

Electronic Monitoring Solutions from Sentinel Offender Services

GPS Tracking: A Formidable Tool When Used with Active Supervision of Probationers

The Issues

The purpose of the GPS Electronic Monitoring Program is to enhance public safety and ensure the probationer's accountability through the use of electronic monitoring technology. Utilizing this technology will assist The Courts, Law Enforcement, Sheriff's Departments and Probation Officers in monitoring the probationer's compliance with legal mandates, court orders and treatment plans that will facilitate a positive behavioral change and reduce the risk of recidivism.

Since 1992, Sentinel Offender Services has the success track record of putting theory into practice.

The Challenges

GPS technology is different from traditional monitoring programs. Sentinel Electronic Monitoring detects the presence or absence of an offender individual at a specific place, typically the home.

The Sentinel GPS tracking unit will log GPS data points in short intervals while the probationer is both at home and in the community. The specific use of GPS provides significantly more detail about a probationer's movement in the community, details that greatly assist with the supervision and sentencing management of higher risk probationers.

Background

Sentinel GPS electronic monitoring is a formidable tool in the arsenal of Law Enforcement. It is not intended to replace active supervision of a probationer. For an example, Probation Officers are still required to complete home visits and regular casework activities as mandated by the Courts. Ultimately the working partnership between Sentinel Offender Services and the Enforcement Agency Client creates the responsibility for the safety and protection of the victims and the taxpayers of that Metro or County area.

Simply stated, the Probationer is responsible for providing the highest level of commitment to the Enforcement Agency Client and Sentinel Offender Services. By being a willing and committed participant in their own behavior management & modification program, the probationer will become a successful and productive member of the community.

It is the willing and the committed probationer that will benefit the most from their behavior management and modification program and whose successes will be enjoyed long after the successful completion of probation.



Approach

Sentinel Offender Services is responsible for providing the highest level of consistent, reliable and accurate Electronic Monitoring Service to The Courts, Law Enforcement, Sheriff’s Departments and Probation Agencies, all across this nation. By delivering world-class service and the highest level of offender electronic monitoring service, we become a valued partner with our Enforcement Agency Clients.

For an example, at the Offender Probationer Enrollment, Sentinel Staff will instruct the probationer to bring in picture identification and a recent utility bill verifying the address of record. The enrollment process consists of specific program orientation, monitoring equipment installation and a receipt of verification indicating monitoring equipment is functioning properly.

Sentinel Offender Services will provide all probationers with complete instructions and guidance as to how they may successfully complete their probation sentencing.

Solution

It is Sentinel Offender Services’ responsibility to track and report probationer’s adherence to the electronic monitoring program guidelines. Sentinel will notify the Enforcement Agency Client of the probable violation of conditions within the program guide lines and monitoring schedules established by the Enforcement Agency Client.

The Outlook

Sentinel Offender Services has a respected responsibility to work with our Enforcement Agency Client to account for the probationers’ whereabouts 24 hours a day. Sentinel’s state-of-the-art National Monitoring Center professionally tracks and manages a national population of offenders, with staffing operations at 24/7/365. The 3,000 square foot completely contained service facility is located within our Corporate Facility in Irvine, California.

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