FAIRFIELD COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT ANNUAL REPORT 2008

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SECTION I:

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2008 Annual Report

2008 started as a banner year but due to local, state and national economic crises, the year proved to be somewhat distressing. Fiscal decisions by the federal government and some significantly-sized pseudo governmental agencies have caused immense economic turbulence within our state and local governments. This economic downturn will undoubtedly affect all three branches (executive, legislative, and judicial) of government, and will ultimately force leaders in state and local governments to place limits on its services.

It is my hope and commitment that Fairfield County Municipal Court will do whatever is necessary to not limit its services in the future. I am fearful, however, that we have not yet fully comprehended the full extent of the economic crisis we face. This high level of uncertainty makes accurate forecasting nearly impossible.

The City of Lancaster announced in late 2008 that it would have nearly a 1.5 million dollar deficit. The administration requested that all departments cut its 2008 spending. As a result of this request, Fairfield County Municipal Court returned \$54,244.56 back to the City to assist in reducing the deficit.

Probably the most significant improvement that the Court made in 2008 was the implementation of a security plan which incorporates the use of x-ray technology to scan persons and property of individuals utilizing our Court. While the general public may like to think of Lancaster as a small town with a small town atmosphere incapable of experiencing some of the terrible occurrences of big cities, the reality is that Fairfield County is changing, and unfortunately, is experiencing big city problems. The Court's judges recognize that the Court functions in an environment involving criminals, heightened emotions, and increasing dangers caused by societal ills. With this in mind, the judges strongly believe that the Court must protect the public, defendants, witnesses, jurors, court personnel, prosecutors, defense attorneys and others from potential dangers.

Also significant is that effective March 1, 2009, the Ohio Supreme Court's Rules of Superintendence mandated that Courts develop and implement a Court Security Plan. Several years ago the Court was successful in acquiring metal detection equipment through a grant from the Department of Homeland Security. While we have been in possession of the equipment for some time, the Court's plan to operate the machines fell through for a variety of reasons, mostly financial. Beginning in 2004, the Lancaster Police Department provided one Court Security Officer for the Court. However, that officer was often away from the court facility due to prisoner transports. In furtherance of a Court Security Plan, a second Lancaster Police Officer has been added and is paid through the Special Projects Fund. Even with the second Court Security Officer it was impossible to operate the metal detection equipment throughout the entire work day, five days a week. Therefore, the Court has allocated \$5 from each criminal, traffic and civil case specifically for Court security purposes. This decision has allowed the Court to hire, through a temporary job agency, qualified individuals to monitor the machines on a full-time basis.

In addition, significant revisions have been made in the assignment of cases. Previously, all cases were randomly assigned to judges. The old manner of assigning cases created confusion and inefficiency. A reality is that many defendants who appear in our Court are, what is termed, "repeat offenders." A repeat offender may have up to five or six cases pending before the Court at any given time. Some of those cases could be probation cases and some new cases. Regardless, the previous method for assigning cases caused cases to be assigned to multiple judges. Also, and not infrequently, cases would be assigned to multiple public defenders. This previously practiced procedure was inefficient from a work standpoint and unnecessarily costly to taxpayers. Now, all new cases are assigned to the same judge who presides over any pending cases of a defendant. Also, all new cases are assigned to the same public defender that represents a defendant on a pending matter.

During the summer of 2008, the Court hired law student Sarah Rahter as a legal intern. Sarah was responsible for a number of work assignments. However, perhaps most notable was her involvement in a research project to acquire generalized statistics on the alleged criminal and traffic offenders who appear before our Court and who request court-appointed counsel. Each year, well over \$1 million dollars is expended to pay for public defender's representation of indigent defendants. Each defendant claiming indigency must complete a form indicating revenues and expenses. Specific data was tracked for 30 days and the following statistics were obtained:

1.) The percentage of defendants claiming indigency
that were unemployed
2.) The percentage of defendants claiming indigency
that stated they had no income whatsoever 20%
3.) The percentage of defendants claiming indigency
that accurately listed public assistance as income 20%
4.) The percentage of defendants claiming indigency
that received some form of public assistance
(food stamps, medical card, cash payments,
Social Security, or Disability)
5.) The percentage of repeat offenders receiving public
assistance
6.) The percentage of defendants claiming indigency
that are repeat offenders
7.) The percentage of defendants claiming indigency
that received court-appointed counsel

The unfortunate reality is that it is often difficult to obtain information from public agencies about a specific individual's public assistance benefits. Fairfield County Job and Family Services was more than willing to assist us in acquiring the necessary information to conduct our research project. However, federal agencies would only agree to provide the necessary information for one month and indicated that they do not have the resources to provide such information with regularity.

The real concern is that individuals who receive public assistance may receive sufficient public assistance that they would no longer be indigent and qualify for court-appointed counsel. Also, persons who receive public assistance often live with others who receive public assistance. In some cases it may be that the household income would not entitle a person claiming indigency to receive court-appointed counsel.

Also in 2008 the Courtroom #1 renovation project was nearly completed. While Courtroom #2 was renovated under the direction of Judge Chris Martin in 1997, it certainly appeared that Courtroom #1 had not been updated since the 1950's. While it is true that the Court is looking to reach a long-term goal of building a new courthouse, that particular courtroom needed some major improvements in the short term. The carpet was over 20 years old, cables and other wires were run on top of the carpet to microphones placed in the middle of the courtroom. Jurors sat on hard, uncomfortable chairs. The judges bench was situated so close to the back wall that a gymnastics maneuver was required to ingress and regress from the chair, etc. The Court expended \$29,000 from its Special Projects Fund for this renovation project that has literally turned the old courtroom into somewhat of a showpiece. Prison labor from the Southeastern Correctional Institute was utilized for all of the painting and carpentry in order to keep the costs of the renovation project to a minimum. All significant improvements have been designed so that they can be re-utilized in a new courtroom if and when that comes to fruition.

Two to three years ago, our Court implemented two specialized dockets; mental health and drug addiction. We recognized that society has important needs that can not just be answered with jail time. Through these programs the communities of Fairfield County have received great benefits that are often difficult to equate to dollars. But generally, those participants with mental health problems are now more stable, and in some cases, working. Drug Court participants are now drug free, and those who are in Phase II and above are now working. There are many other benefits that result from the positive effects of these programs; less crime, more stable environments for participants' children, less taxpayer dollars spent on incarceration, etc. Tamara, Duffy, Joel, and Amynda all work endlessly in their jobs and often sacrifice their personal time for helping others.

Our specialized dockets are now in the Court Rules and we have improved several Court documents including the Acknowledgement of Rights form and OVI Sentencing sheets.

Our probation department, supervised by Scott Beaver, has grown over the last five years. Mr. Beaver and our probation team's professionalism is top notch and we thank them for their commitment in helping to improve lives. While growth in government is not always good, in our case it was necessary. We now have 7 probation officers who monitor some 6,000 probationers. If one thinks about it, there is no purpose for what we do if we can not instill accountability. Without accountability, the whole legal system becomes nothing more than a slight inconvenience and does not promote the making of positive and permanent life choices.

I should also mention that I have always been committed to the principle that we should all do our work in the very best way possible. We are all very pleased to have Jackie Long working as our Court Administrator. The Supreme Court holds special programs for court administrators so that they can achieve certification. This process teaches court administrators all of the "tools of the trade" and insures that its participants will bring innovative answers to everyday problems. It is my pleasure to announce that Jackie has been accepted into the program and has begun satisfying its intensive requirements.

We are truly blessed to have a superb staff. They are truly committed to serving the needs of the Court and the general public. I give thanks to our assignment commissioners, bailiffs, court administrator, drug court team members, mental health team members, and probation staff for their leadership and commitment to excellence. I also thank Ron Pedge for his work as Court Mediator and Frank Green for his skill as Small Claims Magistrate.

I would also be remiss if I did not mention the great efficiency and favorable work environment of the Clerk's Office. Sherry Eckman and her staff do a remarkable job with the filing of legal documents and the management of case files. In addition, I would like to thank the administration, Mayor Dave Smith and Service-Safety Director Michael Courtney, for their leadership and willingness to work with us in the obtainment of our goals. I wish to also recognize Lancaster Police Chief Dave Bailey and Sheriff Dave Phalen for their unfettered support in all that we do. Likewise, none of what we do would be possible without the financial support of our city council and county commissioners. We thank you!

Best regards,

David A. Trimmer, Judge

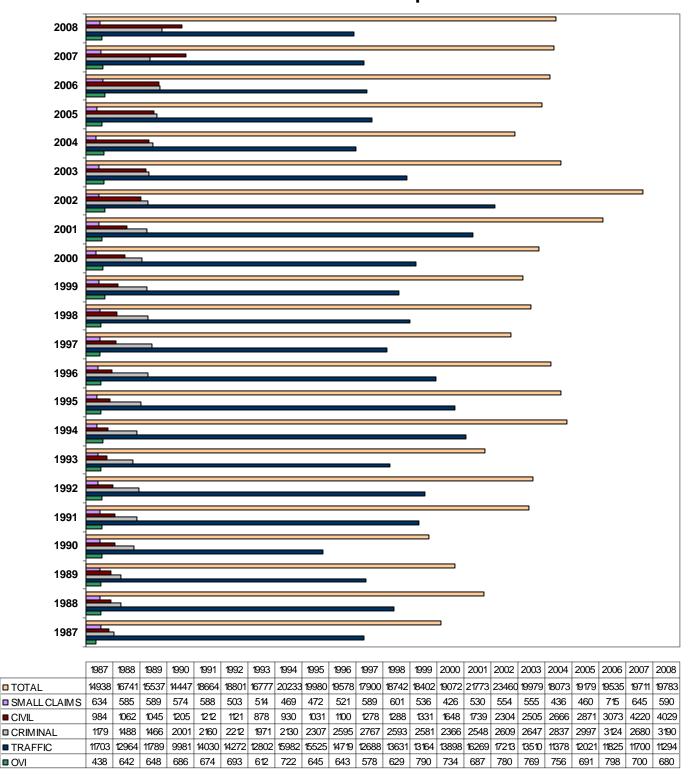
FAIRFIELD COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT MEDIATION PROGRAM - MONTHLY STATISTICS - 2008

		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
Appearances	Complainant only	229	131	220	112	38	53	55	78	60	42	74	82	1174
	Respondent only	0	0				0		0			0	0	
	Both	6	7				4		1					
	Neither	0	0				0			_		-		
	Failure of service (Res.Address	47 282	8 146		6 121	3 44	1 58	0 58	2 81	9 85				
	TOTAL	202	140	234	121	44	56	56	01	65	43	03	97	1332
Settled	Prior to mediation	86	71	75			24		49					
	At Not	5	7 68				3 31	3 19	1	6 51				
	TOTAL	191 282	146				58			85				
	TOTAL	202	140	254	121	44	50	30	01	0.5	43	00	91	1332
Rescheduled	Prior to mediation	0	0				0		0		0			
	At Not	0	0				0 0			_				
	TOTAL	0	0				0				0			
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Type of case	A. Jailable offence													0
	B. Assault													0
	C. Criminal damaging													0
	D. MenacingE. Disorderly conduct													0
	F. Domestic violence													0
	G. Neighborhood dispute													0
	H. Money due on account	41	93	43	17	35	45	49	44	37	33	23	35	
	I. Security deposit													0
	J. Damage to real property	1												1
	K. Faulty repair work													0
	L. Wages/salary/commission													0
	M. Personal injury N. Taxes/utilities													0
	O. Money lent													0
	P. Rent					1	5							6
	Q. Damage personal property													0
	R. Dishonored check	239	53	191	104	6	8	9	37	47	9	60	61	824
	S. Damage to motor vehicle									1	1		1	3
	T. Faulty goods/service	1												1
	U. Misrepresentation X. Other					2								0 2
	TOTAL	282	146	234	121	2 44	58	58	81	85	43	83	97	
	TOTAL	202	140	254	121	44	50	50	01	00	43	03	91	1332
Results for:	Percent settled at mediation	2	5		2		5		1	7	0		_	
All cases	Percent settled prior	30					41	62						
	TOTAL	32					47							
Mediations	Percent of mediations resolved	83	100	100	100	100	75	100	100	75	0	43	100	
Dollars:Owed	\$326,989	YTD												
Recovered	•													
Percent	52%													
Cases: YTD%	Percentage of previous year	233	150	179	172	147	140	130	114	109	98	92	95	

FAIRFIELD COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT MEDIATION PROGRAM - ANNUAL STATISTICS

TOTAL 94-'05 2008 2009 2010 TOTAL **Appearances** Complainant only Respondent only Both Neither Failure of service (Res.Address) **TOTAL** Settled Prior to mediation At Not **TOTAL** Rescheduled Prior to mediation At Not **TOTAL** Type of case A. Jailable offence B. Assault C. Criminal damaging D. Menacing E. Disorderly conduct F. Domestic violence G. Neighborhood dispute H. Money due on account I. Security deposit J. Damage to real property K. Faulty repair work L. Wages/salary/commission M. Personal injury N. Taxes/utilities O. Money lent P. Rent Q. Damage personal property R. Dishonored check S. Damage to motor vehicle T. Faulty goods/service U. Misrepresentation X. Other **TOTAL** Percent settled at mediation 8.2 9.3 10.7 7.8 12.0 7.4 8.2 4.5 3.4 Results for: 30.0 all cases Percent settled prior 29.7 31.8 29.6 24.3 26.5 38.5 44.2 41.4 **TOTAL** 37.9 41.1 40.3 32.1 38.5 37.4 46.7 48.7 44.7 mediations Percent of mediations resolved 100.0 89.8 100.0 100.0 98.8 100.0 93.8 86.3 84.9

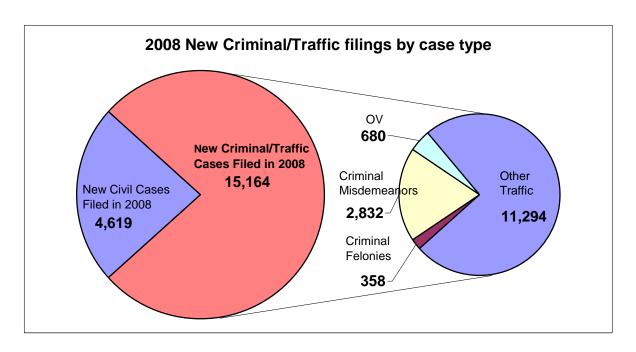
Fairfield County Municipal Court Annual Caseload Comparison

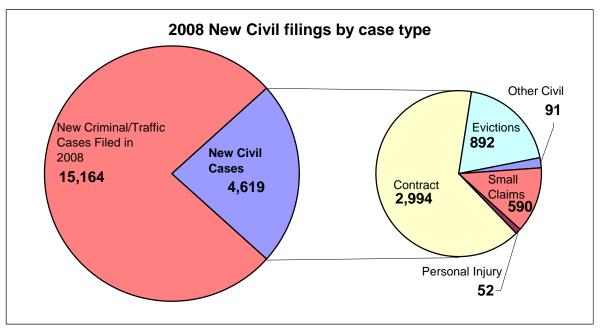


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2008 New Case Filings

In addition to the new cases filed in various categories, the Court's caseload for 2008 also included 2,604 cases pending as of January 1, 2008.

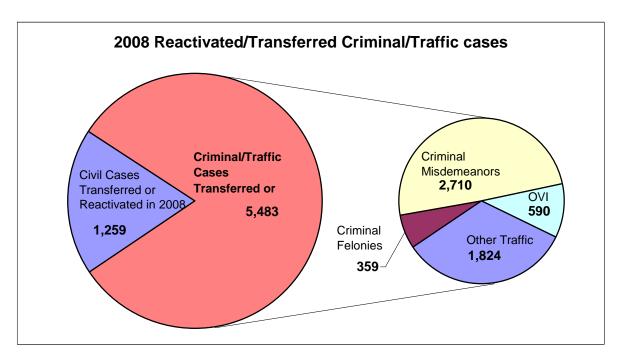


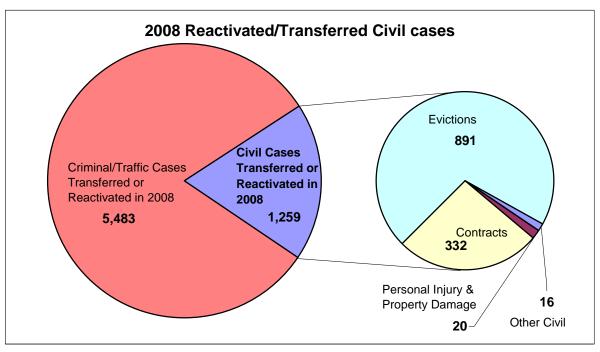


2008 Reactivated/Transferred Cases

Reactivated results include: Bench warrant return, Release of forfeiture filed, etc.

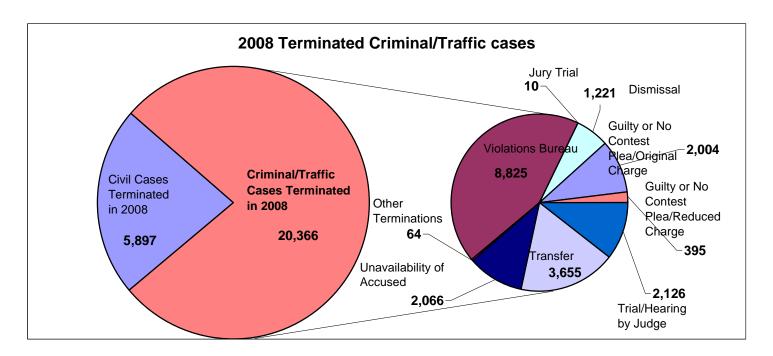
Transferred results include: Plea of "not guilty" entered, guilty sentencing, grand jury indictment, etc.

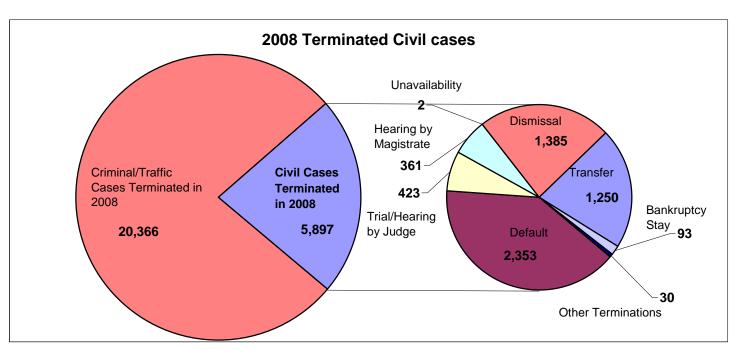




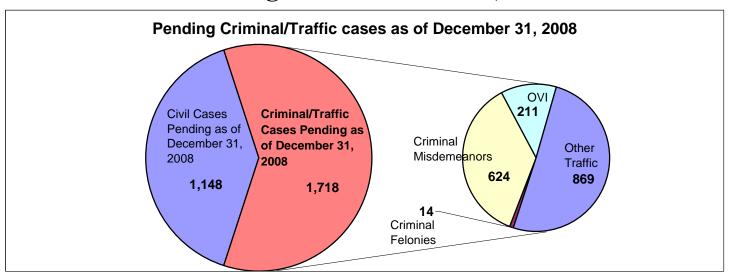
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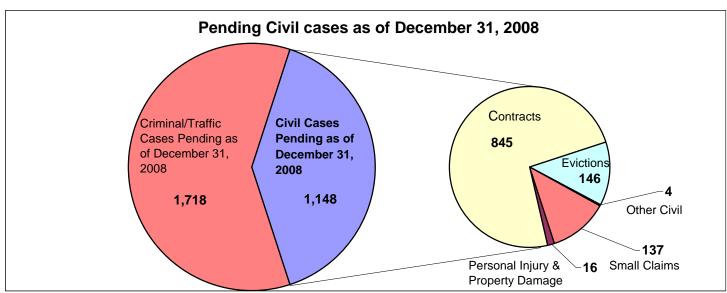
Cases shown as closed by method of termination



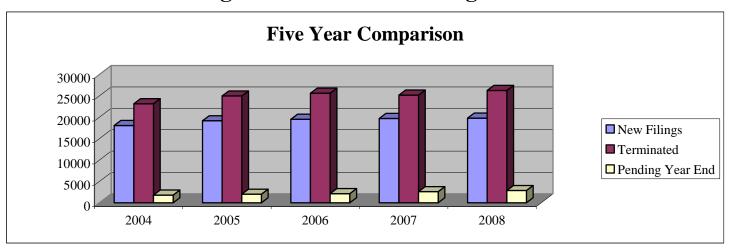


Cases Pending as of December 31, 2008

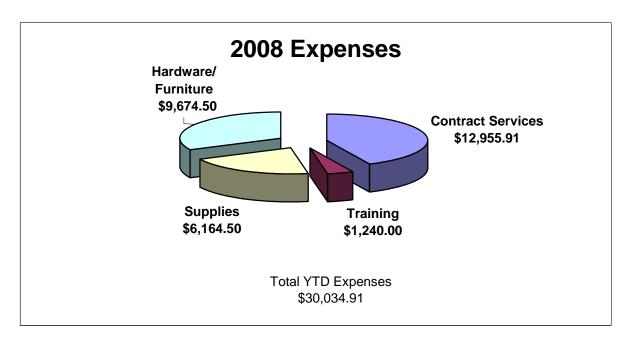


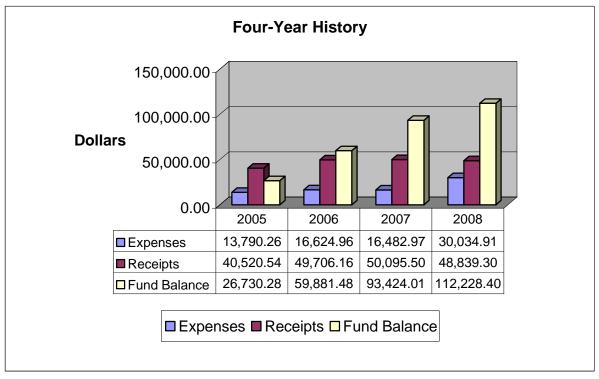


New Filings/Terminations/Pending Year-End



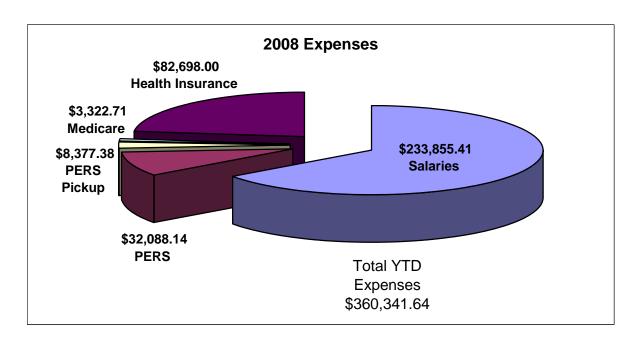
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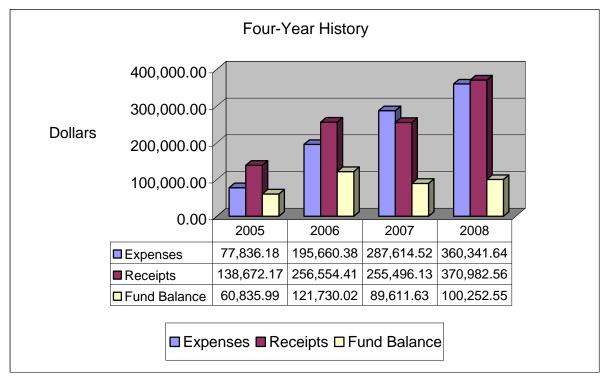




The Court utilized Computer Funds in 2008 to purchase equipment and fund computerized legal research in an effort to reduce General Fund expenses.

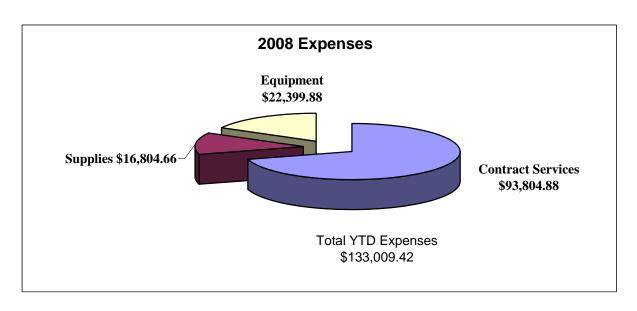
Probation Fund

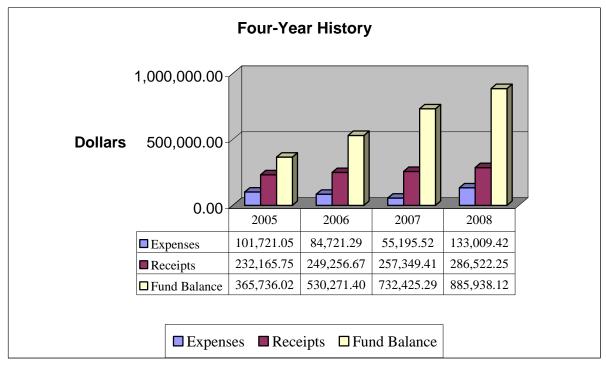




The significant increase in expenses over 2007 is the result of changes in the classification of certain salary and related expenses that had formerly been paid from the City General Fund. Increased receipts are the result of an increase in Probation fees that went into effect in January, 2008, to better reflect the costs associated with Probation activities.

Special Projects Fund





In 2008, the Court established a sub-fund within the Special Projects Fund earmarked for future funding toward a new Court facility. Beginning in July, 2008, the Court committed to funding the salary and benefits of an additional Lancaster Police Officer to provide transport services & security to the Court. Additionally, the Court began utilizing Special Projects funds to pay for full-time operation of x-ray screening/security equipment.

FAIRFIELD COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT $-\underline{JUDICIAL'S}$ 2008 OPERATING EXPENSES

CITY OF LANCASTER	JUDICIAL EXPENDITURE	2008 BUDGET
Salaries	345,929.54	362,511.00
PERS	48,255.32	50,752.00
PERS Pick-up	9,440.07	10,194.00
Hospitalization	124,047.00	150,360.00
Medicare	4,838.19	5257.00
Sick Leave Buyout	0.00	0.00
Telephone	3,379.84	4,500.00
Settlement	4,416.28	4,416.28
Contract Services	17,092.00	18,436.00
Appointed Counsel	2,962.17	3,255.04
Maintenance of Equipment	632.67	1,000.00
Training/Seminars	2,326.00	4,850.00
Supplies and Incidentals	12,412.28	15,000.00
Copy Machine	2,223.23	2,500.00
Postage	3,744.96	3,744.96
Miscellaneous	0.00	1,000.00
Travel Expense	7,141.27	7,753.22
Association Dues	1,905.00	2,000.00
Employee Physicals/Medical	105.00	300.00
New Equipment	0.00	14.00
CITY TOTAL:	\$590,850.82	\$647,843.50

COUNTRY OF EATBEIELD	JUDICIAL	2000 DUDGET
COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD	EXPENDITURE	2008 BUDGET
Salaries	129,625.92	139,649.36
PERS	19,007.85	20,488.35
Health Insurance	0.00	20,059.20
Worker's Compensation	2,108.73	5,853.81
Medicare	1,624.77	2,122.01
Life Insurance	0.00	0.00
Contract Expenses	21,523.53	25,000.00
Travel Expense	5,071.35	7,000.00
Juror Expense	5,100.00	15,000.00
COUNTY TOTAL:	\$184,062.15	\$235,172.73
CITY AND COUNTY TOTAL:	\$774,912.97	\$883,016.23

STATEMENT

The statements are prepared for submission to the Lancaster City Council and the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners in compliance with the Ohio Revised Code, 1901.14(A)(4).

Completed at Lancaster, Ohio, March 31, 2009.

SECTION II:

SPECIALIZED DOCKET: MENTAL HEALTH COURT PROGRAM

Mental Health Court 2008 Highlights

2008 was a productive year for the Mental Health Court. We have continued to focus on our mission to improve the lives of the individuals that we touch, which in turn helps improve the community.

The Mental Health Court program saw a good number of successful completions for our program with 14 graduations. There were a number of people who were terminated from the program due to moving out of the area or our finding that the individual had reach maximum therapeutic benefit from the program. These terminations were more a cleaning up process for the program than a decline in success rate.

2008 began for the Mental Health Program, with 43 program participants. By the end of 2008 we had 9 terminations, 14 graduations and 17 new participants had been added, giving us a total of 37 active participants with more waiting to be added to the program. The Mental Health Court program continues to be very active due to the increasing number of participants and referrals. We continue the struggle of evaluating each case on its own merits for placement into the Mental Health Court program and balancing the program with individuals in need of our services.

Crisis Intervention Training for the Law Enforcement community continues for all of Fairfield County and after four trainings, there are already 80 people trained in this very valuable specialty. This program continues to be state-of-the-art training and liability reduction for all law enforcement and their communities. The CIT Program in Fairfield County continues to have the support of the Fairfield County ADAMH Board as well as the remaining grant funds from the Fairfield Foundation to purchase support materials for the officers.

The Mental Health Court was honored to be invited as presenters at the National GAINS Conference in March, 2008 in Washington D.C. It was a very rewarding experience and well received by the attendees. The Ohio Supreme Court assisted us with the presentation and we greatly appreciate their help and support.

Mid-Ohio Psychological Services continues to support the Mental Health Court Program by having a designee stationed at the Municipal Court for screenings and interaction with the treatment team and court. For 2008 the screenings were 184. This number was decreased by the leaving of a member of Mid-Ohio Psychological Services thus cutting our coverage for screenings down to 3 days per week instead of 4 with overlap in the schedules. We continue to appreciate and accommodate the personnel from Mid-Ohio who provide an invaluable service to the Municipal Court.

Mental Health Court Statistics

- As of January 1, 2008
 - 43 participants
- Graduations
 - _ 14
- Dismissal
 - -2
- Suspensions
 - 7
- Screenings
 - **184**
- New Admissions
 - **17**
- As of December 31, 2008
 - 37 participants

SECTION III:

SPECIALIZED DOCKET: FRESH START DRUG COURT PROGRAM

THE "FRESH START" DRUG COURT PROGRAM

initiated by Judge David Trimmer

The "Fresh Start" Drug Court Program had an exceptional year in 2008! The first program graduation ceremony was held on May 6, 2008, when three participants celebrated successful completion of the program with family and friends in attendance.

A total of 13 people graduated from the program in 2008 and Judge Trimmer could not be more proud of the accomplishments of the participants and the hard work of Drug Court Coordinator Tamara Bartek and Probation Officer Duffy Arter. The success of the Fresh Start Program can be directly attributed to the daily support and guidance provided by these court officers, who bring a vital mix of compassion and toughness into their mentorship.

Throughout their participation in the Fresh Start program, participants are encouraged to take responsibility for their past and present decisions and actions and to become productive citizens. In 2008, Drug Court participants logged over 900 hours of Community Service, including the 2nd Annual Community Give-Back Day, at which 19 participants and Drug Court staff painted all of the fencing and cleaned up Alley Park in preparation for the annual Pumpkin Walk.

Drug Court participants and their families were treated to a Christmas party at the Liberty Center, which included a special visit from Santa Claus, who distributed donated toys to all of the children. Local DJ Johnny Garber provided entertainment to participants and their families who enjoyed the opportunity to socialize and celebrate the holiday season with staff and collaborative board members in a safe, sober environment.

Operated on grant funding alone with no general fund dollars, the Drug Court depends heavily on local partners to sustain and supplement its programs. The efforts of the Fairfield County ADAMH Board and staff and The Recovery Center have been invaluable assets to the program. Special thanks this year go to Fairfield County Job and Family Services for dedicating caseworker Mary Jo Fox to the team to allow participants a direct contact for benefits screening and preemployment assistance. This resource has proven vital in helping participants in the transition to employment.

New to the Fresh Start program in 2008 is the "Boot Camp" program. This intensive 30-day period of treatment, reporting and testing allows participants who would previously have been denied admission to the program based on a perceived lack of motivation an opportunity to prove their commitment to treatment. Upon successful completion of Boot Camp, participants are welcomed into the Drug Court program.

Jordan's Story

Jordan, like 60% of the participants in our Fresh Start program, is a high-risk heroin addict who had been shooting up for three years. Thanks to Jordan's personal determination and the support of the Drug Court team and its partner agencies, Jordan recently graduated from the program, has secured a job with benefits, stable housing, purchased a vehicle, and is pursuing a college degree in fire science.

National Recognition

Our Fresh Start Program is more than just a local success story; this past summer, the Fresh Start Program was featured on Columbus' WSYX Channel 6 News. Thanks in part to this exposure, our local Drug Court will be the subject of a PBS documentary later this year. Reckitt Benckiser Healthcare, distributor of the opiate-blocking medication Suboxone, will provide \$30,000 to fund the program to showcase the collaboration between the Fairfield County Drug Court and The Recovery Center. The Recovery Center administers Suboxone to many of our high-risk opiate addicts.

As exciting as it is to receive national attention for our local program, this recognition is a sobering indication of how large the drug problem has become in our local communities in Fairfield County. More and more often, defendants' offenses can be linked to drug dependency and abuse. While the positive results of the Fresh Start program are irrefutable, the program has only begun to tackle the immense problem of heroin addiction within our community.

2008 Drug Court Statistics

	78	Number of Clients Served
	10	
		51 Males
		27 Females
•	205	Referrals to the program
•	13	Graduates from the program
•	73%	High-Risk heroin/opiate addicts
•	11%	Cocaine addicts
•	16%	Poly-substance, crystal meth, or marijuana
•	71	Number of children of participants
•	900	Community Service Hours logged by participants
•	\$845,585	Amount saved in jail days (13,009 days x \$65/day)
•	5	Number of participants who have entered college
C	4,	Number of participants who've obtained their GED while in the program
•	4	Number of drug free babies born to participants while in the program

Unfortunately, as the drug problem continues to grow, funding for our local program is in jeopardy. Federal funding through the local ADAMH Board is slated to terminate July 1, 2009 and funding for 2010 has yet to be leveraged. It is our hope that word of our successes on local and national levels will gain the attention of those with the authority and dollars to support this critical program that not only offers counseling, treatment and employment opportunities to its participants, but benefits countless family members and the community as a whole by reducing recidivism and developing good citizens.

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SECTION IV: PROBATION DEPARTMENT

Fairfield County Municipal Court

Community Sanctions Department

2008 Annual Report

March 2009

Another year has past, and the Probation Department couldn't be more pleased to announce another exciting year for 2008 in the Probation Department. The year held a continuation of positive strides for the department, and Changing Offender Behavior.

New Probation Cases for 2008	
Summary	
Total Number of New C	ases in 2008 = 2236
Drug Court Total =	38
ISP Total =	304
Mental Heath Court Total =	87
Non-Reporting Total =	1406
Reporting Total =	228
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Defendants who are ordered to complete probation are given sentences with Probation terms ranging from one to five years with the average Probation Department caseload totaling over 6,000 cases annually.

~Probation Department Mission:

The Probation Department is committed to changing the lives of those who find themselves in need of some positive direction in their lives. Whether this direction is a link to services within the community that could give them a helping hand or services that could change the direction their lives are taking, the Probation Department is committed to making a difference. It is the belief of the Judges and the Probation Staff that positive direction will help the betterment of the community in general by showing the benefits of what being a positive, productive member of society can be.

~Team Probation and Who's Who:

The Probation Department prides itself in working as a Unit. The Probation Department is not made up of individual persons working in individual directions. The Unit is comprised of individuals working together toward a unified goal; to help those find a positive direction for their lives. We consider ourselves a tight-knit unit who always helps one another when a need arises; therefore, making our team strong, which not only helps the community but reinforces our unit as a whole.

Scott Beaver, Chief Probation Officer, has been with the Department since May 2005 and is a tremendous asset to the Probation Department. Scott has tremendous leadership qualities and offers vital guidance for his staff. With Scott's background in the military and law enforcement, the Probation Department has a leader that is involved in every aspect of the department and emphasizes *teamwork*. Scott handles daily administrative duties and is the Community Corrections Act Director.

Jeni Rhymer, Senior Probation Officer and Probation Department employee for 14 years, handles non-reporting probationers for Judge Harris. Jeni continues to assist Scott in various aspects of the probation office. Jeni has a huge heart and is eager to utilize her genuine passion to help improve those lives that she comes into contact with on a daily basis. Jeni does a great job at managing a case load of more than 2,500 people and assisting our **TEAM** in anyway she can.

Matt Schein, ISP Officer since August 2004, works with the Intensive Supervision Probation Unit for Judge Trimmer. Matt also assists Joel Carter with the Mental Health Court when needed. Matt handles a case load of more than 150 people that require in some cases daily contact. This position also requires Matt to conduct house checks as appropriate. Another aspect of this position is to conduct bar checks on occasion. Matt has a great sense of humor that keeps the **TEAM** and those he comes into contact with smiling.

Nakia Dillard, ISP Officer since December 2004, works with the Intensive Supervision Probation Unit for Judge Harris. Like Matt, Nakia handles a case load of more than 150 people that require in some cases daily contact. Nakia works closely with the Fairfield County Major Crimes Unit in coordinating house checks also required with this position. Nakia is an extremely hard worker that readily goes out of her way to assist co-workers and fill in where needed. When it comes to our units **TEAM** concept, Nakia is the first to lead the way.

Elizabeth George, Non-Reporting Officer since March 2005, works for Judge Trimmer and assists the Court with her Spanish-speaking skills. Elizabeth also supervises all Domestic Violence cases. Like Jeni, Elizabeth handles a case load of more than 2,500 people. Elizabeth works very hard at changing the lives of those who she comes into contact with and takes pride in her ability to do so. Elizabeth also goes out of her way to not only assist our department, but is always eager to help others in need, clearly exemplifying herself as a **TEAM** player.

Cherie Sandbrink, Probation Administrative Assistant since August 2005, offers tremendous support for the Department in answering all incoming calls and assisting the public as they first enter the Department. Cherie offers support to the Probation Officers in giving the Probationers their intake packets to complete prior to meeting with the assigned Probation Officer. Cherie also performs the duties of the TAC (Terminal Agency Coordinator) for the LEADS terminal. Cherie helps to track the Community Service hours performed by the Saturday Community Service Program as well as handling the persons reporting for daily breath tests. Cherie is a vital link within our **TEAM** and never hesitates to go over and beyond her duties.

Joel Carter, Mental Health Probation Officer/Special Program Manager since December 2005, works for Judge Harris and the Mental Health Court. Joel further leads and coordinates the meetings with the Mental Health Treatment Team and C.I.T. In this capacity Joel works with the Mental Health Court Advisory Committee which meets quarterly. Joel demonstrates the ability and desire to work closely with a population that requires patience, understanding and a gentle heart. Joel does an outstanding job in using alternate methods to help them achieve their goals and stability within the community. Joel is an integral part of the probation **TEAM**.

Mindy Conrad, Pre-Trial/Reporting Officer since September 2006, supervises any cases referred for reporting on a Pre-Trial basis as well as those probationers sentenced and ordered to report on a regular basis. Mindy's caseload consists of those probationers who may require closer supervision than the non-reporting caseload. Mindy also supervises those who have completed the Intensive Supervision Probation Program prior to them transitioning into non-reporting probation. Mindy handles a case load of more than 950 cases between Reporting and Pre-Trial. Mindy has demonstrated the ability to quickly learn and take command of the tasks at hand. Mindy has shown excellent communication skills and a passion to change the lives of those she comes into contact with. She is a tremendous complement to our **TEAM**.

Duffy Arter, Drug Court Probation Officer since January 2007, work's for Judge Trimmer and the "Fresh Start" Drug Court Program. Duffy has exceeded expectations in his ability to work closely with drug court participants and ensures the participants that he is available for them **24/7**. Under Duffy's leadership, hard work and dedication to the needs of the participants, court, treatment providers and anyone else he comes into contact with, the Fresh Start Drug Court Program will no doubt continue to be extremely successful. Duffy has shown that he is willing and able to complete our **TEAM** concept.

The Probation Department staff offers over 70 years experience as a *TEAM*.

~Community Corrections Act Grant:

The Probation Department is proud to announce the renewal of the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections Community Corrections Grant. This grant helps to fund the Intensive Supervision Probation Unit and is vital to the workings of this unit. It is my pleasure to announce after the State performed their annual audit of the Community Corrections Act Program, the Intensive Supervision Probation Unit earned an **excellent** approval rating! This is a tremendous reflection on the hard work and dedication of the Intensive Supervision Probation Officers.

We are also pleased to announce a continuation of a \$4,000 increase in benefits awarded from the state for this program. In addition we received \$10,000.00 to be used for an Emergency Jail Reduction Program to assist in the overcrowding issue at the Fairfield County Jail. The State study revealed that the jail continues to be overpopulated and these funds will help pay for **Active Real-time GPS** bracelets to monitor defendants at their homes **24/7**.

~Services:

Faced with an over-crowding issue with the jail, the Court has continued to use the services of Fairfield Information Services. Fairfield Information Services supplies electronic house arrest monitoring equipment and monitoring services, which allows defendants who would normally remain in jail to be monitored at home. This, in turn, assists the community in several ways. The defendant has the ability to remain employed, thus caring for his/her family as well as affording the defendant the ability to obtain counseling as deemed appropriate. Fairfield Information Services advises the Probation Department of any violations that have occurred, which in turn are addressed with the Court as appropriate.

Fairfield Information Services offers several types of services: Electronic Monitoring House Arrest Units: Real- Time GPS monitoring, S.C.R.A.M.: An alcohol monitoring bracelet, and S.A.M.

Fairfield Information Services also offers drug testing services through the S.A.M. Program or the Substance Abuse Monitoring Program. This is a random selection program that requires defendants to call on a daily basis to see if they have been selected for drug testing. This helps to keep the defendants accountable and assists the Probation Department greatly to monitor drug abuse in a way that has never been afforded to the Probation Department due to time constraints. Results of testing are made available to the Judges and the Probation Department through a secure website that is available at any time.

This positive relationship with Fairfield Information Services has afforded the Probation Department the ability to improve our case follow-up and management system. As a result of increased new case filings involving Drugs and/or Drug related offenses, the Probation Department experienced an **increase** in Random Drug Screens. The Probation Department completed *818 drug screens* in 2008 which is up from 719 in 2007. The following is a breakdown of the 818 drug screens;

- Total number of Male drug screens completed: 529
- Total number of Female drug screens completed: 289
- There were 322 Positive drug screens that indicate more than 50% of the defendants tested positive for **one or more** of the following drugs.

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* THC (Marijuana): 173
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* COC (Cocaine): 52

* OPI (Opiates): 87

* BZO (Benzodiazepines): 99

* AMP (Amphetamine): 20

* mAMP (Methamphetamine): 16

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* MTD (Methadone): 9
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- * PCP (Phencyclidine): 6
- * OXY (Oxycodone): 14
- * BUP (Buprenorphine): 16
- * MOP (Opiate 300): 16
- * TCA (Tricyclic Antidepressants): 5
- * OPI/MOP (Morphine): 7
- * MDMA (Ecstasy): 2
- * BAR (Barbiturates): 4
- * PPX (Propoxyphene): 5
- * Other: 90

~Community Service Program:

The Probation Department has continued to supervise defendants working community service throughout Fairfield County. Defendants have worked more than approximately 3600 hours of community service at different locations such as The Recycling Station, Salvation Army, Dog Shelter, etc. The Probation Department has also supervised and worked closely with defendants during our Saturday Community Service Program since it's inception in 2005. The Saturday Community Service Program completed **992** hours with **245** participants in **2008**, and focuses on assisting *non-profit* organizations or City Departments within Fairfield County that have a need for completing tasks that may have been left undone due to low manpower or funding issues. If you think your agency could benefit from the **Saturday Community Service Program**, please call the **Fairfield County Municipal Court, Probation Department** for further information at (740) 687-6686. The following is a breakdown of the Departments or Agencies that received assistance through the Saturday program in 2008:

- Liberty Union
- Courthouse
- Cemetery
- Pickerington PD
- Transportation
- Town Hall (Bremen)
- Humane Society
- Lancaster Parks & Recreation
- Carroll Civic Center



- Fairfield County Youth Baseball Association
- YMCA of Lancaster
- Bike Trail
- Skate Park



Community Service work at the Humane Society



Community Service completed at the cemetery

~Daily Breath Tests:

In order to assist certain probationers with maintaining their sobriety, the Court has a number of individuals reporting for daily breath tests. This works to help them maintain accountability as well as assist them with their plan to keep their employment. There were 1,220 breath tests administered by the probation department in 2008, which is 565 fewer than in 2007 thanks to the assistance and effectiveness of the **S.C.R.A.M.** unit.

~In closing:

We look forward to another busy and bright year in 2009 and are eager to continue to assist in the positive change of offender behavior. I would like to thank the entire Probation Staff for all their hard work, dedication and passion to change lives and make a difference in our community. I am reminded of Coach Jim Tressel's definition of TEAM, "Together Everyone Achieves More." I want to thank the Judges, Court Administrator, Bailiffs, Clerk of Courts and all those that support our department.

Scott E. Beaver, CPO

SECTION V: CLERK OF COURT

YTD TOTAL:	4th Quarter	12/3/08 IDF/Reynoldsburg	December	November	0ctober	Sub-Total	3rd Quarter	9/17/08 OH Dept of Alcol & Drug	September	August	July	Sub-Total	2nd Quarter		June	May	April	1st Quarter	3/27/08 OH Dept of Alcol & Drug	March	February	January		Month	Fund Number:	
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660,573.34	185,358.43		60,477.47	54,933.20	69,947.76	475,214.91	189,258.13		64,636.31	61,224.62	63,397.20	285,956.78	116,783.99		63,100.53	53,683.46	60,278.70	169,172.79		48,734.91	61,333.82	59,104.06		Net General Fund		
			720,852.04	660,374.57	605,441.37				535,493.61	470,857.30	409,632.68				346,235.48	283,134.95	229,451.49			169,172.79	120,437.88	59,104.06		YTD Gen Fund Net		

TABLE OF DISTRIBUTION FOR FINES AND COSTS

<u>FINES:</u> Pursuant to state statute, any fines collected by this court, for criminal and traffic offenses, are distributed as follows:

AGENCY/PERSON FILING	CHARGE BROUGHT UNDER AN ORDINANCE OR THE	
THE CHARGE	OHIO REVISED CODE	RECIPIENT
Lancaster Police Department	Ordinance Ohio Revised Code	100% to City of Lancaster 100% to Fairfield County
Ohio State Highway Patrol	Ohio Revised Code	40% to City of Lancaster (1) 50% to State of Ohio and 10% to Fairfield County
Fairfield County Sheriff	Ohio Revised Code	100% to Fairfield County
Village/City Police Departments in court's jurisdiction of Fairfield County	Ordinance Ohio Revised Code	100% to that village/City 100% to Fairfield County
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio	Ohio Revised Code	100% to Fairfield County
Division of Wildlife Division of Watercraft	Ohio Revised Code	100% to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources
Any agency or person filing a narcotics charge	Ordinance Ohio Revised Code	100% to city/vil where offense occurred 50% to Ohio Board of Pharmacy & 50% to law enforcement agency (2)
Any agency or person filing a liquor charge	Ordinance Ohio Revised Code	100% to city/vil where offense occurred 50% to State of Ohio and 50% to Fairfield County
Any agency or person filing any other type of charge	Ordinance Ohio Revised Code	100% to city/vil where offense occurred 100% to Fairfield County

COURT COSTS Pursuant to state statute, all court costs go to the City of Lancaster, *except*:

(a) \$9.00 per conviction or bond forfeiture goes to the State of Ohio Reparations Rotary Fund (for victims of crime); (b) \$15.00 per conviction or bond forfeiture goes to the State of Ohio General Revenue Fund (for public defenders). See ORC 2743.70 and 2949.091.

Note: For OVI and driving Under OVI suspension, under ORC, portions of the fine go to various agencies other than listed on the Table of Distribution for Fines

⁽¹⁾ One-half of 40% to the City of Lancaster General Fund and one-half of 40% to Fairfield County Law Library

⁽²⁾ Except charges filed under ORC 2925.03; 100% of fine money to law enforcement agency per entry of the court

CRIMINAL / TRAFFIC DIVISION RE	CEIPT	TS & DISTRIB	UTIONS - 2008
		RECEIPTS	DISTRIBUTIONS
Bond Balance as of December 31, 2007	\$	64,172.77	-
Cash Bonds	\$	214,705.12	\$ 228,635.96
City of Lancaster			
Ordinance Fines	\$	49,134.50	\$ 49,134.50
Parking Fines	\$	32,015.00	\$ 32,015.00
State Highway Patrol Fines	\$	43,531.59	\$ 43,531.59
Lancaster Police - Law Enforcement & Education Fund	\$	2,480.67	\$ 2,480.67
Lancaster Police Drug Enforcement Fund	\$	670.00	\$ 670.00
Court Costs	\$	427,596.16	\$ 427,596.16
Law Library	\$	43,531.55	\$ 43,531.55
Worker's Compensation Premiums	\$	941.50	\$ 941.50
Criminal Account Interest Income	\$	600.94	\$ 600.94
Clerk Computer Fund	\$	119,923.74	\$ 119,923.74
Judge Computer Fund	\$	35,390.30	\$ 35,390.30
Indigent Driver's Alcohol & Treatment Fund	\$	10,037.76	\$ 10,037.76
Special Projects Fund	\$	146,261.39	\$ 146,261.39
Indigent Driver Interlock/Alcohol Monitoring Fund	\$	445.00	\$ 445.00
Probation Services Fund	\$	274,590.92	\$ 274,590.92
Family Violence Fund (Law Director)	\$	66,739.30	\$ 66,739.30
Fairfield County			
Traffic Uniform Fines	\$	79,170.77	\$ 79,170.77
Criminal Regular Fines	\$	32,130.16	\$ 25,130.16
State Highway Patrol Fines	\$	21,747.37	\$ 21,747.37
Liquor Violation Fines	\$	1,675.23	\$ 1,675.23
Overload Violation Fines	\$	28,256.15	\$ 28,256.15
Dog Violation Fines	\$	2,185.00	\$ 2,185.00
County Sheriff Costs	\$	17,631.60	\$ 17,631.60
County Sheriff - Law Enforcement & Education Fund	\$	1,110.00	\$ 1,110.00
County Sheriff Drug Enforcement Fund	\$	1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00
County Jail - OVI Housing Authority	\$	22,408.26	\$ 22,408.26
Parks & Recreation Fines	\$	610.00	\$ 610.00
Parks & Recreation - Law Enforcement & Education Fund	\$	25.00	\$ 25.00
Jury & Witness Cost Reimbursement	\$	1,959.79	\$ 1,959.79
Affidavit of Indigency Filings	\$	5,261.44	\$ 5,261.44
Annual Law Library Payment	\$	-	\$ 7,000.00
Fairfield County Humane Society	\$	75.00	\$ 75.00
(Continued)	*	70.00	70.00

CRIMINAL / TRAFFIC DIVISION RE		UII	JNS - 2000
	RECEIPTS	DI	STRIBUTIONS
State of Ohio			
State Highway Patrol Fines	\$ 108,664.55	\$	108,664.55
Seat Belt Violation Fines	\$ 38,266.00	\$	38,266.00
Child Restraint Fines	\$ 655.00	\$	655.00
Liquor Violation Fines	\$ 1,675.22	\$	1,675.22
Victims of Crime	\$ 94,214.76	\$	94,214.76
General Fund	\$ 157,569.45	\$	157,569.45
Expungments	\$ 1,274.00	\$	1,274.00
Indigent Defense Support Fund (OVI)	\$ 3,425.00	\$	3,425.00
Indigent Alcohol Treatment Fund (Moving Violations)	\$ 3,502.50	\$	3,502.50
Indigent Defense Support Fund (Moving Violations)	\$ 11,655.00	\$	11,655.00
Drug Enforcement Fund (Moving Violations)	\$ 8,184.50	\$	8,184.50
Ignition Interlock Fee	\$ -	\$	-
Ohio Department of Natural Resources Fines	\$ 3,905.00	\$	3,905.00
Ohio Department of Natural Resources Drug Fines	\$ 100.00	\$	100.00
Division of Watercraft Fines	\$ 540.00	\$	540.00
Board of Pharmacy Fines	\$ 3,292.27	\$	3,292.27
Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles	\$ 730.00	\$	730.00
State Highway Patrol Law Enforcement & Education Fund	\$ 5,175.25	\$	5,175.25
State Highway Patrol Drug Enforcement	\$ 630.34	\$	630.34
Other Agency		_	
Baltimore Village	\$ 2,618.00	\$	2,618.00
Lithopolis Village	\$ 253.00	\$	253.00
Millersport Village	\$ 1,035.00	\$	1,035.00
Pickerington City	\$ 2,362.01	\$	2,362.01
Reynoldsurg City	\$ 245.34	\$	245.34
Sugar Grove Village	\$ 222.00	\$	222.00
Capital Recovery Service Collections	\$ 48,053.09	\$	48,053.09
All Other County Sheriff Costs	\$ 3,270.44	\$	3,270.4
Overpayments	\$ 4,341.60	\$	4,188.60
Bond Balance as of 12/31/2008		\$	50,394.93

FAIRFIELD COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT **CIVIL DIVISION RECEIPTS - 2008** \$ 106,411.61 Balance December 31, 2007 \$ Court Costs 166,564.31 \$ Deposits Received 7,479.65 \$ **Judgment Collections** 1,312,408.39 \$ Computer Fund (Clerk) 79,515.72 \$ Computer Fund (Judges) 13,752.00 \$ 154,978.18 Special Projects Fund \$ State Costs Collected 109,437.66 \$ Civil Account Interest Income 468.13 \$ Family Violence Fund 45,161.60 \$ **Unclaimed Funds** \$ TOTAL 2008 CIVIL DIVISION RECEIPTS = 1,996,177.25 **CIVIL DIVISION DISBURSEMENTS - 2008** City Treasurer, General Fund \$ 169,681.66 \$ Computer Fund (Clerk) 79,515.72 \$ Computer Fund (Judges) 13,752.00 \$ 154,978.18 Special Projects Fund \$ Deposits Disbursed 6,227.64 \$ Judgments Disbursed 1,288,459.23 \$ State Treasurer Costs 109,437.66 \$ Family Violence Fund 45,161.60 \$ 128,963.56 Balance December 31, 2008 1,996,177.25 TOTAL 2008 CIVIL DIVISION DISBURSEMENTS =

FAIRFIELD COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT –CLERK'S 2008 OPERATING EXPENSES		
CITY OF LANCASTER	CLERK'S EXPENDITURE	2008 BUDGET
Salaries	\$509,431.20	\$546,893.00
Overtime	\$963.00	\$965.00
Retirement	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sick Leave Buyout	\$499.89	\$500.00
PERS Retirement	\$71,051.98	\$76,565.00
PERS Pick-up	\$13,566.05	\$14,661.00
Hospitalization	\$121,483.00	\$145,846.00
Medicare	\$6,581.62	\$7,196.00
Telephone	\$3,904.67	\$4,000.00
Jury & Witness Fees	\$591.30	\$600.00
Maintenance of Equipment	\$914.35	\$1,000.00
Training & Seminars	\$1,448.03	\$1,450.00
Insurance & Bonding	\$420.00	\$500.00
Contract Services	\$20,962.31	\$22,000.00
Incidentals & Supplies	\$10,751.93	\$12,000.00
Postage	\$41,550.00	\$41,550.00
Travel Expenses	\$514.15	\$535.00
Association Dues	\$895.00	\$900.00
Litigation	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00
CITY TOTAL:	\$805,528.48	\$877,161.00

COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD	CLERK'S EXPENDITURE	2008 BUDGET
Salaries	\$64,946.90	\$69,136.00
PERS Retirement	\$9,629.73	\$9,690.00
Medicare	\$941.91	\$1,003.61
Insurance	\$2,225.00	\$2,225.00
Worker's Compensation	\$1,216.94	\$2,770.00
Unemployment	\$0.00	\$0.00
Witness Fees	\$3,137.90	\$5,500.00
COUNTY TOTAL:	\$82,098.38	\$90,324.61
CITY AND COUNTY TOTAL:	\$887,626.86	\$967,485.61