

Sentinel's Offender Funded Programs Continue National Wave of Growing Success @ No Cost To Tax Payers

Los Angeles, Reno, Portland, Ft. Worth, Indianapolis & Many Others Have Followed Suit

The Issues

Sentinel Offender Services has actively provided a complete platform of technology-based and tactical, offender-funded, privatized probation services to the Los Angeles County Probation Department since 1992. This program is the nation's lead offender-funded model to receive widespread positive recognition. Because this program is so successful, many agencies across the country have capitalized on the Sentinel model and have reaped the benefits. Participating Offenders pay for their specific participation, therefore, No Cost to Law Enforcement, The Courts or the Tax Payers. The following are brief summaries of a few of Sentinel's success:

Orange County, California

Orange County's initial program grew directly from the need to cut costs of existing probation services. Sentinel Offender Services first provided a Supervised Electronic Confinement (SEC) program, the goal of which was to monitor low-risk adult offenders already on probation.

Sentinel Offender Services has provided a valuable partnership to Orange County since 1993. Under the SEC, Sentinel Offender Services offered Orange County electronic monitoring, case management and Breath Alcohol Testing (BAT) at No Cost to taxpayers. SEC was originally conceived as a government-subsidized program, meaning that Orange County would pay for any difference between program costs and offender payments. Orange County originally set aside \$75,000 in support of the SEC. Five years after program operations \$60,000 was unexpended.

Sentinel Offender Services charges offenders on this program using a sliding-fee scale to pay program costs. Orange County designates a cap on the size of this program and uses a set ratio of probation officers to offender cases. Sentinel Offender Services facilitates case management activities for Orange County based on direct instructions from the probation officers and courts. Part of each offender payment covers administrative costs incurred by the Orange County Probation Department. All at No Cost to the Probation Department and Tax Payers.

New Hampshire Department of Corrections (NHDOC)

In 1998, Sentinel Offender Services won the contract for a statewide, offender-funded electronic monitoring program using Radio Frequency (RF) equipment. In 2001, NHDOC added Breath Alcohol Testing to the program. By 2006, the state wanted a Sentinel program that included Global Positioning Systems (GPS) tracking.

Early in the life of this contract, Sentinel Offender Services moved in the direction of partnership. Sentinel Offender Services approached NHDOC stakeholders with the concept of



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placing a local technician on-site to respond to equipment details, perform installation and removal of equipment, and handle fee payments. All at **No Cost** to the Local Tax Payers.

Since that time our program has operated without incident and has been further enhanced by our opening of an office in Concord, NH. This increased investment by Sentinel Offender Services has allowed us to provide service to NHDOC after-hours and on weekends without entering a state office and without interrupting officers on weekends. We committed to providing this level of service for another four years when we are again awarded a contract in January 2007.

San Bernardino County California Probation Department

Sentinel Offender Service provides case management, active and passive GPS tracking, Radio Frequency (RF) electronic monitoring, BAT, and equipment installation and removal, all under the offender-funded model. San Bernardino County announced in May 2005 that it would be the first county in the State of California to initiate a satellite-based tracking system for high-risk offenders. After competitive solicitation and evaluation, Sentinel Offender Services won a contract to provide the county with a spectrum of services, which includes GPS tracking, traditional electronic monitoring, alcohol testing, installation and removal services and case management at no cost to San Bernardino County. The program was launched in June 2005 and has grown to meet the County's needs from our own facility located in downtown San Bernardino. All at **No Cost** to the Probation Department or the Local Tax Payers.

Multnomah County (Oregon) Department of Community Justice

The Multnomah County Department of Community Justice has two divisions: Adult Community Justice and Juvenile Community Justice. Sentinel Offender Services has programs for each division. To make matters more interesting, the adult program is primarily offender-funded, while the juvenile program is primarily agency-funded.

The Sentinel Offender Services branch office in Portland enrolls and monitors all clients in the adult program, at **No Cost** to the Agency or the Local Tax Payers. Multnomah County has case managers who enroll and monitor all the offenders in the juvenile program. Sentinel Offender Services staff bills for all approved subsidy clients in the adult program and receives direct payment in the branch office from adults in the offender-funded program.

Since 1992, Sentinel Offender Services continue to provide Law Enforcement, The Courts and Corrections Agencies, across this country, with more effective solutions than any other service provider in the category of Offender Electronic Monitoring, Drug & Alcohol Testing and Private Probation Management Services.

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