

**AGENDA SUMMARY**  
**GRAND COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING**

<b>TITLE:</b>	Approving Cooperative Agreement with the Utah Department of Public Safety for the 24/7 Sobriety Program
<b>FISCAL IMPACT:</b>	■
<b>PRESENTER(S):</b>	Lieutenant Hackwell

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**Attorney Review:**

**SUGGESTED MOTION:**

I move to approve the cooperative agreement with the Utah Department of Public Safety for the 24/7 Sobriety Program.

**BACKGROUND:**

The 24/7 Sobriety Program is intended to reduce DUI fatalities and recidivism rates while allowing DUI offenders to maintain employment and avoid jail time.

Through the program an offender is required to report to the jail to provide a breath sample twice a day, once in the morning and once in the evening. If the offender stays sober, he/she is allowed to maintain driving privilege and avoid jail time. If the person tests positive for alcohol, he/she is immediately sanctioned in the form of an 8 hour jail commitment. Subsequent positive tests result in increased times of incarceration. On the fourth violation, the offender is removed from the program and the driver license suspension and jail time is reinstated.

In 2019, Utah initiated a pilot program in Weber County. Since then, over 120 offenders have participated in the program with a 99.5% compliance rate in daily testing. Participants give overwhelmingly positive feedback about the program. They were held accountable each day but were still able to maintain their driving privilege and employment while being a productive member of society.

The Utah Legislature authorized statewide implementation of the 24/7 Sobriety Program in 2021 under UCA 41-6a-1505.5. It was also added into the DUI sentencing matrix found in UCA 41-6a-505. The Utah Department of Public Safety has been tasked with implementing the program statewide. The program is designed to run through the Sheriff's Office of each county. The Department of Public Safety is currently working with the Sheriffs' offices statewide to implement the program.

The 24/7 program is available for any level of DUI offense as long as the individual's driver license is able to be reinstated. The Driver License Division has created a link to help determine if a person is eligible for the 24/7 program. The requesting party provides basic case information and the DLD will reply with a certified record regarding the individual's eligibility for the program.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. Cooperative Agreement
2. 24/7 Sobriety Program Fact Sheet