

Hospital and Morgue (HAM) Program Court Referral Form

Name: _____	Case# _____	Offense: _____
Referring Court: _____	Court Due Date: _____	

You have been ordered to attend the Hospital and Morgue (H.A.M.) Program. You must first enroll within one week of your sentencing. Report to one of the following local Court Referral Centers:

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306 W. COMPTON BLVD. STE. 203 COMPTON, CA 90220 PH: (310) 608-2482 M-F: 9AM TO 4PM (ENROLLMENT FEE: \$40)	(BELLFLOWER BRANCH) 9849 FLOWER STREET #B BELLFLOWER, CA 90706 PH: (562) 866-2666 M-F: 8:30AM TO 4PM (ENROLLMENT FEE: \$35)	(TORRANCE BRANCH) 1230 CRAVENS AVENUE TORRANCE, CA 90501 PH: (310) 212-7997 M-F: 8:30 TO 4PM (ENROLLMENT FEE: \$35)	(SAN PEDRO BRANCH) 505 CENTRE ST. #104 SAN PEDRO, CA 90731 PH: (310)519-8955 M-F: 8:30AM TO 4PM (ENROLLMENT FEE: \$35)

To enroll bring your picture ID, court orders, and enrollment fee in cash, visa/mastercard, or money order to one of the locations above. Call if you have any questions.

The Hospital and Morgue (HAM) Program is a visitation program intended to provide a meaningful and educational experience. It is an alternative to harsh penalties and fines. You will be required to complete the following components:

- (1) **Hospital Visit:** You will spend 4-6 hours at a participating Trauma Center, Base Station, or Hospital that provides Emergency Services. You will be under the supervision of a license trauma professional (MD, Trauma Nurse, or EMT/Paramedic). (\$60 Program fee)
- (2) **Coroner (Morgue) Visit:** You will spend 4 hours at the Department of Coroner for a lecture, tour, and slide presentation. You will be under the supervision of the Coroner or Dept. Coroner. (\$80 Program fee)
- (3) **Written Assignment:** You are required to write a 500-word essay discussing your experiences with the program and the impact it has made on you.

At the end of each visit you will receive a Certificate of Completion. Submit the Certificates and Written Assignment to the referral center that enrolled you into the program. The referral center will verify successful completion and provide the documentation you are required to bring to Court.

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You have been ordered by Court to complete the Hospital and Morgue (HAM) Program. Register and attend both of the visits below. Call to register for an appointment as soon as possible to avoid delays due to possible waiting lists. Be prepared to give the following information when you call: Your Name, Case Number, Telephone Number and Address. The Program has two parts:

- (1) **Hospital Visit:** Call (323) 255-1571 to register by phone. You will spend about 4 hours at a participating medical center. You will be under the supervision of a Physician, Trauma Nurse or EMT/Paramedic. You will be assigned to visit one of the following Hospitals:

- White Memorial Medical Center, 1720 E. Cesar E. Chavez Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90033. (Report to Main Lobby)
- Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, 8700 Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90048. (Report to South Tower Lobby)
- Other Medical Center:



Scheduled Hospital Visit Date / Time: _____
(Bring your ID, Referral Form and a \$60 program fee in cash or money order.
Arrive 30 minutes early for registration. The lobby will direct you to the meeting place.)

- (2) **Coroner (Morgue) Visit:** Call (323) 343-0713 to register by phone. You will spend 4 hours at the Department of Coroner.

- Department of Coroner, 1101 N. Mission Road, Los Angeles, CA 90033



Scheduled Coroner Visit Date: _____ **8:30 am – 12 noon**
(Bring your ID and a \$35 program fee in cash. No shorts, caps or open-toe shoes.
There are few metered parking spots on the street. You may want to arrange for someone to drop you off and pick you up.)

- (3) **Written Assignment:** Some Courthouses require that you write a 500-word essay after the completion of both visits to describe your experience.

Program Information: The Hospital and Morgue (HAM) Program is used in the sentencing of DUI, reckless driving, speeding, minors in possession, and related offenses. It allows participants to visit facilities that deal with injury and death, and to interact with the healthcare professionals that treat preventable injuries and death. An emphasis is placed on how decisions can have tragic affects on others, especially on family members.

Please arrive on time. Latecomers will need to reschedule and pay the appropriate rescheduling fees. At the end of each visit you will receive a Certificate of Completion. Submit the Certificates and written assignment to Court on the date ordered by the Bench Officer / Judge.

The H.A.M. Program

You have been referred to the Hospital and Morgue (H.A.M.) Program. This program is an alternative sentence or condition of probation for use in the sentencing of DUI, speeding, reckless driving, minors in possession, and related offenses.

The program is available through a collaboration among local Hospitals, the Los Angeles County Department of Coronert, and the Los Angeles County Superior Courts. It was developed to educate offenders on the devastating effects of risky behavior. The program is taught from the unique perspective of Emergency Medical Professionals, those that deal with the wreckage and carnage of preventable injuries on a daily basis.

The program consists of three components. Each participant will complete the following:

1. Spend 4 hours at a participating Hospital or Medical Center.
2. Spend 4 hours at the LA County Department of Coroner.
3. Write a 500-word essay describing the impact of the program (homework).

Call within 3 days of your sentencing date to schedule an appointment to attend the H.A.M. Program. A referral form will be provided by the Courthouse and includes the phone numbers to call in order to schedule an appointment.

On your scheduled appointment date, bring your referral form, your ID, and the appropriate fees. Dress Code: no open shoes, hats, shorts, caps, bare midriffs or cell phones. No one will be admitted after the classes begin.

The Hospital Visit

The 4-hour Hospital Visit occurs in one of several participating Medical Centers and is taught by a Physician, Trauma Nurse, or Paramedic/EMT. These professionals share the trauma that often results from risky behavior like DUI, speeding, reckless driving, not wearing a seatbelt and related offenses. It focuses on the emergent condition of victims and attempts at stabilization in the Emergency Department. An emphasis is placed on how these tragedies affect others, especially family members of victims.

Let us show you how we use the bereavement room, also known as the "quiet room".

Let us show you the devastating effects that can result from the impact of a crash at even moderate speeds.

Let us show you the medical interventions and devices that are used to save your life in the event you are injured in a collision.

Let us show you what we do during the Death Protocol.

Four topics are covered during the Hospital Visit:

1. Personal Costs of DUI and related offenses.
2. The impact of preventable injuries and deaths on others, especially family members.
3. The emergent condition of victims and the life-saving interventions needed to save lives.
4. Practical ways to avoid repeating your offense.

The offender completes the program with an intellectual and emotional aversion to his offense. The courts and community are served. The bottom line is that it saves lives.

The Morgue Visit

The visit to the Department of Coroner (Morgue Visit) consists of four "segments" and lasts about 4 hours. The presentation is organized as follows:

1. Presenter introduction, an overview of the program, followed by a short discussion between offender and presenter. Case presentations demonstrating the consequences of certain choices that resulted in death is presented.
2. The participants take a brief tour where bodies are stored, examined and processed. The participants wear masks and shoe guards, required by OSHA. Particular attention is paid to traffic-related fatalities and other cases where drugs, weapons or alcohol abuse figure prominently.
3. The participants are taken back to the classroom. At this time, a guest speaker who was a victim of a drunk driver addresses the participants. In the absence of a speaker, a video will be shown that communicates the message about not drinking and driving.
4. The last activity is an opportunity for the participants to evaluate their experience and to fill out a written evaluation of the program.

After each component, participants are asked to evaluate the visit. These written evaluations is important feedback that is helpful to ensure that the program remains effective for future participants.