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## **FUNDING CONTINUES FOR DUI COURT PROGRAM**

San Joaquin Superior Court is pleased to announce that it has been awarded \$710,000 in continued funding for its DUI Court program. Funding is provided by the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) with support from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and will be used to support program operations and services between October 1, 2014 and September 30, 2015.

The DUI Court was implemented in 2008 to increase accountability for repeat DUI offenders and reduce recidivism among this high risk group with the goal of increasing public safety and the quality of life for all citizens. The program has been successful in achieving these goals. An independent program evaluation completed in 2012 concluded that program participants had significantly fewer new DUI convictions than comparison offenders and less than half as many DUI Court participants were in collisions compared to individuals on traditional probation. Additionally, the Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System (SWITRS) shows a 44% decrease in alcohol related fatalities in San Joaquin County with 48 fatalities in 2006 and 27 in 2012 (see attached graph).

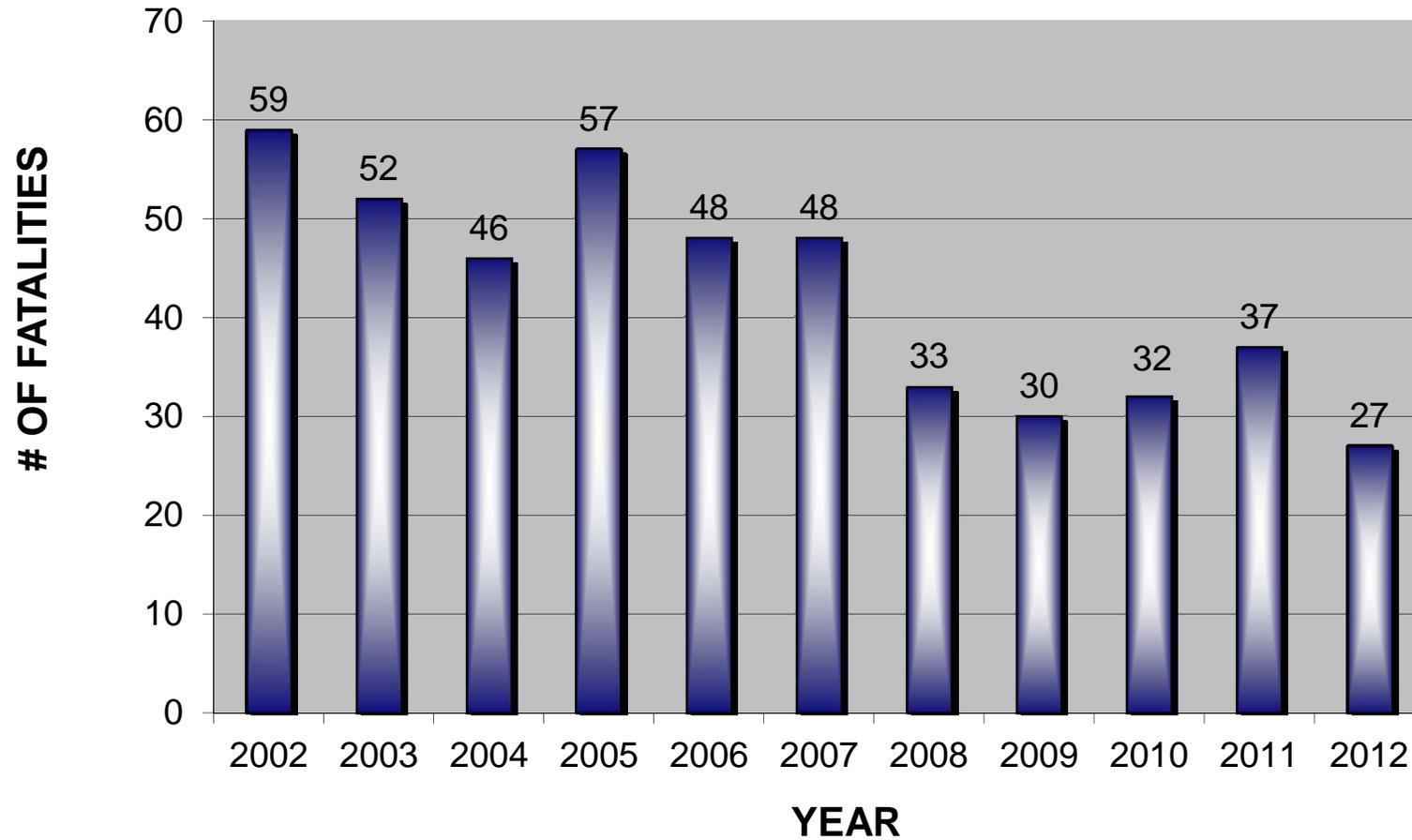
All repeat offenders in the Stockton Judicial District are ordered to participate in the DUI Court program. The DUI Court Team, which consists of five court compliance officers and one probation officer, monitor repeat offenders in the program. Components of the DUI Court program include: regular court appearances, accountability to fulfill both Department of Motor Vehicle and court sanctioned sentencing mandates, regular drug and alcohol testing, use of Ignition Interlock Device (IID), home inspections to ensure alcohol free compliance, participation in 12-step recovery programs, and substance abuse treatment as mandated by the court. Since implementing the DUI Court, 3,030 individuals have participated in the program. There are currently 740 clients actively participating in the program. The DUI Court has graduated 1,743 participants ordered to the program.

Judge Richard Vlavianos who presides over the DUI Court had this to say about the program's continued funding, "We would like to thank OTS and NHTSA for their continued support and partnership in this important endeavor to increase public safety by reducing alcohol collisions and fatalities. It is rewarding to see the reduction in alcohol related collisions and fatalities in San Joaquin County."

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# Alcohol Related Traffic Fatalities in San Joaquin County 2002-2012

(from the Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System, SWITRS)



2002 - 2007 Average: 51.67  
2008 - 2012 Average: 31.80  
Percent of Decrease: -38.45%