

City of San José  
Public Intoxication Task Force

Requests for Information from April 23 Meeting

How many people during a given month are taken to the sobering stations in San Mateo County for 647f arrest?

*The average for fiscal year 2007-2008 was just over 250 people per month. This is the overall total, which includes DUI, public intoxication, under the influence of drugs, and hospital referrals. The average number per month for public intoxication only is approximately 70.*

How much does it cost to maintain the sobering stations?

*Staff estimates that the ongoing operating cost for a sobering station is approximately \$680,000. This does not include the cost of constructing a station, which staff estimates at \$400 square-foot.*

What is the funding source for a sobering station?

*The majority would come from the City's General Fund. There is a possibility of off setting costs from the County and/or other agencies in the County, and DUI fines. Staff will need to conduct additional research to determine the viability of these options.*

Is there health care staff onsite?

*San Mateo County does not have an onsite healthcare provider at either one of their facilities. However, they do have onsite, substance abuse counselors and staff is trained in first aid and CPR.*

Which non-profit runs the San Mateo County Sobering Station?

*First Chance Program, which has been operating in san Mateo County since 1981 (see 2007-2008 Annual Report distributed to Task Force members on April 30)*