

Team Members:

How Does DUI Court Work?

- ✓ Participants are repeat DUI or alcohol addicted offenders
- ✓ Sex offenders and drug dealers are NOT eligible for the program
- ✓ Every participant appears in Court, pleads guilty to pending charges, and is sentenced
- ✓ All participants are sentenced to various prison terms with license revocation and 5 years of supervised probation
- ✓ Penitentiary sentence is suspended with admission to DUI Court
- ✓ Failure to meet program requirements means immediate imposition of that sentence
- ✓ DUI Court is a voluntary program which includes: alcohol and drug testing, counseling, treatment, classes, and weekly appearances in Court.

Judge Robin J. Houwman
Judge Sara Pokela
Kallie Steffens – Coordinator
Amy Berthelsen – Court Services Officer
Nate Olson—Court Services Officer
Chad Clark – Evaluator
Andrew Robertson – Public Defender
Lt. John Duprey – Law Enforcement
Steve Maciejewski – 24/7
Gail Eiesland – Prosecutor
Phyllis Bauerle – CD Treatment
Joy Parker – Mental Health Treatment
Rod Ward – Cultural Representative
Glenda Hammond – Support Staff

The DUI Court Teams invites
you to visit open Court on
Tuesdays at 9:00 am in
Courtroom 6A.



Second Judicial Circuit DUI Court

MISSION

The Mission of the Second Circuit DUI Court is to promote an alternative way for repeat DUI or alcohol addicted offenders to receive justice and treatment, with an eye towards public safety, personal dignity and program accountability while promoting recovery and real life change.

What is DUI Court?

A DUI Court is a distinct docket dedicated to changing the behavior of the alcohol dependent offenders arrested for Driving Under the Influence (DUI). The goal of DUI Court is to protect public safety by using the Drug Court model to address alcoholism and substance abuse as the root cause of impaired driving. Hardcore impaired drivers with serious alcohol/substance abuse issues are the primary target population of the DUI Court. (Hardcore DUI offenders are defined as individuals who drive with a BAC of 0.15 percent or greater, or who are arrested for or convicted of driving while intoxicated after a prior DUI conviction.) These courts follow the principals set forth in [Defining Drug Courts: The Key Components and the Guiding Principles of DUI Court.](#)

What is the History of the DUI Court in Sioux Falls?

After planning and training for a year, the Second Circuit DUI Court took its first Client on Tuesday, November 27, 2013. Court is held every Tuesday at 9:00 am in Courtroom 6A.

Benefits to the Community?

- ✓ Enables offenders to become contributing members of society
- ✓ Reduce Recidivism
- ✓ Reunite Families
- ✓ Protect Public Safety

Benefits to the Participant?

- ✓ Becoming a contributing member of society by becoming a sober and reliable employee to pay for rent, utilities and all other expenses
- ✓ Becoming a sober member of their family and to resume responsibilities as a parent, sibling, spouse, or child
- ✓ Becoming a safe member of society by increasing accountability and respect for driving privileges
- ✓ Addressing the life issues of the participant to increase awareness and promote stability and good life skills

How Can You Help?

- ✓ Volunteer to be a mentor to our participants
- ✓ Serve on the DUI Court Stakeholder Committee
- ✓ Donate goods and services to DUI Court (gift certificates for groceries, gas cards, certificates for haircuts, games, movies, recreation, etc.)
- ✓ Consider DUI Court participants when hiring for your business
- ✓ Consider renting to a DUI Court participant

If you have any questions or want to learn more about this program please contact Kallie Steffens at 605-367-5930.