

In March of 2004, the Lycoming County Adult Probation Department implemented an alcohol monitoring program called SCRAM (Secure Continuous Remote Alcohol Monitoring). The SCRAM Program is an accurate, affordable program designed to continuously test an offender's alcohol consumption 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, through use of an alcohol detection unit in an effort to divert offenders from incarceration. When the SCRAM Program first began in 2004, the Adult Probation Office initially purchased ten (10) alcohol detection units, and in March 2005, the Adult Probation Office purchased an additional fifteen (15) units. Because of the tremendous demand for additional units, the Adult Probation Office purchased an additional eight (8) units in March of 2007. In 2008, seventeen (17) more units were added. To date, the Adult Probation Office has a total of fifty (50) units. As a result, the Courts are able to effectively and accurately monitor an offender's alcohol consumption.

The Alcohol Monitoring Program is extremely effective at minimizing the inmate population while maintaining public safety. The statistical data for the program is reflective of the impact the program makes. In 2008, the Courts placed fifty-four (54) offenders in the SCRAM Program for alcohol related violations for a total of 3,877 days. The DUI Court Program placed thirty-six (36) offenders in the SCRAM Program for a total of 3,228 days. Additionally, the Drug Court Program placed forty-one (41) offenders in the SCRAM Program for a total of 2,726 days. Overall, the SCRAM Program diverted 131 offenders from the Lycoming County Prison. As a result, a total of 9,831 bed days were saved. In 2009, fifty-two (52) offenders were active in the SCRAM Program for alcohol related violations for a total of 3,469 days. The DUI Court placed sixty (60) offenders in the SCRAM Program for a total of 4,611 days. The Drug Court Program placed thirty (30) offenders in the SCRAM Program for a total of 2,280 days. Overall, the SCRAM Program diverted 142 offenders from the Lycoming County Prison. As a result, a total of 10,369 bed days were saved.