

## INTRODUCTION TO DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE (DUI) PROGRAM

You are here today because you have been arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, drugs or a combination of both.

You have the right to go to trial on these charges where your case will be heard by a Judge. However, if you are found guilty, you will have a permanent criminal record and you will undergo the consequences of a DUI conviction.

Today, you are among a select number of people who are being offered an alternative to trial. This program gives you the chance to have the criminal record of this arrest permanently erased. You will not be found innocent or guilty and no adjudication will be made in your case. Even though your criminal record will be expunged, all DUI's are kept on file in a special unit at the Dept. of Transportation for a period of ten (10) years. That record can be accessed if you get arrested again during that time. If you opt for this program, you will be officially accepted on your next court date.

There are certain conditions that will have to be met upon being placed into the Program. They are as follows:

- 1) **Court Reporting Assessment (CRN):** this is a State required interview for all persons arrested for Driving Under the Influence. You will be given an appointment today to go to Philadelphia Center on Alcoholism located at 1218 Chestnut Street, Ste. 202 in Center City, Philadelphia for the CRN. The interview will be approximately 30-40 minutes and costs \$60.00 cash or money order. **(NO CHECKS, CREDIT OR DEBIT CARDS)**
- 2) You will have to attend **Alcohol Safe Driving School:** This is 12.5 hrs. of alcohol education and the cost is \$150.00 cash or money order **(NO CHECKS, CREDIT OR DEBIT CARDS)**. Classes are offered evenings and/or weekends in Center City or Northeast Philadelphia.
- 3) At your next court date, you will set up a further evaluation called a **PCPC/ASI Assessment**. This is required **by Law**. This assessment is used to determine the level and length of care of outpatient counseling, if required. The cost is \$75.00 cash or money order **(NO CHECKS, CREDIT OR DEBIT CARDS)** and takes approximately 30 to 45 minutes.
- 4) You will be given a subpoena today to return to court in approximately 4-8 weeks. At that time, your CRN will be complete. This is the official date of acceptance into the ARD program.
- 5) **Mandatory license suspension as follows:**
  - a) There shall be no license suspension if your BAC at the time of testing was less than .10%.
  - b) 30 day suspension, if your BAC at the time of testing was at least .10% but less than .16%.
  - c) 60 day suspension if:
    - (i) your BAC at the time of testing was .16% or higher: