## **TRAFFIC DIVERSION PROGRAM**

<u>Purpose</u>: The State Court of Bryan County Pretrial Diversion program has been created pursuant to O.C.G.A. 15-18-80 with the purpose of providing alternatives to traditional prosecution with the goal of addressing the underlying causes of criminal behavior to reduce recidivism. If you are interested in having your traffic ticket reviewed for the diversion program please email dmontgomery@bryan-county.org

- 1. All charges may be considered for the Program except for Driving under the Influence and Vehicular Homicide cases.
- 2. Acceptance into the Program is at the discretion of the Solicitor General of Bryan County. Factors that my be considered will be the nature of the crime, prior criminal record of the Defendant, and opinion of the victim(s) pursuant to O.C.G.A 15-18-80(d)(1-3).
- 3. Defendant must enter into the Program voluntary of his or her own free will.
- 4. Entrance into the Program is not an admission of guilt and the Defendant is presumed innocent.
- 5. Defendant waives any speedy trial right or demands. If completion of the Program is unsuccessful as determined by the Solicitor General, prosecution of the charges will resume.
- 6. Defendant must not violate any law of any governmental unit including traffic citations, and must comply with all conditions of bond. Defendant must report all violations within 72 hours.
- 7. Defendant is responsible for all costs associated with evaluations, treatments, and/or classes.
- 8. Upon successful completion, the Solicitor General will enter an order to dismiss the case.
- 9. A Program Administration Fee will be set by the Solicitor General and must be paid to Southeast Correction by money order. Program Fee to be determined by the Solicitor General.
- 10. A one-time Program Supervisor of \$40.00 and Photo Fee of \$4.00 must be paid to Southeast Correction by money order.

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