



Research In Progress

Evaluation of the Impact of GA's DUI Court System

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Impaired driving continues to be a major problem area in traffic safety, as alcohol-impaired driving fatal crashes comprised 32% (11,784) of all fatal crashes in 2007. NHTSA identified four areas receiving priority emphasis in programs aimed at reducing impaired driving in the U.S. These strategies include the use of DUI Courts for high risk and repeat offenders. In 2002, in a cooperative agreement from NHTSA with additional funding from the Department of Justice's Drug Court Program, Georgia embarked on an ambitious demonstration program. In 2003, under a separate award, NHTSA began the evaluation of this project that established three DUI Courts, patterned on the Drug Court model. The major objectives of the evaluation effort are to:

- Collect and analyze data on offenders from 3 Georgia DUI Courts, including the control and comparison groups of offenders to determine the relative effectiveness of the DUI Court in reducing recidivism.
- Identify factors that help predict recidivism in both groups of offenders.

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