation ceremony.



Community Benefits

Reduces repetitive DUI and other drug related offenses

Provides for enhanced offender supervision and accountability

Returns the offender to the community as a sober productive member

Increases community safety

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RICHMOND COUNTY STATE COURT

ACCOUNTABILITY COURTS DUI Program



Rehabilitating Lives Through.....

*Dedication
Diligence
Determination*

Committed to making a difference in the Community and in Partnership with the Community.



Honorable David D. Watkins
Honorable Patricia W. Booker

INTENT OF THE ACCOUNTABILITY COURTS

Traditional approaches to sentencing (i.e. periods of confinement, fines, community service, interlock devices, substance abuse treatment and risk reduction courses) alone are simply inadequate to address abusive and/or addictive behavior demonstrated by a continuing pattern of DUI offenses. The Accountability Court team, which includes Judges, prosecutors, defense counsel, substance abuse treatment counselors, law enforcement, and the Accountability Court Coordinator will work together providing the opportunity to the offender to deal with alcohol and drug related problems as well as educate those who are demonstrating a path towards addictive behavior.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Accountability Court Programs – DUI Court is to confront the substance abuse issue underlying the repetitive pattern of offenders and to reduce recidivism through enhanced supervision, treatment, and individual accountability.

REQUIREMENTS

Prior to being placed in the DUI Court Program the following eligibility requirements must be met:

- The candidate must have a 2nd or subsequent alcohol related offense.
- The candidate must not be a violent offender.
- The candidate must be under the jurisdiction of the State Court of Richmond County.

COST

- Weekly fee of \$31.25
- Weekly alcohol or drug treatment fee (varies by provider)

PHASES OF THE DUI PROGRAM

Phase 1 – (8 weeks) attend 2 counseling sessions per week, alcohol/drug screens, attend AA meetings, and attend 2 court sessions per month, remain alcohol and drug free.

Phase 2 – (12 weeks) attend 1 counseling session per week, alcohol/drug screens, attend AA meetings, risk reduction, clinical evaluation, and attend 2 court sessions per month, remain alcohol and drug free.

Phase 3 – (17 weeks) attend 1 counseling session per week, alcohol/drug screens, attend AA meetings, and attend 2 court sessions per month, remain alcohol and drug free.

Aftercare – (15 weeks) attend 2 counseling sessions per month, alcohol/drug screens, and attend AA meetings, attend 1 court session per month, pay driver's license fee, obtain license.

