



## **Fairfield County Municipal Court – Annual Report 2016**

**Honorable James A. Fields – Presiding Judge**

**Honorable David L. Landefeld – Judge**

**Valeda A. Slone – Clerk of Courts**

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**SECTION I:**  
**COURT**

**2016 Annual Report  
March 30, 2017**

2016 was a new beginning for the Fairfield County Municipal Court.

Judge Fields, Judge Landefeld and the staff moved into the Columbian Building on April 15, 2016. The staff and community service workers were outstanding in assisting in the move, which did not interrupt the continuity or the effectiveness of the Court. The Columbian Building has had a few quirky moments over the last year, including both elevators and the heating and cooling system. However, everyone has pitched in to overcome any obstacle or unforeseen event that may have occurred.

The Court has purchased Smart Boards for Courtrooms 1 and 3 and has also had the benches modified so the obstruction of the view between the judges and witnesses has been eliminated. The Court continues to collaborate with the Court of Common Pleas, the County Commissioners and the City of Lancaster to secure funding through grants and other outside sources. The Fresh Start Program and the Mental Health Court have both received federal funding which enhances each program. Also, the Common Pleas Court and Municipal Court have agreed that the Municipal Court will do all drug testing for both courts. This was made possible by the funding of a female tester by the County Commissioners.

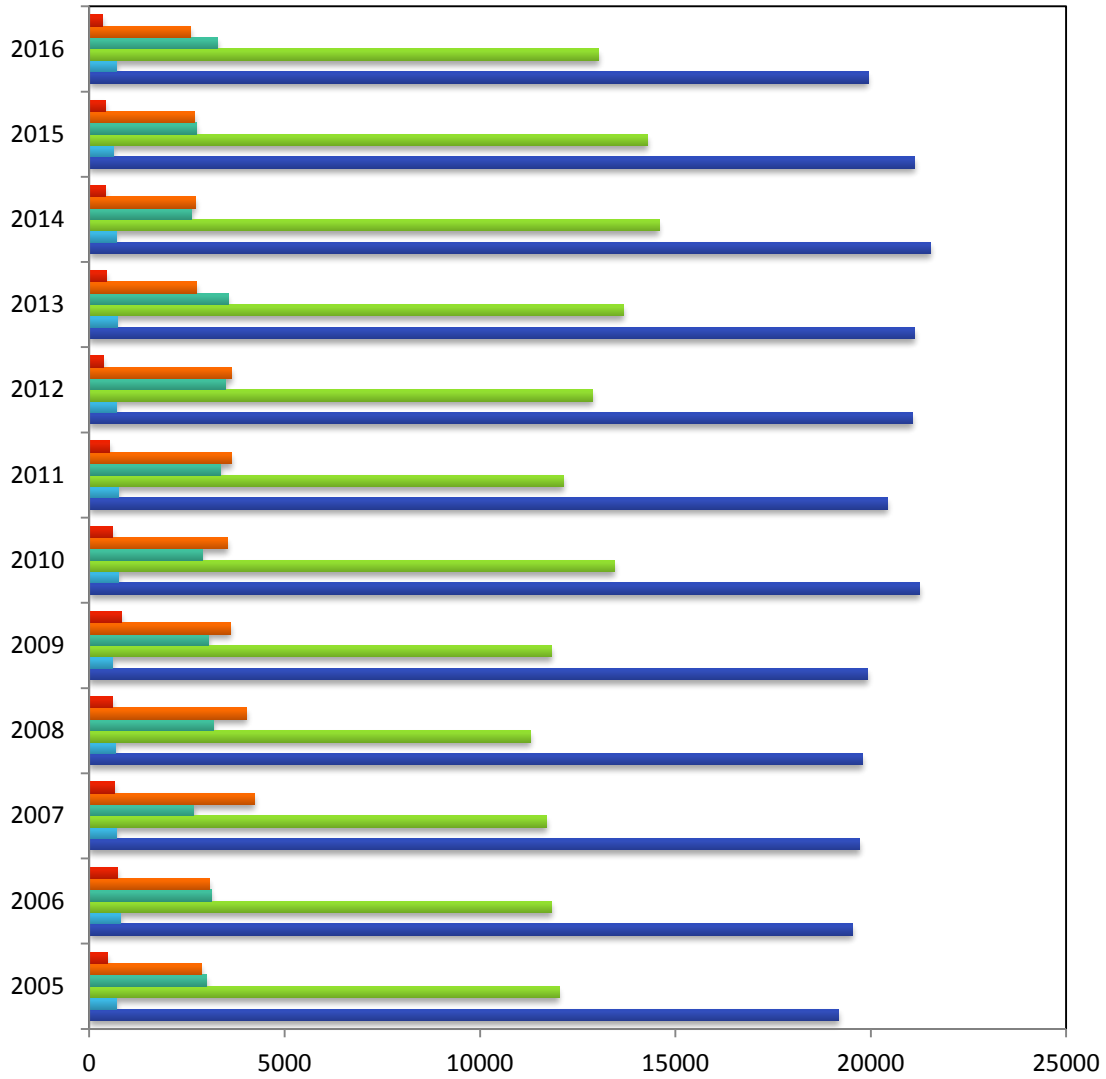
The Court understands that it does not work alone. That is why we would like to thank all of the other government entities, the social service agencies, law enforcement and the lawyers of Fairfield County and the surrounding areas for their cooperation as we continue to make positive changes for the benefit of the citizens of Fairfield County.

Yours truly,



James A. Fields, Judge

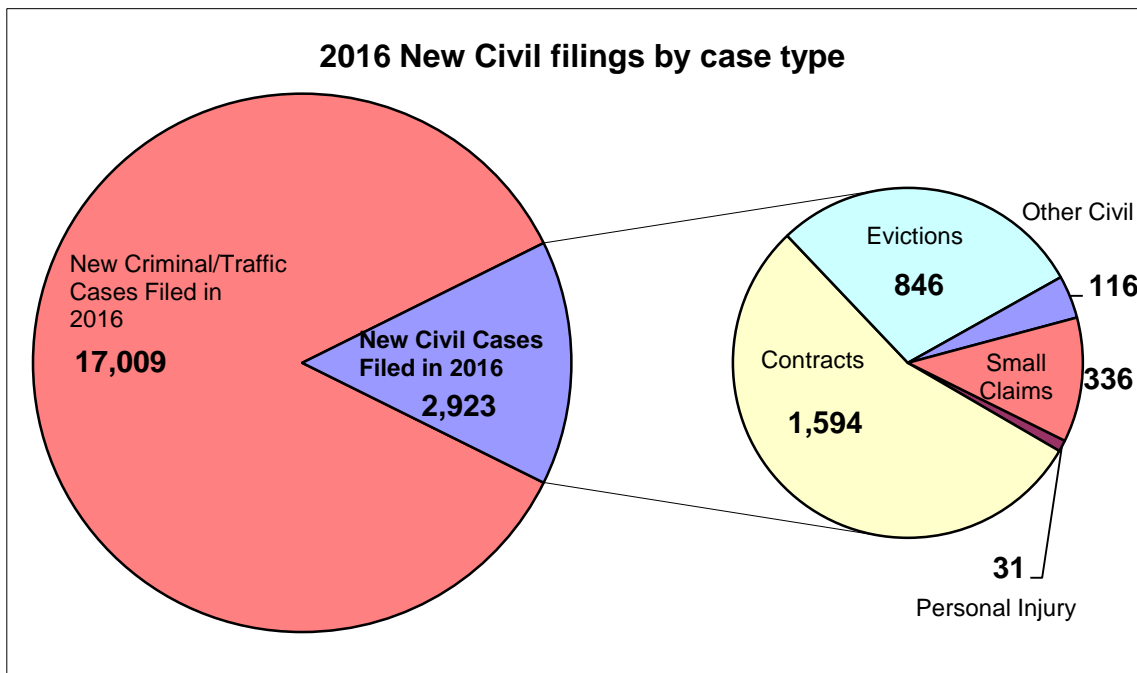
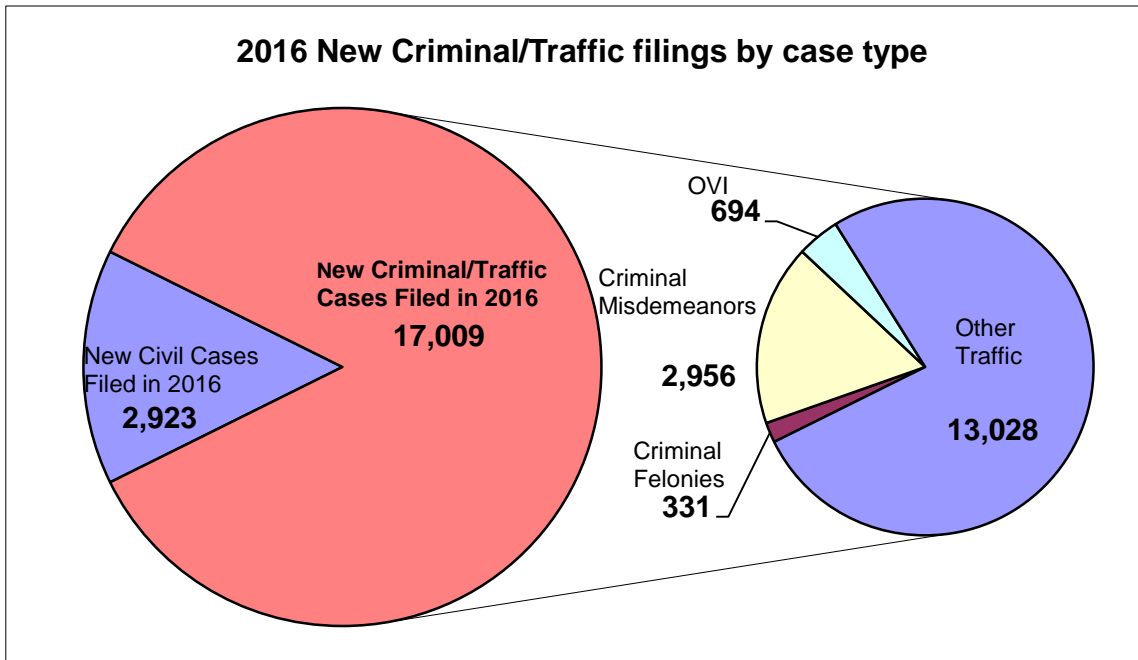
## Fairfield County Municipal Court Annual Caseload Comparison



	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
SMALL CLAIMS	460	715	645	590	822	590	526	353	435	405	404	336
CIVIL	2871	3073	4220	4029	3618	3548	3649	3652	2756	2720	2704	2587
CRIMINAL	2997	3124	2680	3190	3046	2902	3355	3478	3551	2629	2743	3287
TRAFFIC	12021	11825	11700	11294	11828	13448	12132	12877	13670	14583	14277	13028
OVI	691	798	700	680	601	751	755	698	712	686	611	694
TOTAL	19179	19535	19711	19783	19915	21239	20417	21058	21124	21535	21118	19932

# 2016 New Case Filings

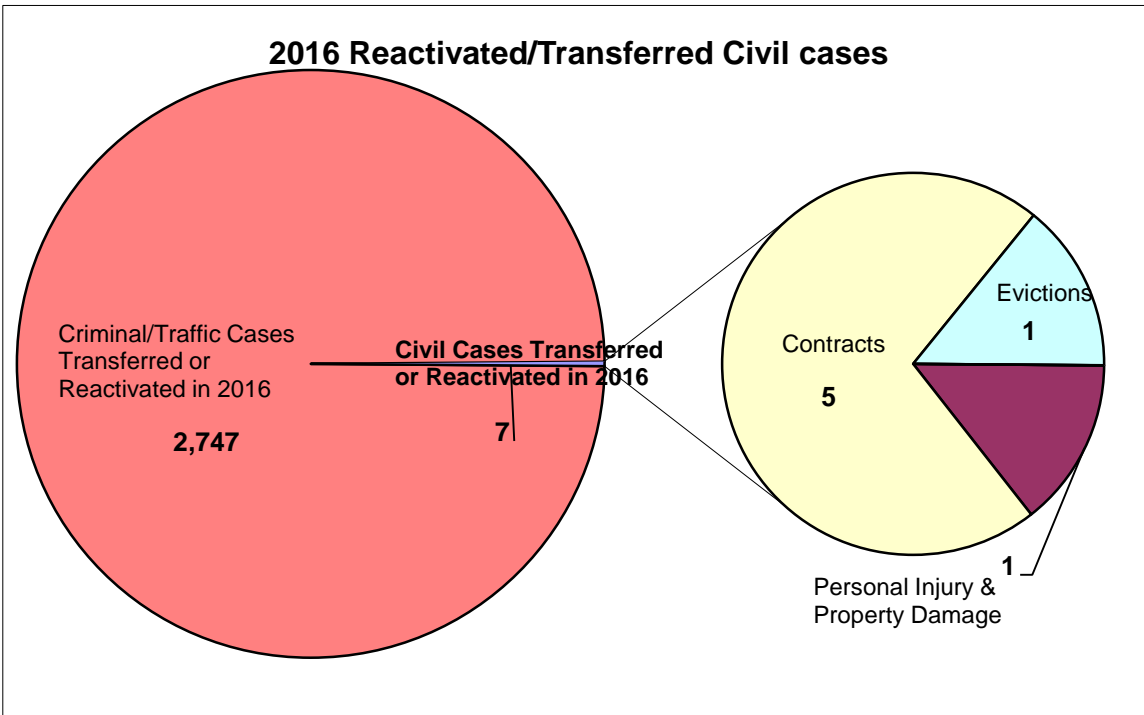
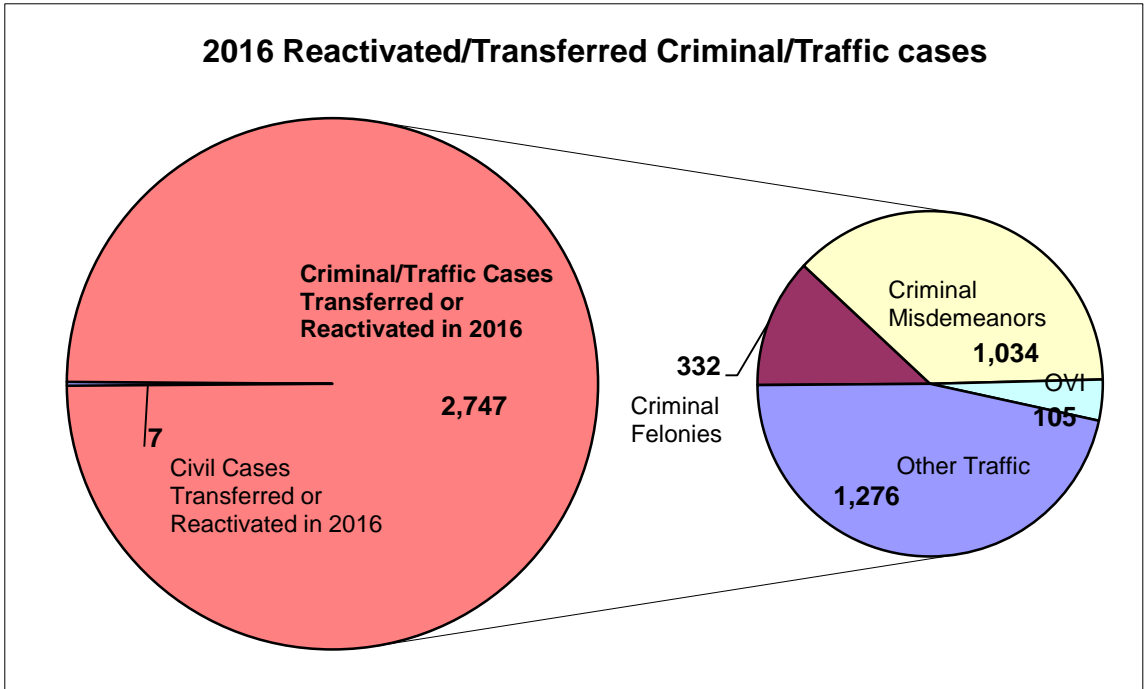
*In addition to the new cases filed in various categories, the Court's caseload for 2016 also included 1,021 cases pending as of January 1, 2016.*



# 2016 Reactivated/Transferred Cases

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

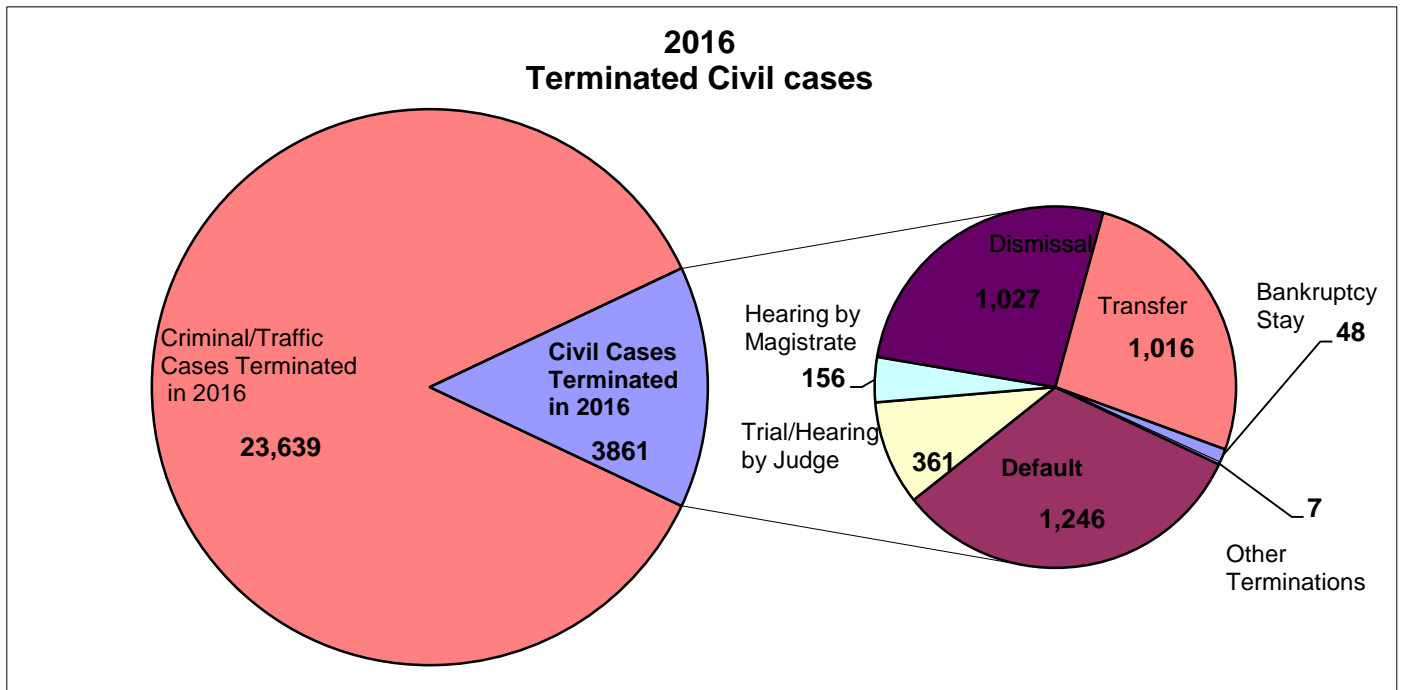
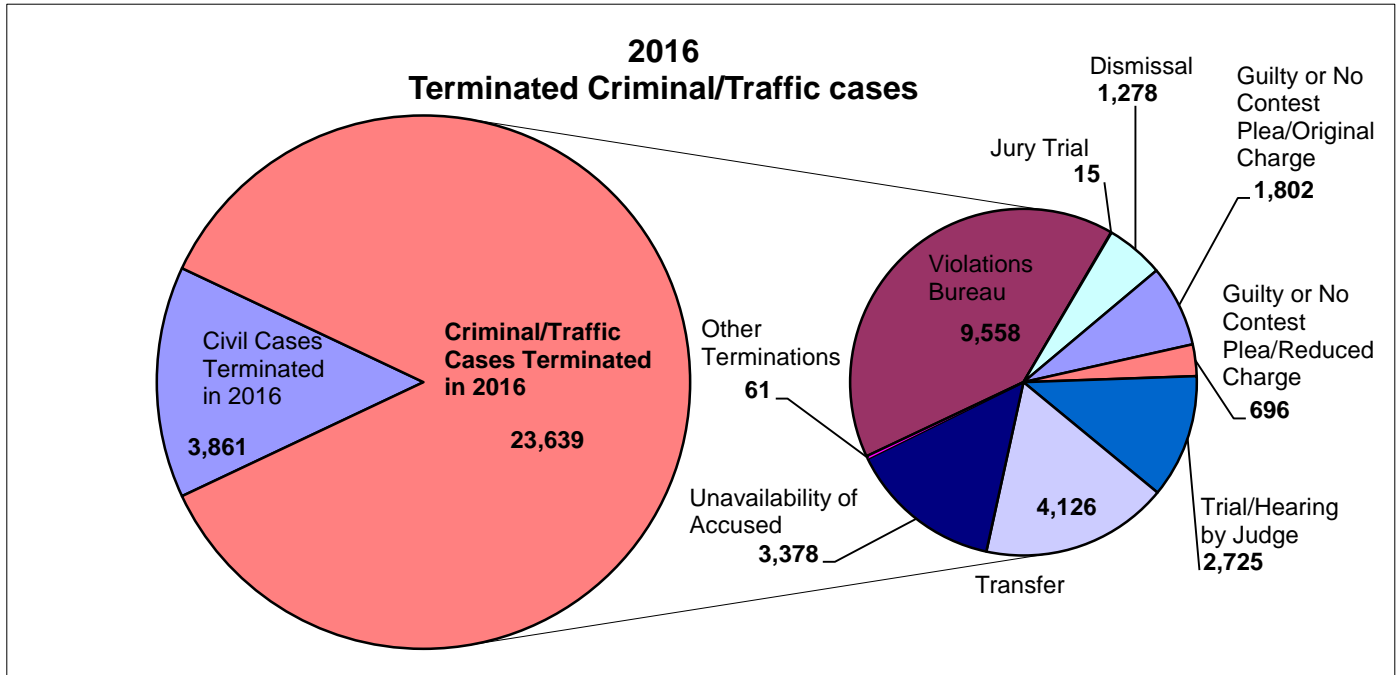
Transferred results include: Plea of "not guilty" entered, guilty sentencing, grand jury indictment, etc.





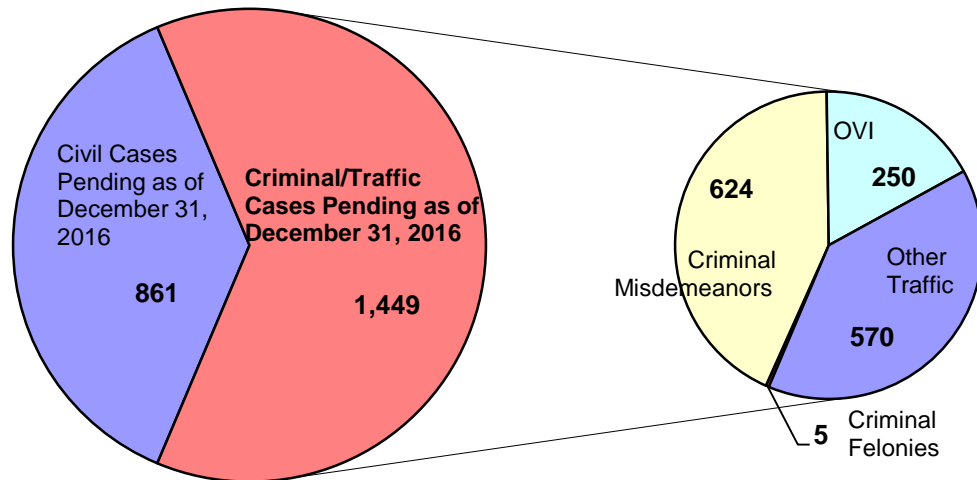
# 2016 Terminated Cases

Cases shown as closed by method of termination

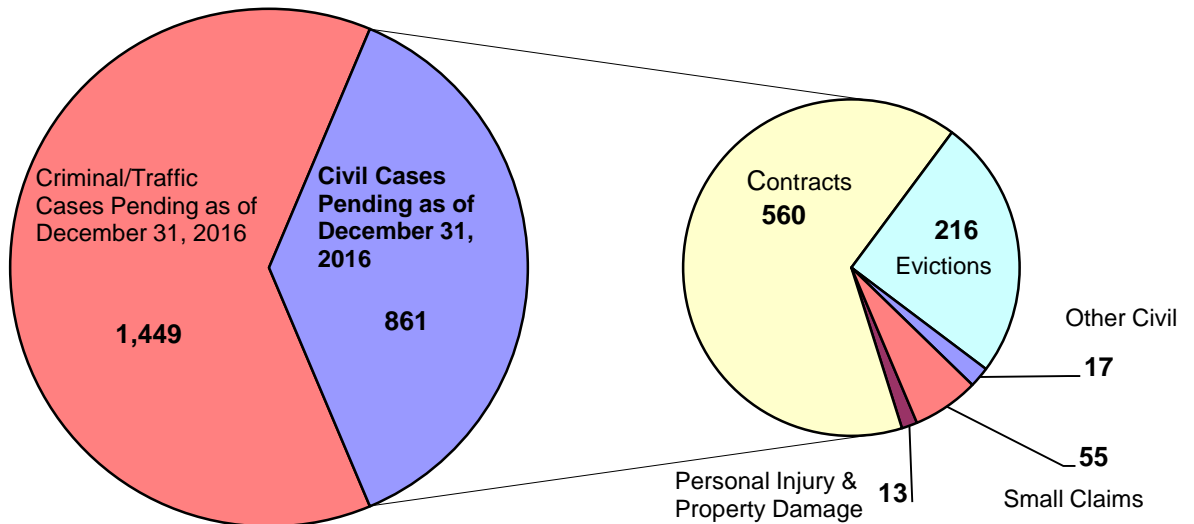


# Cases Pending as of December 31, 2016

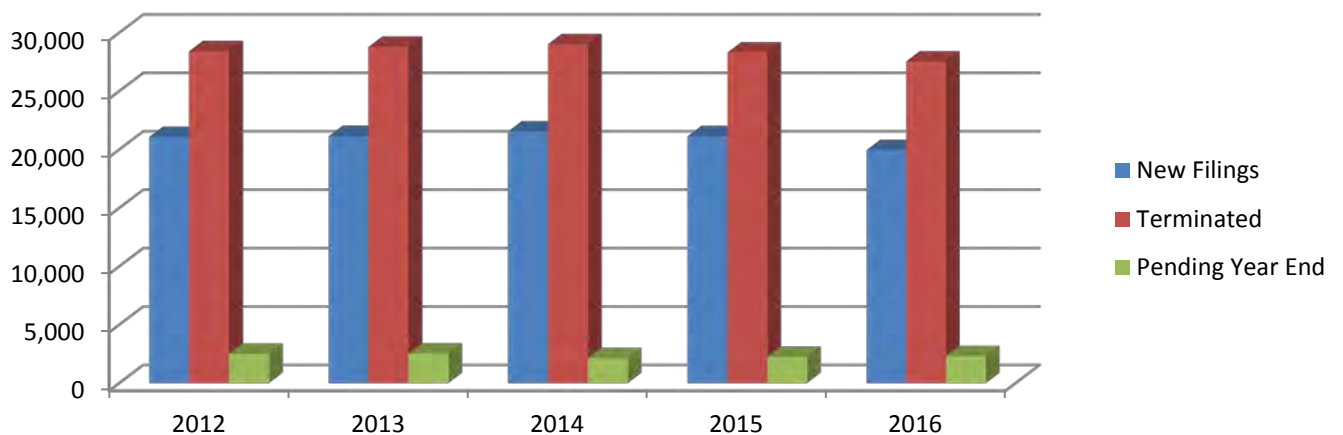
## Pending Criminal/Traffic cases as of December 31, 2016



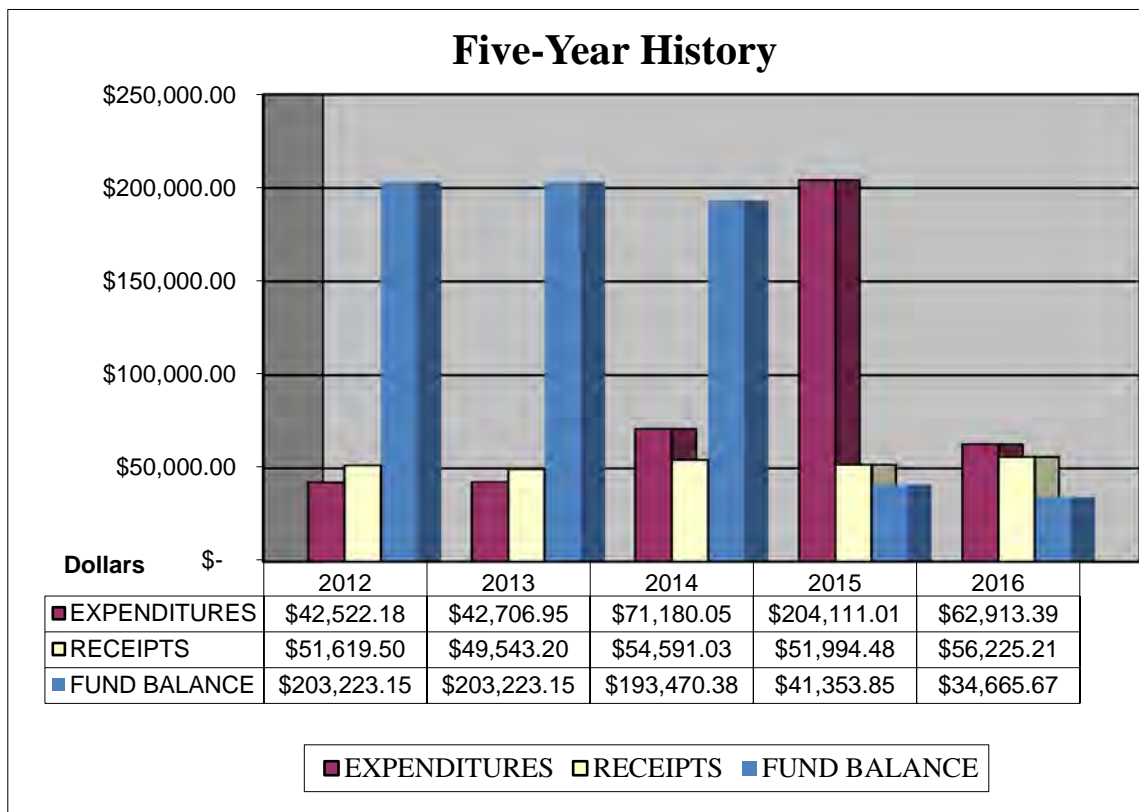
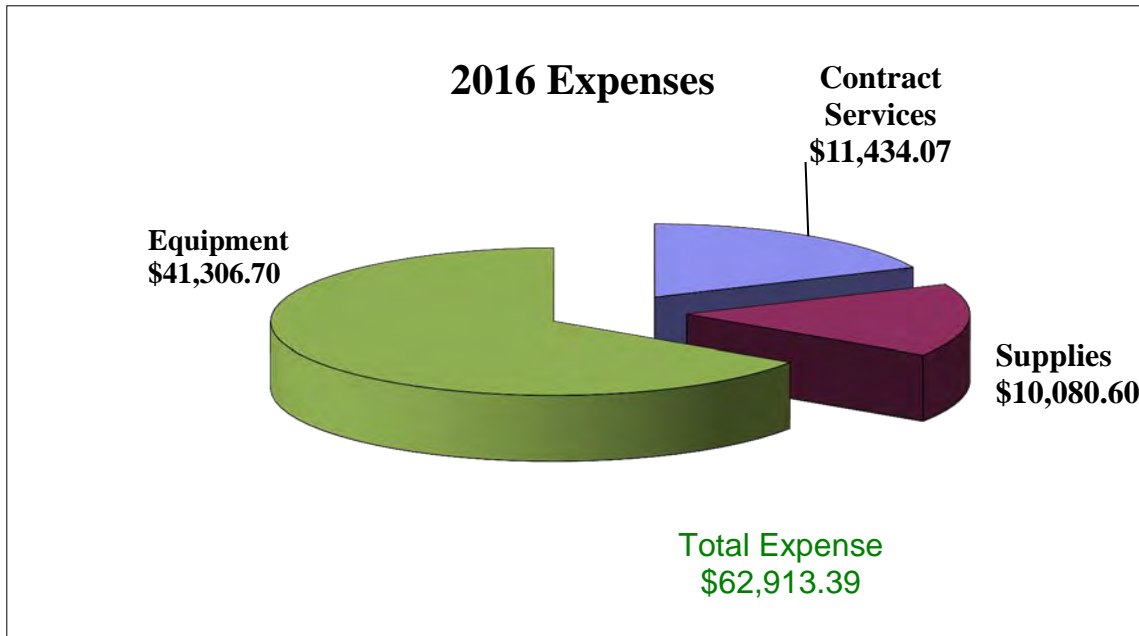
## Pending Civil cases as of December 31, 2016



# New Filings/Terminations/Pending Year-End

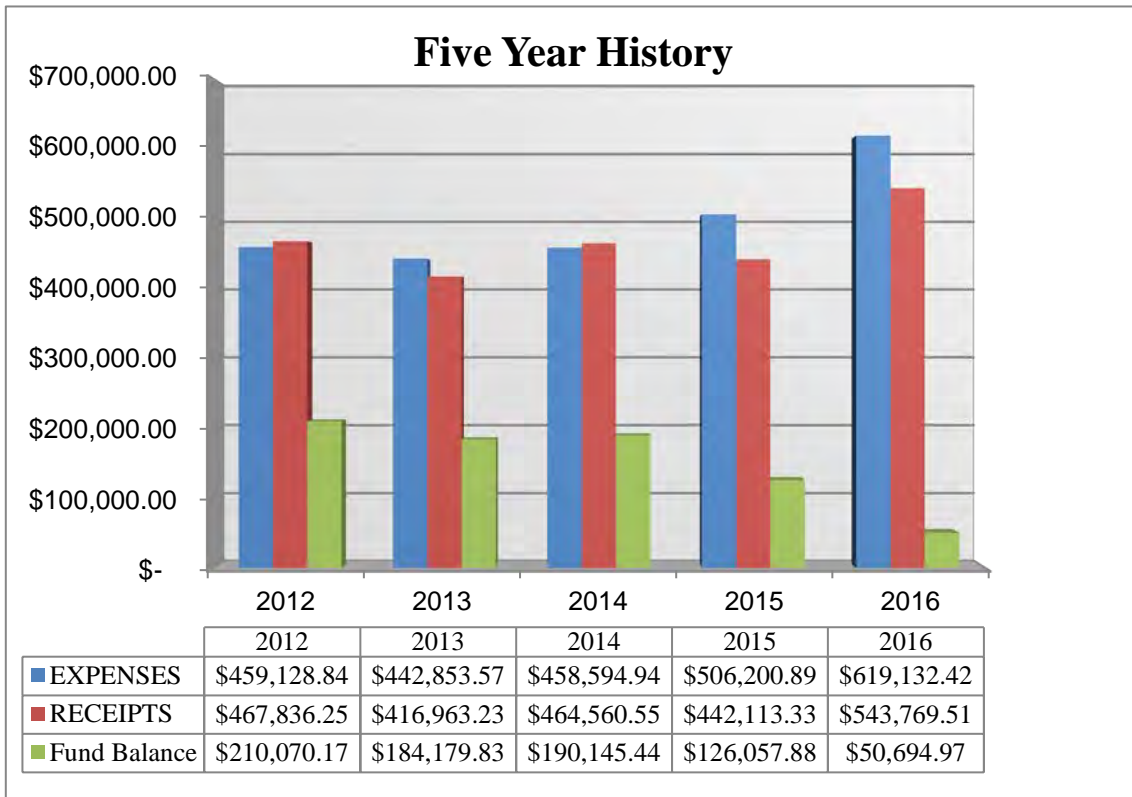
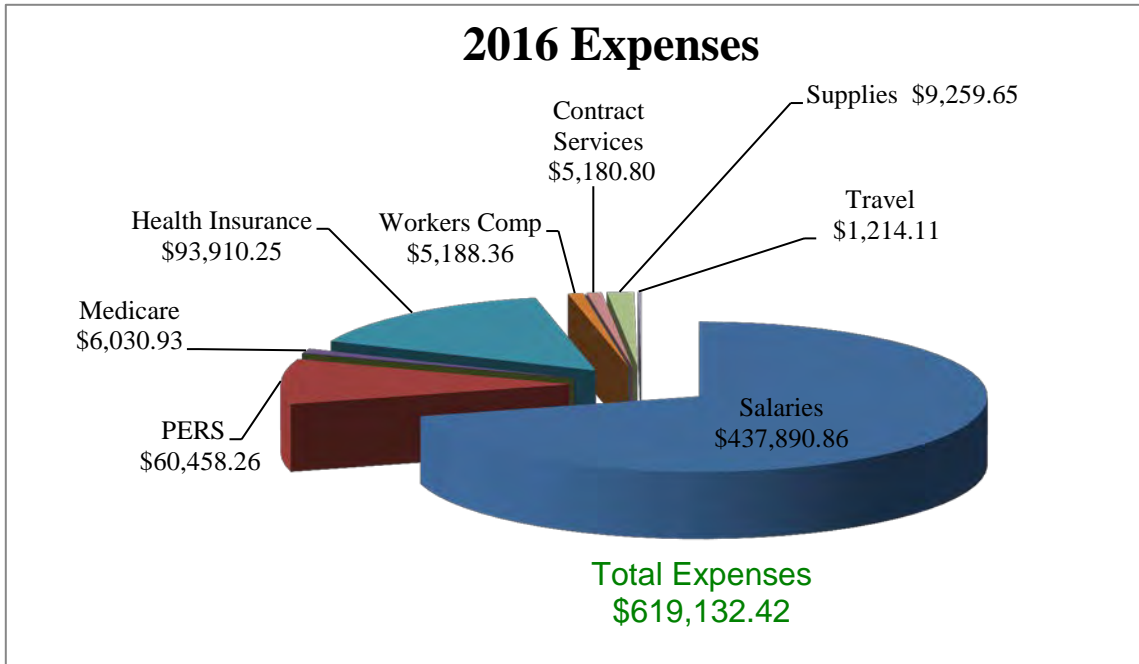


# Court Computer Fund



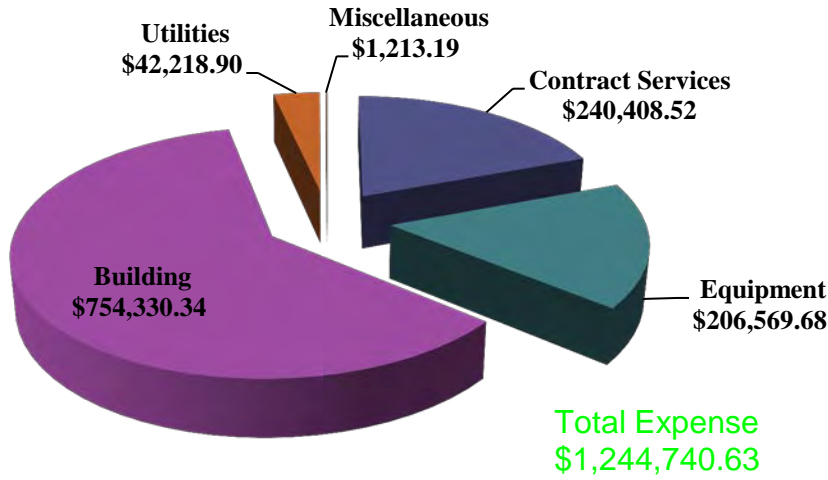
*The Court in 2016 finalized purchases of new court recording systems for the three Courtrooms in the Court's new facility, the Columbian.*

# Probation Fund

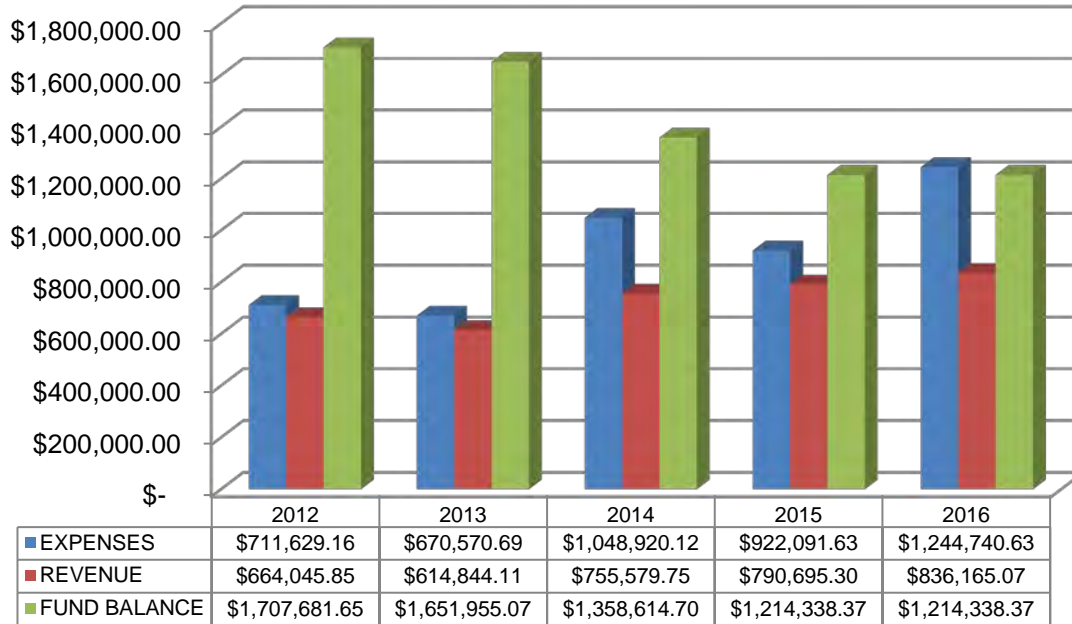


# Special Projects Fund

## 2016 Expenses



## Five Year History



*In 2016, the Court continued its commitment to cover annual debt service payments on the Columbian project from Special Projects. Additional expenses included maintenance and upkeep for the Columbian, including utilities, exterminator and cleaning services and inspection and maintenance fees. Cash was also spent for the security system, furnishings and construction costs that exceeded the amount borrowed.*

**FAIRFIELD COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT –JUDICIAL'S 2016 OPERATING EXPENSES**

<b>CITY OF LANCASTER</b>	<b>JUDICIAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>2016 BUDGET</b>
Salaries	539,778.69	539,778.69
PERS	75,810.18	75,810.15
PERS Pick-up	0.00	0.00
Hospitalization	137,370.20	170,000.00
Medicare	7,397.33	7,800.00
Sick Leave Buyout	1,499.42	1,500.00
Telephone	5,140.44	5,600.00
Settlement	0.00	0.00
Contract Services	11,899.45	15,000.00
Appointed Counsel	0.00	1,000.00
Maintenance of Equipment	5,655.22	5,750.00
Training/Seminars	3,970.86	4,150.00
Supplies and Incidentals	15,991.45	17,000.00
Copy Machine	1,959.64	2,850.00
Postage	2,873.80	3,750.00
Miscellaneous	2,051.26	2,250.00
Travel Expense	4,542.87	5,000.00
Association Dues	1,440.00	2,000.00
Employee Physicals/Medical	0.00	500.00
New Equipment	4,741.26	5,400.00
<b>CITY TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$822,122.07</b>	<b>\$861,550.00</b>

<b>COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD</b>	<b>JUDICIAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>2016 BUDGET</b>
Salaries & Benefits	188,322.21	193,150.00
Contract Expenses	23,422.64	25,000.00
Travel Expense	4,953.92	7,500.00
Juror Expense	8,475.26	10,500.00
Supplies	17,681.12	22,908.01
<b>COUNTY TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$242,855.15</b>	<b>\$259,058.01</b>
<b>CITY AND COUNTY TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$1,064,977.22</b>	<b>\$1,120,608.01</b>

## **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 30, 2017.

  
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**Jackie Long**  
**Court Administrator**

**SECTION II:**  
**SPECIALIZED DOCKETS**  
**PROGRAM**



**SPECIALIZED DOCKETS**  
**Recovery Court and Mental Health Court**  
**JUDGE JAMES A. FIELDS**

**Judge James A. Fields**, Recovery Court and Mental Health Court Judge; **Dan Cogley**, Specialized Dockets Prosecutor; **Jason Price**, Specialized Dockets, Defense Counsel; **Tamara Bartek**, Specialized Dockets Director; **Duffy Arter**, Recovery Court Probation Officer; **Jeff McCartney**, Mental Health Court Probation Officer; **Sarah Hurst**, The Recovery Center (Counselor)

**RECOVERY COURT**

Current stats: 20 Active participants  
 92 Graduates (68% sober success rate)

Duffy Arter, Recovery Court Probation Officer, continues to do an incredible job for both the Recovery Court and the interim Mental Health Court Probation while the position was vacant during 2016. He is an incredible resource for the participants of both programs and his ten years of experience with the court has allowed him to be a tremendous asset in our community. Participants are able to reach Duffy 24/7 and he makes himself available to the participants, even in his personal time.

As of 2/1/17	GRADUATES	TERMINATED
Total Amount of Individuals	92	177
Number of Individuals with New Offenses	34	136
Recidivism Rate	37%	77%
Average Days in Jail (since entry into drug court)	24	225
Average Days in Drug Court	528	316

**Funding:** The Recovery Courts for Municipal and Common Pleas Court have received a three year federal grant from SAMHSA to fund probation officers, transportation vouchers, GED testing for participants, medication-assisted treatment, and training for staff. Both courts were able to show, through a collaboration pilot project, that the collaboration between the courts not only reduced costs, but increased services for participants.

**The Annual Christmas party** was held on December 12<sup>th</sup>. This was the first year of a combined Specialized Dockets party to include both Recovery Court and Mental Health Court participants and their families. Approximately 200 people were present. Johnny Garber DJ'd the event again and many agencies donated presents for the children (including members of the Lancaster Police Department, Sheriff's Department, Board of DD, Bob Boyd, West Side United Neighbors Block Watch, Tim and Sue Huston, State Representative Tim Shaffer, Spangler family, Anderson family, Municipal Court staff, and the Asst. Law Director Stephanie Hall from the City Prosecutor's Office). This is an annual celebration made possible through donations from our community volunteers and is a wonderful opportunity for participants to focus on sober-living activities with their families.



**MENTAL HEALTH COURT**

- Mental Health Court received Final Certification from the Ohio Supreme Court on March 31, 2016. This certification process ensures that our program is aligned with expectations from the Supreme Court to better serve our participants.
- Mental Health Court was awarded a state grant. This is the first grant every applied for and received for this program. The Office of Criminal Justice Services awarded the program a grant to fund salaries and services.
- Welcome **Jeff McCartney**, Mental Health Court Probation Officer – started January 9, 2017. Jeff comes to us from the Re-entry Coalition, where he gained a strong sense of the community resources necessary to be a great asset to the Mental Health Court participants.



Jeff thought his present from Santa was a token of our gratitude for his work at the Re-entry Coalition; however, it was his Offer of Employment with the Court.

Mental Health Court stats: **21 Active participants**

Numbers since Supreme Court Certification 3/31/16	<b>GRADUATES</b>	<b>TERMINATED</b>
Total Amount of Individuals	7	13
Number of Individuals with New Offenses	-	-
Recidivism Rate	-	-
Average Days in Jail (since entry into MH court)	0	147
Average Days in MH Court	599	247

**Fall Family Fishing Derby**

The Fall Family Fishing Derby allows Recovery Court and Mental Health Court participants/graduates and their families and the staff to gather together for a day of sober-living activities. Bailiff Scott Beaver acts as “Chief Grill Master” and cooks hamburgers and hot dogs for everyone. Advisory Committee Members and volunteers from the community (Lancaster Police Chief McDaniel, State Representative Tim Schaffer, Sheriff Phalen, prior graduates and their families, and Tim Huston) facilitate games, fishing, and activities for participants/graduates and their families. Funding for this event is made possible through an ODNR Step-Outside Grant.



Family Fishing Derby includes fishing, team-building games such as the 3-legged race (facilitated by State Representative Tim Schaffer), and a cookout.

**DRUG TESTING:**

Municipal Court continues to operate its Indiko Drug Testing program with great success (implemented in November 2014). Statistics of year one and year two of our Drug Testing Project are as follows:

Average Monthly Cost Prior	\$ 4,513.32
Average Indiko Monthly Cost	\$ 4,730.79
Average # of Tests/Month Prior	315
Average # of Indiko Tests/month	602

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YEAR 1 - 11/19/14 - 11/18/15	
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$ 46,885.40
AVG. MO. COST PRIOR TO INDIKO	\$ 4,513.32

**Drug Testing/SCRAM Reduction Project:** It has been two years since we began our SCRAM reduction project via EtG (alcohol)/Creatinine testing on our Indiko in lieu of SCRAM monitors. Data has been collected and we have noted a significant reduction in billing to the county. We went from an average monthly SCRAM cost of over \$20,000 to now an average monthly cost of \$1,363. The twelve months prior to this project, we billed the county over \$243,000 for SCRAM costs and now have only billed \$95,672 for **two years combined** since inception of this project. We are able to test a person for EtG/Creatinine for an average of **\$6/week** versus the cost of SCRAM (**\$13/day**). Through this project, we are doing more with less money and more importantly, obtaining more accurate, reliable, and faster results.

**Drug Testing/Lab Tech Probation Officers:** We now have two full-time Lab Tech Probation Officers. These positions are funded in conjunction with the city, county and federal grant dollars. Andrew Keister, our male Lab Tech PO, and Jessica Jerome, our female Lab Tech PO, do an incredible job handling all drug tests, running samples, and running controls and calibrations on our Indiko.



**Drug Testing Collaboration Project with Common Pleas Court:**

- We have reduced Common Pleas Probation testing by \$9,000 in 11 months of testing through our collaboration project. This collaboration between the courts has allowed for greater efficiency, increased savings, quicker and more detailed testing results, and has eliminated the need for probationers reporting to both courts to test in multiple locations, thus reducing the cost to taxpayers.

**THANK YOU**...to our incredible team in our Specialized Dockets and Drug Testing divisions!

***Judge Fields***...you do an incredible job reaching out to our participants and holding them accountable.

***Duffy Arter***...you do an incredible job *listening* to our participants and helping them to learn coping skills towards their recovery. Our programs are successful today because of you.

***Jeff McCartney***...your proven experience with the Re-entry Coalition has made you an incredible asset to the Mental Health Court participants.

***Andrew Keister***...you do an incredible job at everything! Your dedication to our court amazes everyone (still trying to figure out if you actually live in the courthouse somewhere, because I'm convinced you never leave).

***Jessica Jerome***...you have the most amazing attitude and infectious smile! Thank you for being a wonderful listener to our testing ladies. You make each of their days brighter!

***Dan Cogley***...our Specialized Dockets Prosecutor....Thank you for all that you do for our team! Your incredible memory and insight is a wonderful resource for our programs (even if you do leave a trail of coffee down the halls...at least we know how to find you).

***And to all of our Support Service Personnel***... New Horizons, Recovery Center, Re-entry, and Lutheran Social Services support staff assist our programs tremendously, assist our participants in their recovery, and ultimately make our community a much safer and pleasant place to call home.

***Here's to Another Year!! Thank you, Tamara Bartek, Specialized Dockets Director***

**SECTION III:**  
**PROBATION**

**Fairfield County Municipal Court Probation Department  
2016 Annual Report  
March 2017**

The Probation Department experienced another busy and productive year for 2016. The year held a continuation of positive strides for the department, and *Changing Offender Behavior*, leading to a reduction in recidivism. In 2016, probation cases were up compared to probation cases filed in 2015. I believe the hard work of this Probation Staff is seen on a daily basis in their work effort. Our officers supervise those on Pre-Trial status, reporting and non-reporting probation, and the excellent success of our Specialized Dockets resulted in positive outcomes.

Defendants ordered to complete probation are given sentences with terms ranging from one to five years of Community Control. Defendants are placed on one of the following levels of probation; Non-Reporting, Reporting, or could be placed into one of our Specialized Dockets; Drug Court, known as the “Fresh Start Program” and Mental Health Court, with the average Probation Department caseload totaling over 4,082 cases annually. (These include defendants on 1 to 5 years’ probation and those reporting for Pre-Trial Bond monitoring. Below numbers only reflect current and previous year.)

<b>New Probation Cases for 2016</b>			
<b>Total Number of New Cases in 2016 =</b>		<b>2,280</b>	
<b>Total Number of New Cases in 2015 =</b>		<b>1,717</b>	
<b>Statistics below do not include all Misdemeanor/ Felony Bond cases</b>			
<b>Males</b>		<b>Females</b>	
Total =	1583	Total =	697
Ages:		Ages:	
18-29	596	18-29	278
30-39	484	30-39	234
40-49	298	40-49	116
50-59	156	50-59	55
60 & Over	49	60 & Over	14
Oldest (age):	86	Oldest (age):	71

*~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 in *changing offender behavior through proven evidence based practices* 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 **Team**. The Probation Department is not made up of individual persons working in individual directions. The **Team** 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 Team who always helps one another when a need arises; therefore, making our **Team** strong, which not only helps the community but reinforces our **TEAM** as a whole.

**Charles Rispress, Chief Probation Officer**, has been with the Department since December 2015 and is a tremendous asset to the Probation Department. Charles has tremendous leadership qualities and offers vital guidance for his staff. With Charles' 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*. Charles handles a Probation/Diversion case load of 203 defendants, daily administrative duties and is the C.C.A. EM Grant Director.

**Jeni Rhymer, Senior Probation Officer** and Probation Department employee since April 1994 handles Reporting and non-reporting probationers. Jeni continues to assist Charles 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 858 people and assisting our **TEAM** in any way she can.

**Matt Schein, Probation Officer** since August 2004, handles Reporting and non-reporting probationers with a case load of 657 people that require in some cases daily contact. This position also requires Matt to conduct house checks as appropriate. Matt is also the alternate member to attend training regarding the C.C.A. EM Grant. Matt has a great sense of humor that keeps the **TEAM** and those he comes into contact with smiling.

**Elizabeth George, Probation Officer** since March 2005, assists our Court, Court of Common Pleas, Law Enforcement and anyone else needing her Spanish-speaking skills. Like Jeni, Elizabeth handles a case load of 803 people and works extremely hard at changing the lives of those who she comes into contact with. 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.

**Erica Lanning, Probation Officer** since September 2010. Erica has years of experience from the Ohio State Highway Patrol, and offered tremendous support for the department as our Admin Assistant. On September 26, 2011 Erica was promoted to fill the vacant Probation position, and handles a case load of 553 defendants that are placed on Reporting and non-reporting probation. Erica also performs the duties of the **TAC** (Terminal Agency Coordinator) for the LEADS/CCH terminal. Erica has a tremendous smile and is a vital link within our **TEAM**, and never hesitates to go over and beyond her duties.

~Team Probation and Who's Who, continued:

**Mindy Conrad, Probation Officer** since September 2006, supervises those probationers sentenced to Reporting and non-reporting probation. Mindy handles a case load of 302 defendants and has also been instrumental in helping solve issues with the Henschen computer system as well as helping the Clerk's office convert to a paperless system. Mindy has demonstrated the ability to quickly 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, works for Judge Fields and the "Fresh Start" Drug Court Program and handles a case load of 37 defendants. Duffy works closely with our Specialized Dockets Director Tamara Bartek, and has exceeded expectations in his ability to work closely with drug court participants, ensuring the participants he is available for them 24/7. With Duffy's hard work and dedication to the needs of the Court, participants, treatment providers and anyone else he comes into contact with, the Fresh Start Drug Court Program will no doubt continue to be extremely successful and one of the best in the country! Duffy has shown that he is willing and able to complete our **TEAM** concept.

**Sarah Haley, Probation Officer** became part of our **TEAM** in December 2011 to fill our vacant administrative assistant position. In **October 2014**, Sarah was **promoted** to Pre-Trial Bond Officer and is now a Probation Officer supervising reporting and non-reporting probationers. She now handles a case load of 546 defendants. Sarah continues to handle the EM Grant invoice receipts which are a big help to the whole grant process. Sarah's excellent skills and willingness to go above and beyond her job duties will definitely contribute, and make her an important asset on the **TEAM!**

**Jeff McCartney, Mental Health Probation Officer** is the newest member of the **TEAM**. In January 2017, Jeff accepted the position of Mental Health Probation Officer and has fit right in. He handles a case load of 43 defendants that need lots of supervision and care even after hours. Jeff has been effective as a Mental Health Probation officer and has made himself available to the Mental Health Court participants 24/7. Jeff sees the importance of helping the Mental Health Court participants through any crisis moment while ensuring them that he wants what is best for them.

The Probation Department staff offers over *100* years' experience as a **TEAM!**



~Community Corrections Act Grant:

We are pleased to announce the Department of Rehabilitation & Corrections, Bureau of Community Corrections, awarded **\$50,000.00** dollars from the State of Ohio for an Electronic Monitoring (EM) grant program. This grant will be used for an **Emergency Jail Reduction Program** to assist in the overcrowding issue at the Fairfield County Jail. The State study revealed the jail continues to be overpopulated and these funds will help pay for **Active Real-time GPS, S.C.R.A.M** bracelets to monitor defendants at their homes **24/7**. These funds will also help pay for the use of the currently used **Indiko Plus Drug/Alcohol Testing Instrument**. This grant will help ease the financial burden to the City and County budget.

~Services:

Faced with a continued **over-crowding** issue with the jail, the Court has continued to use **American Court Services** to supply electronic house arrest monitoring equipment and other 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, meeting Court ordered terms as well as affording the defendant the ability to obtain counseling as deemed appropriate. This ability helps save **Thousands** of **Tax Payer** dollars! American Court Services will immediately advise the Probation Department of any violations that have occurred, which in turn are addressed with the Probation Officer/Court as appropriate.

American Court Services offer 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. (Substance Abuse Monitoring).

American Court Services offer drug testing services through the S.A.M. 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.

~Probation Drug Tests:

This positive relationship with American Court Services has afforded the Probation Department the ability to improve our case follow-up and management system. The Probation Department continues to complete more than a thousand drug screens per year, and we continue using the ***Indiko Plus Drug/Alcohol Testing Instrument***, obtained through ThermoFisher Scientific in November of last year. We are excited to have been using the instrument for all levels of Probation and Bond. The use of the ***Indiko Plus Drug Testing Instrument*** gives us the ability to significantly increase the number of offenders tested and/or screened, and to save several thousands of dollars at the same time. The instrument will provide us much more accurate statistical data and assist us in targeting the most abused pharmaceutical and/or street drugs in our communities.

The ***Indiko Plus Drug Testing Instrument*** has the ability to go back eighty (80) hours to test for alcohol (EtG), and is currently, or has the ability, to test for the following drugs: Marijuana, Cocaine, Opiates, Oxycodone, Benzodiazepines, Amphetamine, Meth- amphetamine, Methadone, Buprenorphine, Barbiturates, Tramadol, Ecstasy and Creatinine levels.

~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. Portable Breath Test (PBT) continues to be administered by the probation department. However, there are fewer tests required thanks to the continued **success and effectiveness** of the S.C.R.A.M. units, and the **Indiko Plus Drug Testing Instrument**. In most cases, the offenders will only need to report for alcohol testing two times per week versus every day utilizing the ***Indiko Plus Drug Testing Instrument***.

This too saves tax payer money by keeping defendants out of jail and reduces alcohol related offenses while the defendants are on Probation and/or Bond. In some cases, the ***Indiko Plus Drug Testing Instrument's*** ability to test for **alcohol** will have huge savings to the Defendant, City and County. The S.C.R.A.M. bracelet cost is \$13.00 per day while the ***Indiko Plus Drug Testing Instrument*** cost is \$1.53 per test with the average offender reporting two times per week. (Total cost is \$3.06 per week vs. \$91.00 per week on SCRAM)

~Community Service Program:

The Probation Department has continued to supervise defendants working community service throughout Fairfield County. Defendants have worked community service at different locations such as The Recycling Station, Goodwill, Salvation Army, Dog Shelter, Schools, Parks and Recreations. The Probation Department will continue to supervise and work closely with defendants during our Saturday Community Service Program. The Saturday Community Service Program focuses on assisting **non-profit** organizations or government 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 contact the ***Fairfield County Municipal Court, Probation Department*** for further information and scheduling at (740) 687-6686). The following is a breakdown of the Departments or Agencies that have received assistance through the Saturday program:

- Liberty Union, Courthouse, Cemetery, Pickerington PD, Transportation, Town Hall (Bremen), Humane Society, Lancaster Parks & Recreation, Carroll Civic Center, Lancaster Main Street Commerce, Lancaster Farm Market, Lancaster Streets Department, Lancaster Festival/ Art Walk, Lancaster Bike Trail, City Hall.

Community Services workers provided much needed help to move furniture, computers, desks, chairs, tables and more from City Hall to the Columbian when Municipal Court moved into its new space in April, 2016. That made setting up in the new courthouse easier for all departments.

~In closing:

We anticipate another busy and productive year in **2017** and are eager to continue assisting in the **positive** change of offender behavior. I would like to **sincerely thank** the entire ***Probation Staff*** for all their hard work, dedication and passion to change lives and make a difference in our community. I also want to say **Thank You**, to the Judges, Court Administrator, Bailiffs, Clerk of Court staff and all those that support our department.

Respectfully,

***Charles Rispress***

Charles Rispress, Chief Probation Officer

**SECTION IV:**  
**CLERK OF COURT**

**TABLE OF DISTRIBUTION FOR FINES AND COSTS**

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

AGENCY/PERSON FILING THE CHARGE	CHARGE BROUGHT UNDER AN ORDINANCE OR THE 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) Moving Violations: \$10.00 State Traffic Fund (§2949.094) \$9.00 State Victims of Crime Reparations Fund (§2743.70) \$20.00 State Indigent Defense Support Fund (§2949.091).
- (b) Non-Moving Violations: \$10.00 State Indigent Defense Support Fund (§2949.091)
- (c) Criminal Violations: \$9.00 State Victims of Crime Reparations Fund (§2943.70) \$20.00 State Indigent Defense Support Fund (§2949.091).

(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

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

## 2016 - New Cases Filed Agency Report

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Felonies (CRA)</b>	<b>Misdemeanors (CRB)</b>	<b>OMVI (TRC)</b>	<b>Traffic (TRD)</b>	<b>Totals</b>
Ohio Dept of Agriculture	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Amanda Twp Zoning	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Baltimore Village	6	21	1	2	<b>30</b>
Bloom Twp Zoning	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Berne Twp Zoning	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Bremen Village	0	0	0	1	<b>1</b>
Brice Police Department	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Columbus Police Department	5	0	0	0	<b>5</b>
Carroll Village	0	4	2	16	<b>22</b>
Fairfield County Dog Warden	0	107	0	0	<b>107</b>
Foreign Warrants	0	2	0	0	<b>2</b>
Hocking Twp Zoning	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Humane Society	0	7	0	0	<b>7</b>
Lithopolis Village	2	17	3	52	<b>74</b>
Dept of Liquor	0	7	0	0	<b>7</b>
City of Lancaster	141	1289	129	2279	<b>3838</b>
Metro Park Comm	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Millersport Village	0	2	1	26	<b>29</b>
Miscellaneous Agency	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Natural Area/Perserv	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Division of Wildlife	0	35	0	2	<b>37</b>
Ohio State Highway Patrol	11	225	362	9281	<b>9879</b>
Park and Rec	0	6	1	0	<b>7</b>
Private Complaint - City	0	22	0	1	<b>23</b>
City of Pickerington	55	276	95	205	<b>631</b>
Public Utilities Commision	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
City of Reynoldsburg	20	153	11	5	<b>189</b>
Fairfield County Sheriff Dept.	91	617	89	1158	<b>1955</b>
Private Complaint - State	0	157	0	0	<b>157</b>
Surar Grove Village	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Ohio Dept of Tax	0	4	0	0	<b>4</b>
Violent Twp Zoning	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Division of Watercraft	0	5	0	0	<b>5</b>
<b>Totals =</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>2956</b>	<b>694</b>	<b>13028</b>	<b>17009</b>

## FAIRFIELD COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT

### CRIMINAL / TRAFFIC DIVISION RECEIPTS & DISTRIBUTIONS - 2016

	RECEIPTS	DISTRIBUTIONS
Balance as of December 31, 2015	\$ 27,739.23	
Cash Bonds	\$ 168,668.91	\$ 162,741.41
<b>City of Lancaster</b>		
Ordinance Fines	\$ 35,651.32	\$ 35,651.32
Parking Fines	\$ 15,411.00	\$ 15,411.00
State Highway Patrol Fines	\$ 51,289.71	\$ 51,289.71
Lancaster Police - Law Enforcement & Education Fund	\$ 1,234.65	\$ 1,234.65
Lancaster Police Drug Enforcement Fund	\$ 665.00	\$ 665.00
Court Costs	\$ 443,430.56	\$ 443,430.56
Law Library	\$ 51,289.66	\$ 51,289.66
Worker's Compensation Premiums	\$ -	\$ -
Criminal Account Interest Income	\$ 20.33	\$ 20.33
Clerk Computer Fund	\$ 130,456.85	\$ 130,456.85
Judge Computer Fund	\$ 38,224.00	\$ 38,224.00
Indigent Driver's Alcohol & Treatment Fund	\$ 10,742.56	\$ 10,742.56
Special Projects Fund	\$ 463,378.65	\$ 463,378.65
Indigent Alcohol Treatment Fund (Moving Violations)	\$ 15,328.39	\$ 15,328.39
Probation Services Fund	\$ 310,741.16	\$ 310,741.16
Family Violence Fund (Law Director)	\$ 391.00	\$ 391.00
Indigent Interlock/SCRAM OVI Fund	\$ 34,836.14	\$ 34,836.14
<b>Fairfield County</b>		
Traffic Uniform Fines	\$ 85,023.84	\$ 85,023.84
Criminal Regular Fines	\$ 29,573.22	\$ 22,573.22
State Highway Patrol Fines	\$ 25,643.87	\$ 25,643.87
Liquor Violation Fines	\$ 987.50	\$ 987.50
Overload Violation Fines	\$ 88,639.40	\$ 88,639.40
Dog Violation Fines	\$ 1,947.40	\$ 1,947.40
County Sheriff Costs	\$ 34,901.48	\$ 34,901.48
County Sheriff - Law Enforcement & Education Fund	\$ 1,358.00	\$ 1,358.00
County Sheriff Drug Enforcement Fund	\$ 805.00	\$ 805.00
County Jail - OVI Housing Authority	\$ 20,207.24	\$ 20,207.24
Parks & Recreation Fines	\$ 375.00	\$ 375.00
Parks & Recreation - Law Enforcement & Education Fund	\$ -	\$ -
Jury & Witness Cost Reimbursement	\$ 5,119.50	\$ 5,119.50
Affidavit of Indigency Filings	\$ 6,014.46	\$ 6,014.46
Annual Law Library Payment	\$ -	\$ 7,000.00
Fairfield County Humane Society	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
Expungments	\$ 1,855.00	\$ 1,855.00
<b>(Continued)</b>		

## FAIRFIELD COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT

### CRIMINAL / TRAFFIC DIVISION RECEIPTS & DISTRIBUTIONS - 2016

<b>State of Ohio</b>		
State Highway Patrol Fines	\$ 128,215.83	\$ 128,215.83
Seat Belt Violation Fines	\$ 43,477.50	\$ 43,477.50
Child Restraint Fines	\$ 965.00	\$ 965.00
Liquor Violation Fines	\$ 987.50	\$ 987.50
Victims of Crime	\$ 99,889.23	\$ 99,889.23
General Fund	\$ 521.00	\$ 521.00
Expungments	\$ 2,790.00	\$ 2,790.00
Indigent Defense Support Fund (Moving Violations)	\$ 283,460.09	\$ 283,460.09
Justice Program Service Fund (Moving Violations)	\$ 1,122.99	\$ 1,122.99
Indigent Defense Support Fund (OVI)	\$ 26,143.77	\$ 26,143.77
Drug Enforcement Fund (Moving Violations)	\$ 34,648.04	\$ 34,648.04
Ohio Department of Natural Resources Fines	\$ 1,445.00	\$ 1,445.00
Ohio Department of Natural Resources Drug Fines	\$ 212.00	\$ 212.00
Ohio Department of Natural Resources OVI Fines	\$ -	\$ -
Division of Watercraft Fines	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Division of Watercraft Drug Fines	\$ -	\$ -
Board of Pharmacy Fines	\$ 5,044.99	\$ 5,044.99
Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00
State Highway Patrol Law Enforcement & Education Fund	\$ 4,958.49	\$ 4,958.49
State Highway Patrol Drug Enforcement	\$ 2,061.13	\$ 2,061.13
Bond Surcharge Fee	\$ 5,408.84	\$ 5,408.84
State Bond Fee	\$ 989.00	\$ 989.00
<b>Other Agency</b>		
Baltimore Village	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00
Lithopolis Village	\$ 88.00	\$ 88.00
Millersport Village	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Pickerington City	\$ 1,388.04	\$ 1,388.04
Reynoldsburg City	\$ 305.00	\$ 305.00
Sugar Grove Village	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
Carroll Village	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Capital Recovery Service Collections	\$ 77,208.21	\$ 77,208.21
All Other County Sheriff Costs	\$ 9,500.25	\$ 9,500.25
Columbus Police Department	\$ -	\$ -
Department of Taxation - Criminal Enforcement	\$ 260.00	\$ 260.00
Board of Park Commission (Metro Parks)	\$ -	\$ -
Overpayments	\$ 2,337.41	\$ 2,585.44
Unclaimed Funds Paid to City	\$ 1,353.07	\$ 1,353.07
Balance as of 12/31/2016	N/A	\$ 33,418.70
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$ 2,837,160.41</b>	<b>\$ 2,837,160.41</b>



## FAIRFIELD COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT

### CIVIL DIVISION RECEIPTS - 2016

Balance December 31, 2015	\$ 147,491.63
Court Costs	\$ 144,352.65
Civil Account Deposits Received	\$ 4,958.93
Judgment Collections	\$ 1,285,672.93
Computer Fund (Clerk)	\$ 54,327.22
Computer Fund (Judges)	\$ 8,466.00
Special Projects Fund	\$ 235,675.11
State Costs Collected	\$ 68,826.51
Civil Account Interest Income	\$ 16.57
Garnishment 2% processing fee	\$ 20.27
Landlord/Tenant Deposits	\$ 13,339.98
Trusteeship Debtor Deposits	\$ 13,225.02
<b>TOTAL 2016 CIVIL DIVISION RECEIPTS =</b>	<b>\$ 1,976,372.82</b>

### CIVIL DIVISION DISBURSEMENTS - 2016

City Treasurer, General Fund	\$ 144,862.97
Computer Fund (Clerk)	\$ 54,327.22
Computer Fund (Judges)	\$ 8,466.00
Special Projects Fund	\$ 235,675.11
Civil Account Deposits Disbursed	\$ 5,206.52
Judgments to Plaintiffs	\$ 1,311,491.33
State Treasurer Costs	\$ 68,826.51
Landlord/Tenant Disbursements	\$ 27,354.56
Trusteeship Disbursements	\$ 11,949.08
Unclaimed Funds (Paid to City Auditor's Office)	\$ 1,468.53
Balance December 31, 2016	\$ 106,744.99
<b>TOTAL 2016 CIVIL DIVISION DISBURSEMENTS =</b>	<b>\$ 1,976,372.82</b>

# FAIRFIELD COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT

## ALL DIVISIONS RECEIPTS & DISTRIBUTIONS - 2016

	RECEIPTS	DISTRIBUTIONS
Balance as of December 31, 2015	\$ 175,230.86	
Cash Bonds	\$ 168,668.91	\$ 162,741.41
Civil Post Judgment Collections	\$ 1,285,672.93	\$ 1,311,491.33
Civil Deposits	\$ 4,958.93	\$ 5,206.52
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Court Costs	\$ 587,803.48	\$ 588,276.96
Law Library	\$ 51,289.66	\$ 51,289.66
Worker's Compensation Premiums	\$ -	\$ -
Interest Income	\$ 36.90	\$ 36.90
Clerk Computer Fund	\$ 184,784.07	\$ 184,784.07
Judge Computer Fund	\$ 46,690.00	\$ 46,690.00
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Board of Park Commission (Metro Parks)	\$ -	\$ -
Overpayments	\$ 2,337.41	\$ 2,585.44
Unclaimed Funds Paid to City	\$ 1,353.07	\$ 2,821.60
Balance as of 12/31/2016	N/A	\$ 140,163.69
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$ 4,813,533.23</b>	<b>\$ 4,813,533.23</b>

**FAIRFIELD COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT –CLERK’S 2016 OPERATING**

<b>CITY OF LANCASTER</b>	<b>CLERK'S EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>2016 BUDGET</b>
Salaries	\$653,149.16	\$654,564.50
Overtime	\$0.00	\$0.00
Retirement	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sick Leave Buyout	\$499.80	\$1,000.00
PERS Retirement	\$91,234.50	\$91,588.00
PERS Pick-up	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hospitalization	\$119,642.60	\$119,650.00
Medicare	\$8,993.25	\$9,065.00
Telephone	\$3,851.35	\$4,250.00
Jury & Witness Fees	\$377.48	\$700.00
Maintenance of Equipment	\$470.00	\$800.00
Training & Seminars	\$930.00	\$1,100.00
Insurance & Bonding	\$696.00	\$700.00
Contract Services	\$21,331.80	\$24,000.00
Incidentals & Supplies	\$20,063.54	\$20,600.00
Postage	\$21,000.00	\$21,000.00
Travel Expenses	\$1,096.58	\$1,250.00
Association Dues	\$806.00	\$850.00
Litigation	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>CITY TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$944,142.06</b>	<b>\$951,117.50</b>

<b>COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD</b>	<b>CLERK'S EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>2016 BUDGET</b>
Salaries (includes PERS, Medicare, Insurance & Worker's Comp)	\$91,313.24	\$117,982.33
Unemployment	\$0.00	\$0.00
Witness Fees	\$2,009.88	\$6,000.00
<b>COUNTY TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$93,323.12</b>	<b>\$123,982.33</b>
<b>CITY AND COUNTY TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$1,037,465.18</b>	<b>\$1,075,099.83</b>