

## **SATOP Q & A**

**Q. Is SATOP necessary?**

A. If your license has been or will be suspended or revoked for an alcohol or drug-related charge, the state of Missouri requires that you complete the SATOP to get your license reinstated.

**Q. What if the judge drops my case?**

A. There are two charges that are filed when you receive a DWI. One is a criminal charge and the other is an administrative charge against your driver's license. Although you may not be convicted of DWI, the administrative charge is still valid. The Missouri Department of Revenue requires the SATOP in order to reinstate your driver's license.

**Q. Why does SATOP require a screening?**

A. SATOP is a two-part process. The first is the screening and the second is the program. The purpose of the screening is to choose the proper program for your personal situation.

**Q. What determines which program I am assigned to take?**

A. During the screening appointment, the interview with the counselor, assessment test, previous drug or alcohol-related driving charges and/or treatment are all taken into consideration when determining program referral.

**Q. Is there a time limit to complete my program after the screening?**

A. Your screening is valid for 6 months. You must be actively involved in a program before the deadline or you will be required to do a re-screening.

**Q. Do I have to complete the program at the same agency where I took my screening?**

A. No. Your screening and your program can be done at different agencies as long as they are both SATOP certified.

**Q. Does the state provide financial assistance for SATOP?**

A. No financial assistance is available for the screening fee, which must be paid in full at the time of your appointment. Financial assistance may be available for program levels 2 or 3 (WIP or CIP) based on your household income, however, you will be required to pay a minimum fee for the program.