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Office of Traffic Safety Awards \$269,000 Grant to San Joaquin Superior Court for Dedicated Impaired Driving Court Program

Stockton, CA — The Superior Court of California, County of San Joaquin is pleased to announce it has been awarded a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) to support its DUI Court Program. The grant supports program operations from October 1, 2025, to September 30, 2026, with the goal of reducing the number of individuals injured or killed in alcohol-related collisions in San Joaquin County.

The San Joaquin DUI Court Program began in 2008 and targets all repeat DUI offenders in Stockton. The program includes a treatment track designed for offenders with substance dependence or addiction, focusing on providing substance abuse treatment in conjunction with continuous alcohol monitoring, drug testing, and regular court appearances. Additionally, the program will continue to expand a new monitoring track focused on monitoring and regular court appearances for repeat offenders who are assessed as not having a dependence or addiction problem.

This grant will allow the San Joaquin DUI Court Program to enhance its established program by focusing on strengthening its two-tier system and capacity building. It will fund two full-time case managers who will support both the Court and community. Case managers assist in improving offender accountability, increasing court appearance rates, and enhancing retention and successful completion.

The grant will also support the Choices and Consequences school outreach program, which educates middle and high school students on the dangers of driving while under the influence. The Court initially implemented the virtual format in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Since then, the virtual option has been maintained for the convenience of participating schools and to expand outreach to additional students. The Court expects to reach several hundred students during the grant period.

DUI Court partners with healthcare treatment providers, social services, and other community-based organizations to develop an effective course of treatment for participants through a combination of judicial supervision and other supportive services.

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