
VESP

Background and Mission

- The mission of the Volunteer Center of Riverside County is to link people in need with those who can help. The Volunteer Center of Riverside County has a 37-year history developing programs in response to community need
- The Alternative Sentencing Program, is a division of the Volunteer Center, providing the Judicial System Alternative Sentencing Options for over 37 years. Programs such as TEMPO, AWARE, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MONITORING and COMMUNITY SERVICE COMPONENT, THE VICTIM IMPACT PANEL (MADD), and THE HOME DETENTION PROGRAM: Electronic Home Monitoring with in home alcohol testing.
- MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving), Alternative Sentencing Program and Riverside County Judicial System is a collaborative effort to educate Riverside County clients of the negative consequences of being under the influence of a control substance while driving, operating a water craft or in public. MADD contact Number is (909) 766-88020.
- VESP'S Mission is to stop the use of all watercrafts while intoxicated. To save lives and to aid in the prevention of under the influence vessel behavior.

For more
information on
VIP contact



ALTERNATIVE SENTENCING PROGRAM

A Division of the Volunteer Center of Riverside

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VESSEL EDUCATIONAL SAFETY PROGRAM



WATER CRAFTS + (Drugs / Alcohol)
=Injury & Death
Reckless Behavior

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WHAT IS VESP

VESP is a Eighteen Hour, multi-component, drug and alcohol education program

- Alternative sentencing/court diversion option for DUI/substance abuse while operating a watercraft vessel.
- Early intervention program for offenders violating water safety laws while operating a vessel.
- Early intervention program for first time, adult offenders 16 years and older.
- Exposes clients to the legal, financial, emotional and social consequences of operating a vessel while impaired.
- Collaborative program, supported and presented by Mothers Against Drunk Drivers—Riverside County Chapter, Riverside County Coroners Office and Riverside County Judicial System.



GOALS OF VESP

- To educate and expose offenders to the realities of operating a watercraft while impaired and their choices related to drugs/alcohol.
- To educate VESP clients of the negative impact on their family, friends, and community.
- To educate responsible decision making related to Alcohol and Drugs



VESP DOES NOT



- Condemn or pass judgment
- Preach alcohol/drug abstinence
- Accept or approve irresponsible behavior

HOW VESP WORKS

- Participants are referred by: Riverside County *Courts, Probation and may be Self Referred.*
- Cost/fees: \$100.00 Payment schedules and sliding scale are available
- Participants must complete the 18 hour program requirements before a certificate is awarded.
- VESP may be combined with HAMM (Hospital and Morgue Mentoring Program)

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- 1) Intake Interview at Participating Volunteer Center of Riverside County Office's =1 hr.
- 2) Boat Smart (State Certified Instructions) =10 hrs.
- 2) Coroner's Video and MADD Victim Impact Panel Presentation = 2 hrs.
- 3) Independent home activity 1000 word essay = 4 hrs.
- 4) Debriefing and Exit interview =1hr.

TOTAL PROGRAM HOURS =18 hrs.