

# **STATE PROBATION/PAROLE OUTREACH LIAISON (SPOL)**

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# AGENDA

- INTRODUCTION
- THE PROBLEM
- HOW DID IT START?
- WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?



**IF YOU FEEL DIFFERENT  
YOU DRIVE DIFFERENT  
DRIVE HIGH GET A DUI**



# THE PROBLEM

**OVER 40% OF MINNESOTA DRIVERS WITH A DWI WILL RE-OFFEND**



## **WHERE DID THE IDEA COME FROM?**

- **INITIALLY BROUGHT UP BY AN OTS LAW ENFORCEMENT LIAISON**
- **2022 NHTSA IMPAIRED DRIVING ASSESSMENT**
  - **INCLUDED THE DOC FOR INTERVIEWS**
  - **OTS REALIZED THE DOC WAS MISSING FROM OUR PARTNERSHIPS**

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## **PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT**

- **WITH THE HELP OF FORMER DOC DIRECTOR GODFREY AND MARK STODOLA, PROBATION FELLOW WITH THE APPA, WE DEVELOPED SOME GOALS:**
  - **PROVIDE TRAINING AND EDUCATION**
  - **PROMOTE EVIDENCE-BASED BEST PRACTICES**
  - **SHARE INFORMATION AND COORDINATE WITH STAKEHOLDERS**
    - **WITH THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF REDUCING RECIDIVISM**

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## GRANT AWARDED TO DOC

### SPOLS:

- **CORRECTIONS AGENT  
KURT HOEHNE, SOUTHERN**
- **CORRECTIONS AGENT  
LAURA KOKTAVY,  
NORTHERN**

### DECISION WAS MADE TO HAVE TWO SPOLS WHO SPLIT THE STATE IN HALF.

- **AGENTS HAVE DWI CASELOAD EXPERIENCE**
- **AGENTS MAINTAIN A CASELOAD AND WORK PART-TIME AS SPOLS**
- **HOLD MONTHLY MEETINGS TO UPDATE ON PROGRESS**

## FUTURE OF THE PROJECT

- **EXPANSION**
  - **WOULD LIKE TO HAVE AT LEAST 1 FULL TIME SPOL**
  - **CHALLENGE HAS BEEN AGENT CASELOADS**
  - **HELP EXPAND DWI COURTS**
- **PILOT PROGRAMS**
  - **IMPAIRED DRIVING ASSESSMENT (IDA)**
- **DATA ANALYTICS**
  - **SHARE RECIDIVISM DATA SO THAT IMPROVEMENTS CAN BE MADE TO BEST PRACTICES**

**THANK  
YOU**



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# Probation/Parole Supervision

**Traditional Supervision** – Individuals are supervised according to a risk/needs assessment

**Enhanced Supervision** - Individuals are automatically supervised at a high-risk level for at least one year (felony offenders)

**DWI/Specialty Court Supervision** - Individuals are supervised in a very intensive Specialty Court situation for a minimum of 18-24 months

# Probation/Parole Supervision

## Traditional Supervision

- ▶ In the past Impaired driving offenders were supervised the same as other offenders, either Low, Medium or High Risk. Score depended on the outcome of the LS/CMI.



## Enhanced Supervision

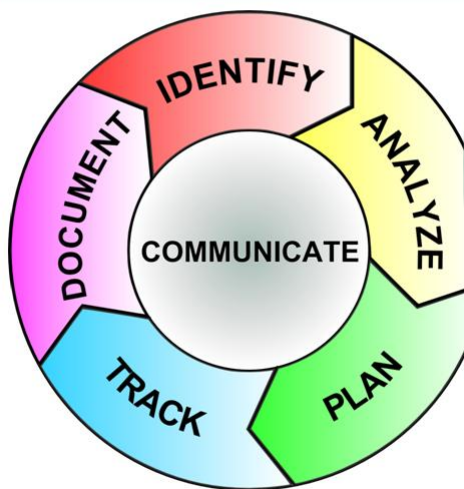
- ▶ Impaired driving felony offenders are automatically given an override to High Risk and supervised by home visits and office visits.
- ▶ Visits include drug/alcohol testing, evidence-based practices, Carey guides, cognitive skills programming.
- ▶ Random employment visits also conducted.

## Probation/Parole Supervision

### ▶ **DWI/Specialty Court Supervision**

- ▶ Most intensive supervision available.
- ▶ Weekly/biweekly contact with the Judge.
- ▶ Random drug/alcohol testing 1-3 times per week.
- ▶ Many local service providers involved.
- ▶ Curfew with random curfew checks by law enforcement and/or probation.
- ▶ Treatment participation.
- ▶ Cognitive skills programming.

## Risk Assessment



## Risk/Needs Assessment

- ▶ Traditionally the Level of Service/Case Management Inventory (LS/CMI) has been used by the Department of Corrections for identifying the risk and needs of individuals and basing the individual's supervision level off the score.
- ▶ Research has found that the LS/CMI may not be the most accurate risk/needs assessment for the impaired driver population.
- ▶ Other risk/needs assessments have been looked at to address the impaired driver population.
- ▶ Currently working with Department of Corrections management team on finding something more appropriate for the impaired driver population.

# What have we been working on?

- ▶ Impaired Driving Assessment
- ▶ Ignition Interlock
- ▶ Impaired Driving Specific Cognitive Skills Programming
- ▶ Probation Recidivism Statistics
- ▶ DWI/Specialty Courts Supervision





# Impaired Driving Assessment



A screening tool with 45 items to estimate the risk for future impaired driving.



8 domains that assess a handful of major areas of impaired driving recidivism.



Department of Corrections Management Team currently in talks with APPA to determine if the IDA is an appropriate risk/needs assessment tool in the



Looking at first using this in 2-3 Pilot Districts to gather feedback on how it is working



Hoping for a roll out of the Pilot program within the next month or two



# Ignition Interlock

# Ignition Interlock Trainings

In May 2024, the MN Ignition Interlock Device Program provided three virtual training to agents statewide on the program (approximately 300 agents attended the training)

Currently working on smaller trainings with specific vendors to help understand how each system works

Connecting agents with vendors to get random, weekly and/or monthly reports

Assisting agents understand how ignition interlock can be used as a supervision tool



## Cognitive Skills Programming

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- ▶ Cog Skills Programming has become an important part in the supervision of all individuals placed on probation
- ▶ Decision Points
- ▶ Thinking for a Change
- ▶ Cognitive Principles and Restructuring
- ▶ Driving with Care MN



## Probation Recidivism Statistics



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- ▶ Currently Department of Corrections is working with Kurt Rohrig to design a plan to monitor recidivism among individuals on probation.
- ▶ This is a long, arduous task with many hands in the mix to make this work.

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- ▶ Have been a great addition to the supervision of impaired drivers.
- ▶ Certain areas have specific DWI Courts.
- ▶ Areas that do not have DWI but have Specialty Courts that allow impaired driving offenders into the program.

