



The MONTS Project Will:

- *Identify the most effective systems for Montana's rural and mountain areas and assess the effectiveness of all facets of the project*
- *Establish pilot projects for trial use of systems in eight or more court jurisdictions across Montana*
- *Train law enforcement and court system personnel in the use of the systems*
- *Monitor and advise the pilot participants during the trials*

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Montana's coordinated effort to improve the understanding, use and capabilities of electronic monitoring in the state.

A collaborative project funded by the United States Department of Justice in cooperation with The Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association, AquilaVision Corporation, and Invizeon Corporation.

The Project has four Electronic Monitoring Initiatives:

1. Establish community-based pilot projects that will improve the effective utilization of active GPS tracking systems for pre-released offenders and re-released sex offenders. These will identify and pilot solutions with the critical technical and functional attributes to overcome limitations of cellular protocol and communication infrastructure that are common in rural communities.
2. Identify, pilot, and evaluate tracking and communications solutions to monitor and improve control over offender work crews operating in public areas within or near rural communities.
3. Identify, integrate, pilot, and evaluate active GPS tracking and inter-jurisdictional communications solutions that monitor vehicles and offenders during transport between jails, prisons, court appointments, etc.
4. Identify, integrate and pilot a communications management system capable of predefined response plans that include inter-jurisdictional communications via cell, radio, SMS, etc, for emergency notification.

This project supports the long-term goal of improving community oriented policing services through delivery of effective technology services, and is directly based on assessed needs in Montana.



Accomplishments:

- Partnered with the Missoula County Crime Victims Advocate to begin electronic monitoring of offenders in domestic violence cases
 - Currently monitoring multiple registered (in all three tiers) sexual and violent offenders in Montana
- Collaborating with law enforcement officers in Ravalli, Gallatin, Flathead, Missoula, Powell, Butte-Silver Bow, Yellowstone and Sweet Grass counties to assist in monitoring offenders
- Partnered with Invizion Corporation to analyze and develop a communications systems capable of complete inter-jurisdictional communications

Future Goals:

- Provide more hands-on electronic monitoring information to the congressional delegation
- Assist more Montana counties to develop electronic monitoring systems including alcohol monitoring and GPS Tracking Units
- Collaborate with the Montana DUI Task Force, Adult Protective Services Division, more local law enforcement, and the complete court system to further develop the basic understanding of monitoring systems
- Collaborate with Montana's Board of Pardons and Parole to identify possible additional uses within the corrections system

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