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Improvements to the electronic monitoring of offenders saves state \$4.3 million

In the previous Electronic Monitoring (EM) Program, many offenders were required to wear a radio frequency ankle bracelet at all times and have a monitoring receiver placed in his or her residence. Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC) was automatically notified if the offender violated curfew by leaving his or her home at an unauthorized time.

The EM Program has now been updated with a GPS tracking system for all offenders. Now, even when the offender is not at home, MDOC staff can track his or her location.

Not only has offender accountability increased, MDOC also saved money in the last two years by consolidating curfew and GPS monitoring under one vendor and by purchasing the equipment, rather than leasing.

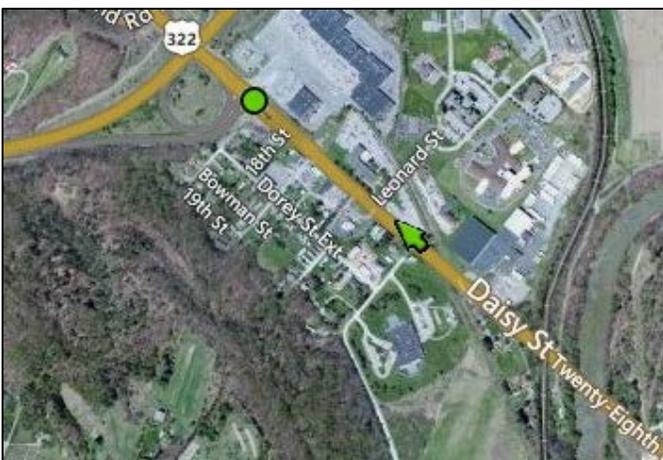
Savings per full-time employee in 2015: \$8,035 per month in 2015

Goal: To save MDOC more than \$3.9 million per year over the next 5 years

Destinie Shipman, MDOC Parole/Probation Manager, said the GPS devices are beneficial for the public and the monitoring of offenders.

“For instance, if there’s a robbery, we can see which offenders on EM were in that area,” she said.

“But it can also reinforce the positive things they are doing, and I think that’s important too. If the offender is late getting out of work, the agent can see on a map where he or she was. It’s a way to verify where they’ve been.”



Map tracking of a specific offender using the GPS system

The EM team, a function of the MDOC Effective Process Improvement and Communication (EPIC) effort, also saved money and time through streamlining processes.

Offender Management Network Information (OMNI) has been integrated into the Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN). This allows direct integration of information from OMNI into LEIN that would normally require an operator to manually enter offender identifier information when an offender requires placement into LEIN.

A Voice Recording System and telephone recording system were also purchased to automatically forward offenders to their agent when they call after normal business hours – instead of requiring operator interaction to forward the calls.

“The EPIC team will continue to look for ways to secure additional savings in other areas involving the continued use of electronic monitoring as a prison diversion tool,” said Shipman.

**\$4.3 MILLION
SAVED SINCE 2013**