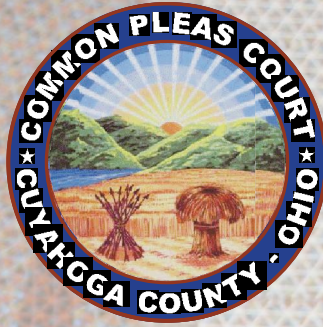


Cuyahoga County



Common Pleas Court General Division

2008

ANNUAL REPORT



*Nancy R. McDonnell
Administrative and Presiding Judge*



THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA

JUSTICE CENTER

1200 ONTARIO STREET

CLEVELAND, OHIO 44113



NANCY R. MCDONNELL

Presiding Judge

443-8756

Greetings to the Citizens of Cuyahoga County:

The year 2008 was a year of challenges for the Court of Common Pleas. Our dedicated staff met each challenge guaranteeing accessible, efficient and fair justice for litigants.

Most of the challenges stem from a downturn in the economy causing budget reductions in the county as well as the state which impacts our Court operations as well. The 34 trial judges disposed of 57,862 cases, including 652 jury trials and 460 bench trials. All of this was accomplished with a reduction of 1.1 million in our budget. Many positions were not filled upon becoming vacant in every department. Despite fewer employees and reduced funding this Court continues to provide quality justice in our community.

Also, as a result of our difficult economy foreclosure cases and related issues dominate our region. The Ohio Supreme Court recognized the seriousness of the problem and Chief Justice Thomas J. Moyer assembled a task force to seek solutions. The Supreme Court formulated a plan to mediate foreclosure cases at their inception in an effort to save family homes, re-work loans to benefit all parties and prevent abandoned and unsightly properties. Our Court immediately set up a mediation program staffed by professionals to tackle the large caseload. The program is up and running and it is anticipated to be a great success.

The judges of the Court of Common Pleas adopted both a Drug Court and a Commercial Court. The Drug Court will help those charged with low level drug offenses beat their addiction and avoid a felony criminal record upon successful completion of treatment. The Commercial Court will give special attention to those cases between businesses in our community with the goal of making our Court responsive to the unique issues presented in these types of cases. Judge David T. Matia will preside over the Drug Court and Judges Richard J. McMonagle and John P. O'Donnell will handle the Commercial docket.

Before closing, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the citizens of Cuyahoga County who have served on either a grand jury or trial jury. I recognize the tremendous sacrifice of time away from family and work obligations such service requires. Each juror reporting for duty ensures the unique and enviable system of justice enjoyed in this great country.

The Court of Common Pleas General Division continues to provide justice for all who come before the Court. It is an honor and a privilege for each of the 34 judges to serve the citizens of this county.

Very truly yours,

Nancy R. McDonnell

Presiding/Administrative Judge

**JUDGES OF THE COMMON PLEAS COURT
GENERAL DIVISION
CUYAHOGA COUNTY – 2008**

Nancy R. McDonnell, Presiding and Administrative Judge

Judge Dick Ambrose

Judge Janet R. Burnside

Judge Kenneth R. Callahan

Judge Brian J. Corrigan

Judge Peter J. Corrigan

Judge Michael P. Donnelly

Judge Carolyn B. Friedland

Judge Stuart A. Friedman

Judge Nancy A. Fuerst

Judge Eileen A. Gallagher

Judge Eileen T. Gallagher

Judge Hollie L. Gallagher

Judge Daniel Gaul

Judge Lillian J. Greene

Judge Judith Kilbane Koch

Judge Lance T. Mason

Judge David T. Matia

Judge Bridget M. McCafferty

Judge Timothy McCormick

Judge Timothy J. McGinty

Judge Richard J. McMonagle

Judge Timothy E. McMonagle

Judge John P. O'Donnell

Judge John J. Russo

Judge Joseph D. Russo

Judge Michael J. Russo

Judge Nancy Margaret Russo

Judge Shirley Strickland Saffold

Judge Ronald Suster

Judge John D. Sutula

Judge Kathleen Ann Sutula

Judge Joan Synenberg

Judge Steven J. Terry

Judge José A. Villanueva

Thomas J. Pokorny, Court Administrator (January – July)

Gregory M. Popovich, Court Administrator (August – December)

SUMMARY FOR THE COURT

January - December 2008

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	T	V	
	Professional Tort	Product Liability	Other Torts	Workers Compensation	Foreclosures	Administrative Appeal	Complex Litigation	Other Civil	Criminal	Total	Visiting Judge	
Pending beginning of period	1	388	68	3745	1286	8886	136	2	6027	5298	25836	28
New cases filed	2	444	49	4396	1496	13858	181	X	13282	16438	50144	0
Cases transferred in, reactivated or redesignated	3	106	9	615	344	1923	15	3	505	2366	5886	179
TOTAL (Add lines 1-3)	4	938	126	8756	3126	24667	332	5	19814	24102	81866	207
TERMINATIONS BY:												
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	T	V	
Jury Trial	5	17	2	109	17	3	0	0	32	472	652	93
Court Trial	6	0	0	12	6	3	1	0	59	380	460	8
Settled or dismissed prior to trial	7	5	0	54	34	0	2	0	23	4	122	0
Dismissal	8	395	41	3627	1450	260	95	0	4577	1519	11964	45
Dismissal for lack of speedy trial (criminal) or want of prosecution (civil)	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Magistrate	10	0	0	0	15688	0	0	10	X	15698	2	10
Diversion or arbitration	11	0	2	90	0	1	0	112	1075	1280	0	11
Guilty or no contest plea to original charge (criminal); Default (civil)	12	5	2	320	4	223	2	0	5655	7636	13847	1
Guilty or no contest plea to reduced charge	13	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	5938	5938	0	13
Unavailability of party for trial or sentencing	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1334	1335	0	14
Transfer to another judge or court	15	86	13	637	395	659	10	0	602	579	2981	1
Referral to private judge	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	X	0	0	16
Bankruptcy stay or interlocutory appeal	17	10	0	56	2	35	0	319	0	422	0	17
Other terminations	18	37	11	424	141	226	108	0	2169	47	3163	5
TOTAL (Add lines 5-18)	19	555	71	5329	2049	17098	217	0	13559	18984	57862	153
Pending end of period (Subtract line 19 from line 4)	20	383	55	3427	1077	7569	115	5	6255	5118	24004	54
		24	24	24	12	12	9	36	24	6	X	X
Cases pending beyond time guideline	21	30	5	124	69	540	47	0	143	1036	1994	0
Number of months oldest case is beyond time guideline	22	120	35	51	33	133	61	0	120	164	X	0
Cases submitted awaiting sentencing or judgement beyond time guideline	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	T	V	

ADMINISTRATION

THOMAS J. POKORNY

Court Administrator (January thru July)

GREGORY M. POPOVICH

Court Administrator (August thru December)

JAMES W. GINLEY

Deputy Court Administrator/Director of Fiscal Operations

TOTAL STAFF:

- 1 Court Administrator
- 1 Deputy Court Administrator/Director of Fiscal Operations
- 2 Administrative Assistants
- 2 Administrative Aides

In 2008, we said farewell to Thomas Pokorny as the Court Administrator of the Court of Common Pleas. Mr. Pokorny held this position for three years. He assisted with guiding the Court through many changes and ushered in a number of innovations. Mr. Pokorny will be missed by all the Judges and staff of the Common Pleas Court and thank him for his dedicated service and wish him well.

The Judges and staff of the Common Pleas Court are dedicated to providing fair, accessible and efficient justice for all persons. The Court's budget was reduced by 1.1 million dollars in 2008 and the Court of Common Pleas, through the efforts of the dedicated Judges and staff, finished the year with a small surplus without dramatically impacting the services it offers to the litigants and the citizens of Cuyahoga County. In fact, the Court added programs in 2008 that will benefit the community for years to come. In 2008, the Court created a Foreclosure Mediation program, a Commercial docket and a Drug Court. We also expanded services to the jurors and began the implementation of Evidence-Based practices in the Court. The Court also continues to make changes to its processes to provide the early appointment of counsel and to streamline the criminal justice system in Cuyahoga County.

CASE MANAGEMENT

A Court, in part, measures productivity by comparing the total number of cases filed and/or reactivated with the number of cases disposed of during the calendar year. This case management tool is referred to as the clearance rate. In 2008 a total of 37,226 civil cases were filed/reactivated. A total of 16,438 new criminal arraignments (and 2,366 reactivations) were brought for a total of 56,030 new cases/reactivations. The Court finished calendar year 2007 with 25,836 cases pending. Calendar year 2008 concluded with 24,004 cases pending. The Court saw the increase in its clearance rate exceed 100%.

Of the civil docket 13,858 cases were foreclosures, a decrease of nearly 3% from 2007. In all, foreclosure cases comprised 41% of all new civil case filings. Through the hiring of additional staff for the Clerk of Courts, Sheriff and Common Pleas Court, as well as the dedication of the Foreclosure Department Staff, the Court was able to keep pace with increased demands of the mortgage crisis locally.

THE TRIAL COURT

The Court's 34 Judges conducted jury trials in 652 instances, including 472 criminal cases and 180 civil jury trials, on average 19 per Judge. The Judges conducted 460 bench trials in 2008. Jury trials were down slightly from 2007, while bench trials were up slightly.

Jury Trials require a different skill set from a negotiated plea or settlement. Jury trials consume more time, in-

volve more personnel and are therefore more costly. In 2008 (652) the number of jury trials decreased by 52 or 7% from 2007 (704).

Productivity and efficiency are only one means for measuring performance of the Court. More importantly the institution must strive for justice in the resolution of each case that affects the rights and obligations of each individual or entity.

JUROR UTILIZATION

The Judges and staff appreciate the sacrifices and dedication of all citizens who serve as jurors in the Common Pleas Court. The Court continues to review processes and to look for ways to make jury service more convenient. In order to obtain needed input from the jurors, the Court asks every juror to complete a survey at the end of their service. One of the most requested items that jurors identified was wireless access to the Internet in the Jury Assembly area. In 2008, the Court installed free wireless access for all jurors to use. Jurors can now conduct business and/or view e-mails via the Internet while they wait to be called to one of our courtrooms.

COMMUNITY-BASED CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

Plans for the construction of a \$10.5 million, 200 bed Community-Based Correctional Facility for Cuyahoga County are proceeding. The project is supervised by a Facility Governing Board consisting of representatives appointed by the Court and County Commissioners. Major undertakings of 2008 were approval of the architect, architectural plans for construction of the CBCF and selection of a program provider, Oriana House. The CBCF's plans were also approved by the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections. The project continues to move forward and within budget with the expectation that construction will begin in late 2009

The CBCF provides a sentencing alternative to State prison. These programs provide stable housing, work release, substance abuse and mental health treatment for participants. Average length of stay is 90 days. It is hoped that the facility will also provide housing and programs for Reentry Court participants.

JUSTICE MANAGEMENT REFORM

The Court's sweeping reform project proceeded through its second full year in 2008. Working in conjunction with the Cuyahoga County Clerk of Courts, Prosecutors Office, Sheriff's Department, Suburban and Cleveland Police Departments, the project addressed time intervals between date of arrest to initial appearance, to arraignment.

A number of new jurisdictions were added to the pilot in 2008. Individuals arrested on felony charges were transported directly to the County Jail to save time and provide for earlier assignment of defense counsel and appointment of the assigned judge in Common Pleas Court.

IMPLEMENTATION OF EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICES

A meta analysis of research findings indicates that some interventions are more effective at reducing recidivism than others. Evidence-Based Practices are those interventions. In 2008, the Court continued to move towards implementation of Evidence-Based Practices. The Probation Department created new instruments to measure the major identified criminogenic factors impacting recidivism and began testing them. Further, Judges and staff received training on various aspects of Evidence-Based Practices. It is hoped that with the assistance of Evidence-Based Practices and the data collected, that the Court will be able to better evaluate Court programs in the future to determine their overall effectiveness on recidivism rates. Based upon research conducted nationally, it is expected that full implementation of Evidence-Based Practices will increase safety in the community and allow the Court to better utilize its limited resources.

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ASBESTOS DOCKET

JUDGE HARRY A. HANNA

JUDGE LEO M. SPELLACY

JUSTICE FRANCIS E. SWEENEY

ROBERT H. MOONEY, NOREEN A. STEIGER, MARGARET G. WALLISON, **Bailiffs**

Case Management:

Since 1999, the Court has implemented an electronic docket system, Lexis Nexis File and Serve (formerly called CLAD) to manage the Asbestos Docket.

With three Judges now overseeing the Asbestos Docket, for efficiency purposes, the Court utilizes a three-tiered approach to scheduling trials. During the pretrial period, groups are assigned to a specific Courtroom only for supervision purposes-and not exclusively. If a motion is filed, or a problem needing the Court's attention arises, the parties are first directed to that Courtroom to obtain a hearing. If the Judge in the assigned Courtroom is unavailable, then any of the three Judges who are assigned to the Asbestos docket may be consulted. The cases are tried in any available Courtroom on the assigned trial date.

FISCAL

JAMES W. GINLEY

Deputy Court Administrator / Director of Fiscal Operations

The 2008 actual General Fund Expenses at **\$46,966,151** represent funding for the **Judicial Administration, Magistrates, Court Services, Probation/Psychiatric Clinic, Law Library, and Legal Research Budgets**. The General Fund for Cuyahoga County supports the majority of the Court's operations. The Court is constitutionally entitled to reasonable allocation for its operations. The 2008 expenditures listed by individual budget are as follows:

Judicial Administration Budget \$23,851,244 - This included funding for the following departments: *Judicial, Administration, Bailiffs, Jury Bailiffs, Jury Commission, Judicial Staff Attorneys, and Judges' Secretaries.*

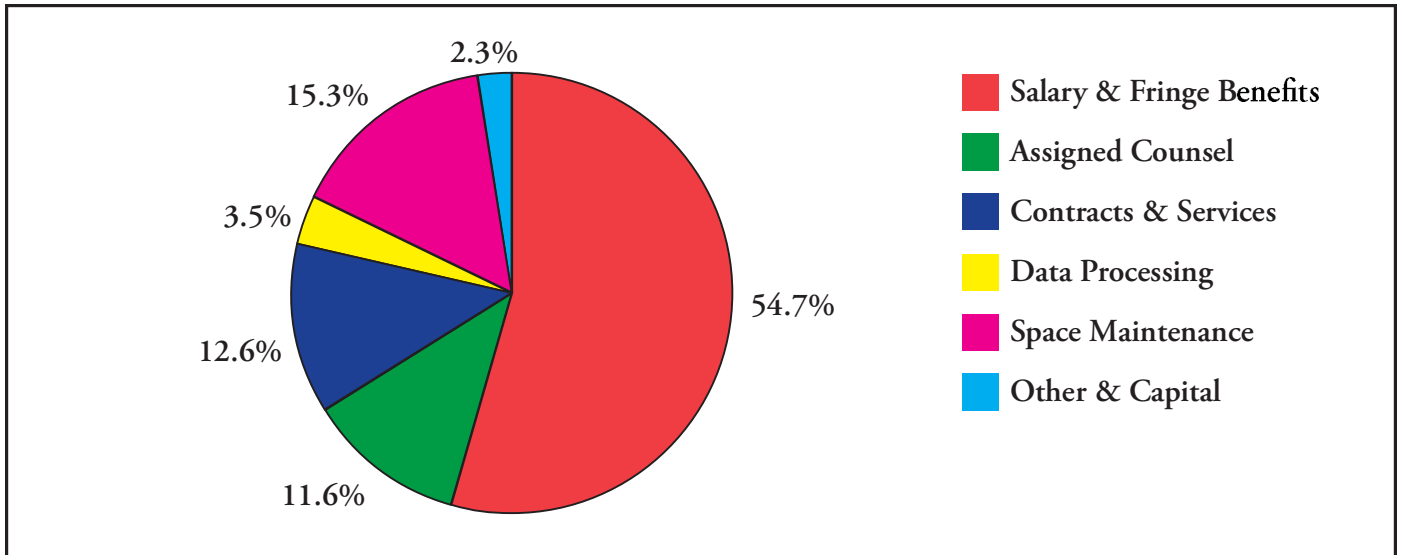
Magistrates Budget \$1,335,569 - This included funding for the following departments: *Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) / Mediation, and Foreclosure.*

Court Services Budget \$8,271,514 - This includes funding for the following departments: *Central Scheduling, Court Systems, Data Entry, Court Reporters, Criminal Records, and Information Systems.*

Probation/Psychiatric Budget \$12,842,675 - This includes funding for the following departments: *Probation, Corrections Planning Board, and the Court Psychiatric Clinic.*

The Law Library at \$573,699 and the Legal Research Budget's expenses at \$91,480 complete the cost of the General Fund operational requirements for 2008.

COMMON PLEAS COURT 2008 - GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES



Salary & Fringe Benefits	25,679,688
Assigned Counsel	5,450,485
Contracts & Services	5,914,807
Data Processing	1,621,018
Space Maintenance	7,174,941
Other & Capital	1,124,710
TOTAL	\$46,966,151

The Pie Chart above summarizes the Court's General Fund Expenditures for 2008. This analysis is comprised of actual expenses from the Judicial Administration, Magistrates, Court Services, Probation / Psychiatric Clinic, Legal Research, and Law Library budgets. Salary and Fringe Benefits is the largest expense category representing compensation to approximately 489 employees and 34 elected judges. The fourth largest category, Assigned Counsel, includes costs for Court appointed legal representation for indigent defendants in criminal cases. In 2008 the total number of arraigned indigent defendants was 12,957 of that total, 4,250 were, at the time of Arraignment, then assigned to the Public Defender's Office. The Assigned Counsel expense listed above is not adjusted for the reimbursement by the State to the General Fund for these costs, estimated at approximately 28% of the total expenditure.

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

REBECCA B. WETZEL ADR
Administrator

ELIZABETH A. HICKEY
Mediator

ANDREA R. KINAST
Foreclosure Mediator

ANN T. MANNEN
Foreclosure Mediator

TOTAL STAFF:

- 1 ADR Administrator
- 1 Court Mediator
- 2 Foreclosure Mediators
- 2 Administrative Assistants

The ADR Department is located on the fourth floor of the Justice Center across from the Cafeteria. The Department provides five methods of alternative dispute resolution for the Court; arbitration, mediation, mediation after arbitration, business mediation and foreclosure mediation.

The Foreclosure Mediation program started on June 25, 2008. With the start of the program ADR added Andrea Kinast as the foreclosure mediator. It was an immediate success as over 200 cases were referred in the first month alone. As the program grew Ann Mannen joined ADR as a second foreclosure mediator in November 2008.

In 2008 ADR continued its practice of holding Settlement Days. On these days approximately 60 mediation hearings are scheduled and conducted by volunteer mediators. ADR achieved a 50% settlement ratio in each of the three Settlement Days.

The total number of cases referred to the ADR Department in 2008 was 2,678 of which 1,114 were disposed for a 42% disposition ratio.

Arbitration

The original method of ADR is arbitration. Cases involving claims that are \$50,000 or less per claimant are amenable to arbitration. Judges refer cases to the ADR Department where a panel of three arbitrators is assigned. The chairperson of the panel notifies all concerned of the hearing date, which is to take place within 90 days of the date of referral. The Department receives and files the Report and Awards from the arbitrators and if no appeal is taken from the award within 30 days, the department prepares a final judgment entry reflecting the arbitration award.

MANDATORY ARBITRATION

statistics & analysis for 2008

	2008	Since Inception (May 1970)
Total Cases Referred	356	77,520
Arbitration Referral Vacated	22	3,482
Net Total Arbitration Referrals	338	73,998
Report & Awards Filed	264	52,104
Total Appeal de Novo Filed	107	14,907

FINAL ENTRIES

	2008	Since Inception (May 1970)
Arbitration Cases settled via Mediation	11	N/A
Arbitration Cases Settled (no fees paid)	84	20,185
Awards Reduced to Judgment	164	N/A
Bankruptcy	0	N/A
Appeals Disposed	6	12,788
TOTAL FINAL ENTRIES	265	

PERCENTAGES 2008

(based on 338 net referrals)

Arbitration Cases Resolved via Mediation	3%
Arbitration Cases Settled before Hearing	25%
Arbitration Cases Appealed	32%
Arbitration Awards Appealed	41%
Arbitration Awards Reduced to Judgment	62%
Arbitration Appeals Resolved via Settlement	83%
Arbitration Appeals Resolved via Jury Trial	13%

Mediation

Mediation is the most widely used method of ADR. It is a non-binding process for the resolution of a dispute where a mediator assists the parties in negotiating the resolution of contested issues to a settlement. Mediated cases are chosen from arbitration cases or referred directly by the Judges. In addition, the department began mediating Arbitration Appeals in 1998.

Statistics & Analysis for 2008

Total Cases Referred to Court Mediation	848
Total Cases Mediated	743
Total Cases Settled by Mediation	334
Percentage of Settlements	45%
Total Appeals Mediated	10
Appeals Settled in Mediation	6
Percentage of Mediated Appeals Settled	60%

Business Mediation

Business mediations are conducted pursuant to Local Rule 21.2. Judges may refer any business case to the ADR Department for mediation. The Department notifies the parties of the referral and provides them with three names of mediators from the List of Eligible Mediators. The parties rank their choice and return the ranking sheet to the Department. The ADR Administrator then Designates the Mediator and notifies all parties of the Mediator. The Business mediator must conduct the mediation within 30 days of the Notice of Designation of Mediator and file a report within ten days of the hearing

Statistics & Analysis for 2008

Total Cases Referred to Mediation	103
Total Completed Mediations	95
Total Settlements	57
Percentage of Settlements	60%

Foreclosure Mediation

Foreclosure Mediations are conducted through a two-step process. Any party to a foreclosure case may submit a Request for Foreclosure Mediation, and any foreclosure magistrate may directly refer a foreclosure case to the program. The mediators screen the requests and notify the parties when a case has been accepted. A pre-mediation conference takes place where the parties meet. During the initial meeting the program is explained and paperwork is given to the parties to be completed and returned within 30 days to the ADR Department. Once the Department receives the paperwork a full mediation is scheduled where a representative of the lender along with the attorney for the lender and the property owner and property owner's attorney are present and a face-to-face negotiation takes place.

Statistics & Analysis for 2008

Total Cases Referred	1564
Settled Prio	145
Hearing Held	648
Hearings Finalized	59
Cases Settled	42
Settlement Ratio	72%

CENTRAL SCHEDULING DEPARTMENT

RICHARD SUNYAK

Director of Operations

ROBERT ODON

Supervisor of Central Scheduling

Total Staff:

- 1 Director
- 1 Supervisor
- 16 Schedulers
- 6 Visiting Judge Bailiffs
- 1 Jail Population Control Liaisons
- 2 Receptionists
- 1 Assigned Counsel Voucher Coordinator

The Central Scheduling Office is located on the 11th floor of the Justice Center Tower. This department assists the judges in docket management, record keeping, scheduling of cases and the preparation of criminal and civil journal entries. This department consists of a staff of 28 employees.

CENTRAL SCHEDULING DEPARTMENT

The year 2008 was no different than previous years as continuing changes to the operation of the Court of Common Pleas continued. Training of new staff in emergency evacuation procedures and the distribution and update of emergency evacuation material to courtrooms and other departments added to the normal duties performed by this department.

SCHEDULERS

The schedulers' duties include the responsibility for the scheduling of criminal and civil hearings, the distribution of various court pleadings & forms to the appropriate departments and the assisting in the preparation of the annual physical inventory of pending civil and criminal cases for each of their judges. As schedulers are now able to create criminal as well as civil journal entries for their bailiffs, judges & staff attorneys, they continue to be a necessary part of the courtroom team while helping to relieve the load from other employees.

Each scheduler is normally assigned two courtrooms but reduction in staff this year has necessitated some schedulers to assume additional duties in order to cover for employees not replaced due to budget cuts.

The court schedulers are an integral part of each courtroom team as they are often called upon to substitute in the absence of the court bailiff due to unscheduled illness or scheduled vacation. In these instances, the scheduler is required to fulfill all the duties of the regular court bailiff as well as keep abreast of their own duties until the return of the regular bailiff, be it a day, a week or occasionally longer. Also, because a scheduler may be asked to assist in a courtroom to which they are not regularly assigned, they must be well versed in all facets of courtroom operation in order to adequately assist the bailiff or judge to which they

have been temporarily assigned.

The budget cuts and assignment of an additional courtroom to many schedulers has placed a greater load on the department as additional coverage must be found when a scheduler covering his or her assigned courtrooms is called upon to fill in for an absent scheduler or for more than one absent bailiff on any given day.

RECEPTIONISTS

Our receptionists are multi-functional employees. In addition to assisting the general public and attorneys, in person at the reception desk or via telephone with specific questions relating to criminal and civil cases, they also assist in the preparation of assigned counsel vouchers as well as a variety of other tasks such as filing, assisting schedulers in their duties and filling in for other absent employees on the floor.

ASSIGNED COUNSEL VOUCHERS

One coordinator is responsible for preparing assigned counsel vouchers or fee bills. These vouchers are forwarded to the Auditor's Office for payment to the attorneys who were assigned by the Court to represent indigent defendants. In 2008, 13,820 vouchers were prepared, examined for errors and submitted for distribution of funds. This figure represents a slight increase from 2007 and continues the increasing pattern over the last several years. In addition, as of September 2008, the fee schedule for assigned counsel was increased.

JAIL POPULATION CONTROL

In 2005, our department was supplemented with two clerks from the Data Entry Department. These two jail population control liaisons were responsible for working with the bailiffs, judges, Probation and Sheriff's Departments in helping to maintain the appropriate number of prisoners held in the Cuyahoga County Jail, as required by state law. This was done by a review of each judge's docket, checking the list of inmates incarcerated more than 45 days and by expediting the completion of sentencing journal entries.

In 2008 we lost one of these employees due to retirement and she was not replaced but, through her continued efforts and the efforts of the Director of Operations, our jail population has seen a significant reduction and costs to the county have been decreased proportionately. At the beginning of 2008, the estimated jail population was between 1650 and 1700 inmates. The end of 2008 found the number at approximately 1450.

EARLY DISPOSITION/PLEA PROGRAM

In June of 2008 a new program was instituted using the facilities of our Arraignment Room on the 12th Floor. This program allows judges who are engaged in trial to send defendants willing to plea to a charge to a visiting judge who will hear the defendant's plea and assign a sentencing date that has been previously set by the referring judge. This program helps to eliminate the backlog of cases that can occur when a judge is in trial.

The program is funded by the County Commissioners rather than the State of Ohio and visiting judges work no more than 50 hours per week. In the seven months that the program has been in effect, 33 Common Pleas judges have participated and 577 cases have been handled by the visiting judges assigned.



VISITING JUDGE PROGRAM

The Visiting Judge Program is managed by the Supervisor of Central Scheduling and consists of 14 retired Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Judges and several retired out-of-county judges called in for special cases. Robert Odon, Supervisor of Central Scheduling, maintains records and prepares monthly and annual reports on this program for submission to the Administrative Judge and Court Administrator. In 2008, in addition to the specialized Asbestosis/Workers' Compensation and Asbestos/Beryllium dockets, the Visiting Judge Program disposed of **195 civil cases and 29 criminal cases**. Of those, **59 cases were disposed of by settlement**, which results in a **27% settlement rate** for this year. Collectively, the judges were in trial a total of **346** days.

JUDGE	CASES DISPOSED	CASES SETTLED
Corrigan, Michael	23	8
Coyne, William	34	2
Curran, Thomas *	25	6
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Griffin, Burt	30	23
Kelly, R. Patrick	18	5
Markus, Richard	11	2
McAllister, Ralph	18	3
Milligan, John	3	3
Pokorny, Thomas	10	3
Porter, James	24	4
Spellacy, Leo *	5	2
Sweeney, James D.	23	6

* In addition to the Asbestos Docket

We welcomed the Honorable Thomas J. Pokorny to the ranks of our visiting judges this year. We hope that they will all continue to add wisdom & expertise to our program. On the negative side, we were saddened

by the loss of the Honorable Joseph Nahra as a visiting judge, having reached the mandatory retirement age of 80. He will be sorely missed.

The Asbestosis/Workers' Compensation Docket disposed of a total of 121 cases through a combination of trials, settlements and summary judgments. This was an increase over last year. In general, two cases are set for trial each week with back-up cases waiting in case of prior disposition of the regularly set cases. As this sometimes results in no cases being ready for trial on a certain day, the plan is to schedule more than two cases each week during the coming year. In addition, if no asbestos cases are available for trial and a civil spin is requested from our Court, the judge sitting for the week is given a regular civil case set for trial.

The specialized Asbestos/Beryllium dockets, presided over by Visiting Judges Harry A. Hanna, Leo M. Spellacy and Francis E. Sweeney, currently handle a caseload of 44,354 cases. With three judges overseeing these dockets, for efficiency purposes, the Court has implemented a three-tiered approach to scheduling trials. During the pretrial period, groups are assigned to a specific courtroom only for supervision purposes. In these cases, if a motion is filed or if a problem arises, the parties are first directed to that courtroom in order to schedule a hearing. If the assigned judge is unavailable, another judge on the docket is consulted and, in addition, the cases are then tried on the scheduled trial date by any of the three judges available.

All Visiting Judges were asked to limit the hours worked during the beginning of the fiscal year and to continue this cutback throughout the coming year. We hope to do this by limiting the hours worked per day or the number of days per week. This will depend upon the trial and hearing schedules of individual judges but it is planned that these cuts will reduce the program cost by the 15% mandated by the State of Ohio.

COURT REPORTERS

BRUCE J. BISHILANY
Chief Official Court Reporter

PAMELA BENN-HILL
Assistant Chief Court Reporter

ROBERT P. LLOYD
Assistant Chief Court Reporter

TOTAL STAFF

- 1 Chief Reporter
- 2 Assistant Chief Reporters
- 42 Court Reporters
- 1 Receptionist

Court Reporters serve the judges of the Court of Common Pleas in the Justice Center, visiting judges sitting by assignment in the Lakeside Courthouse, the Arraignment Room, and all Grand Jury proceedings. As guardians of the record, the members of the Court Reporters Department make a verbatim record of the proceedings for later use by the judges, attorneys, litigants, Court of Appeals or any interested party. All assignments are coordinated by the Chief Court Reporter.

In 2008, over 37,000 job cards were filed representing court reporter attendance at trials, pleas, sentencings, motions, hearings, and other related matters in both civil and criminal cases. In addition, the Court Reporters Department reported nearly 16,000 arraignments and a similar number of cases in the Grand Jury.

The average number of Court Reporter assignments to court per day in 2008 was over fifty six (56.73). This included Arraignments, Grand Jury, trials, and requests for court reporters in the morning, lunch, and afternoon sessions. Each reporter, on average, reported the proceedings in one thousand five hundred and eighty four (1,584) different matters.

In order that Cuyahoga County does comply with the American With Disabilities Act, the Court Reporters Department provides realtime reporting to the hearing impaired. Realtime reporting, the instantaneous translation from the court reporter's steno machine to a computer terminal, is coordinated with the Chief Court Reporter.

The Court Reporters Department has provided realtime reporting numerous times throughout the year for hearing-impaired jurors as well as hearing-impaired attorneys and litigants so they were able to fully participate in the judicial process. The Court Reporters Department has also provided realtime reporting for the Foreclosure Department in order that hearing-impaired individuals/parties were able to actively participate in their respective proceedings.

CRIMINAL RECORDS

ROBERT J. KOZUB

Bond Commissioner

JACQUELINE A. COSTELLO

Deputy Bond Commissioner

TOTAL STAFF:

- 1 Bond Commissioner
 - 1 Deputy Bond Commissioner
 - 1 Clerical
 - 1 Office Manager
 - 4 Bond Investigators
 - 1 Post-Arrestment Clerks
 - 2 Grand Jury Bailiffs
 - 2 Arrestment Room Clerks
 - 2 Arrestment Clerks
 - 5 Pre-Arrestment Clerks
- (9 of the above employees are also C.R.I.S. Operators)

The Criminal Records Department located on the 12th floor of the Justice Center is primarily responsible for bond investigations, Grand Jury bailiffs, Arrestment Room proceedings and defendant criminal history maintenance.

GRAND JURY

In January, May and September prospective jurors' names are drawn for service on a Grand Jury. There are four Grand Juries per term and each Grand Juror serves two days a week for four months. The Grand Jury Bailiffs are the liaison between the Prosecutor and the Grand Jurors and Grand Jury witnesses.

BOND INVESTIGATION

The bond investigators monitor the Sheriff Department's daily booking list for incoming inmates who have not yet been indicted and/or arraigned and need to have their bond continued, set or lowered. The investigators interview the defendants, verify accuracy of information obtained from the interview, run an extensive criminal background check and review the felony charges filed against the defendant to determine the amount to recommend for a reasonable bond. Bond investigators will also provide information to the courtrooms where there has been a motion for bond reduction. The department's bond investigators conducted 5,292 bail investigations during 2008.

ARRAIGNMENTS

The arraignment clerks assemble and summarize the criminal history of each defendant scheduled for arraignment, along with determining if the case needs to be assigned randomly or to a specific trial judge based on local rules. During the arraignment hearing the Bond Commissioner presents these materials,

along with a bond recommendation to the Arraignment Room Judge, so that a defendant may be properly arraigned. The Judge proceeds with the Arraignment, which includes the setting of the bond, instructions on any conditions of a bond, assignment of the trial judge and appointment of an attorney, if the defendant needs one to be appointed. The Arraignment Judge also issues *capias* for defendants who fail to appear at the scheduled arraignment.

At the conclusion of the arraignments, the staff updates the case files, notifies the attorneys appointed to represent indigent defendants and forwards the files to the trial judge assigned. During 2008 there were 22,272 scheduled arraignments. The staff maintains detailed statistics on the defendants who are scheduled for and appear at arraignment, *capiases* issued and assignments to private counsel and the Public Defender.

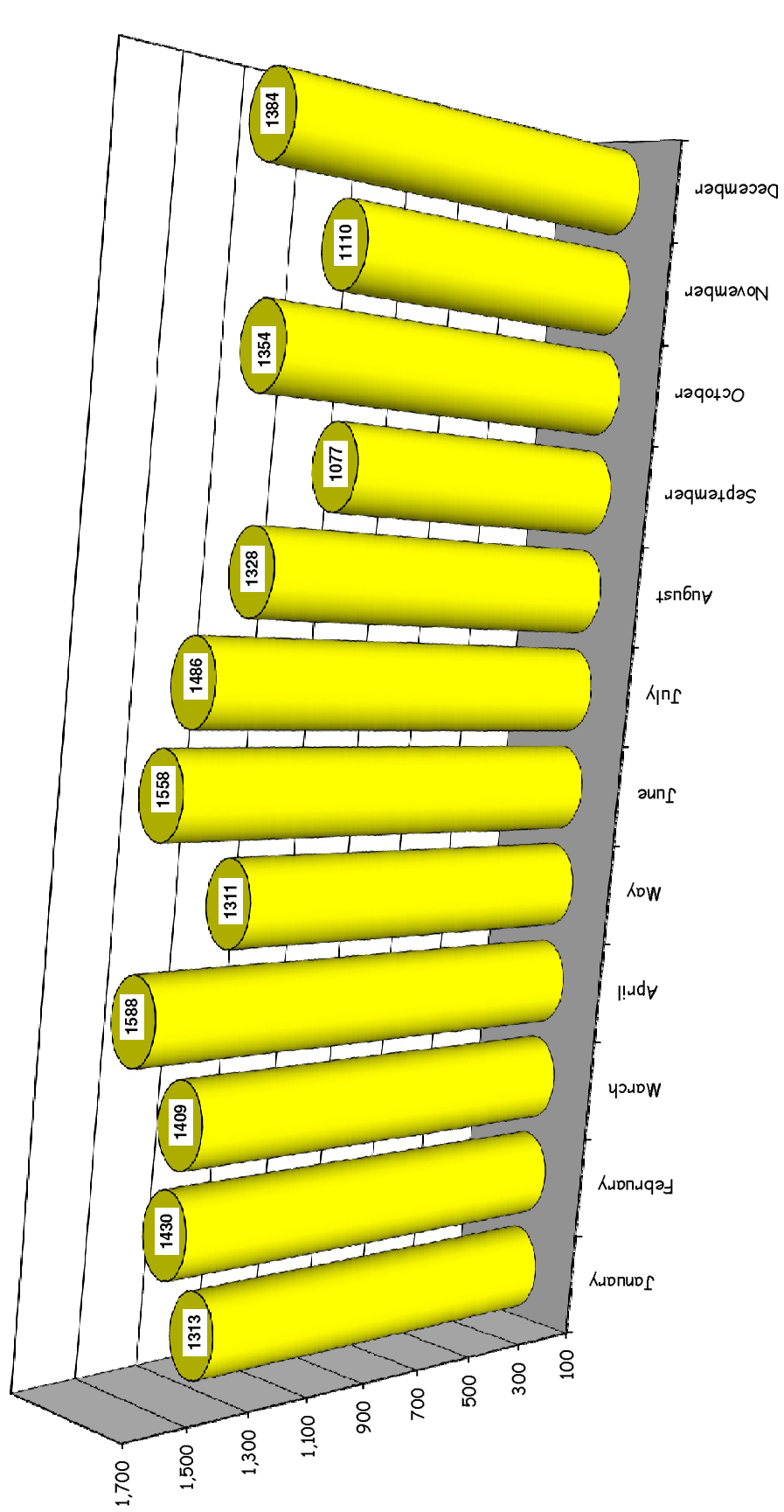
PILOT PROJECT

As part of the Justice Management Reform project, the initial appearances and early disposition conferences are held in the arraignment room. The criminal records staff supports the court appearance through bond investigation, preparation of defendant criminal history, coordination of scheduling with the clerk of courts and sheriff departments, assistance in the court proceedings and notification of appointed attorneys.

The staff of the Criminal Records Department works closely with other departments but most specifically with the Sheriff's, Clerk's and Prosecutor's Offices to assure correct identification of defendants, timely scheduling of arraignments and accurate indictment information for the Arraignment process. The Bond Commissioner and his staff are often assigned special projects at the request of various Judicial Committees.

January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	TOTAL
1,313	1,430	1,409	1,588	1,311	1,558	1,486	1,328	1,077	1,354	1,110	1,384	16,348

**Common Pleas Court Monthly Felony Arraignments
2008**



Arraignments 2008

ARRAIGNMENT DATA

DATE	JAN	FEB	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	Y.T.D. TOTAL
Video													88
Female Jails	108	109	99	104	95	102	105	92	81	80	73	71	1119
Male Jails	611		814	836	740	771	822	683	611	620	551	642	8533
Total Scheduled Jails	719	724	1174	1416	1001	1370	1121	1170	850	1178	937	1225	13739
Total Scheduled Bails	1091	1206	1174	1416	1001	1370	1121	1170	850	1178	937	1225	13739
Total Scheduled	1810	1930	1988	2252	1741	2141	1943	1853	1461	1798	1488	1867	22272
Jails Arraigned	706	707	801	819	726	744	821	684	599	607	546	618	8378
Bails Arraigned	607	723	608	769	585	814	665	644	478	747	564	766	7970
Total Arraigned	1313	1430	1409	1588	1311	1558	1486	1328	1077	1354	1110	1384	16348
Jails Cont.	13	17	13	17	13	26	15	10	15	13	7	24	183
Bails Cont.	91	71	71	100	61	66	56	80	49	59	75	74	853
Total Cont.	104	88	84	117	74	92	71	90	64	72	82	98	1036
Diversion	11	6	8	7	13	11	12	16	16	18	12	11	141
Nolle	0	2	0	3	3	1	2	2	1	2	0	0	16
As % of total capias													
Straight Capias	142	153	128	174	94	140	102	112	100	129	113	110	1497
OCR	44	41	53	86	57	94	62	71	48	54	38	43	691
BFC 10%	2	7	3	7	7	7	2	3	3	0	1	7	49
BFC C/S/P	24	21	27	19	9	10	11	14	9	16	11	14	185
BFC PB	0	2	6	7	5	2	2	2	0	3	3	3	35
Rewrite PB	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Rewrite C/S/P	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	2	0	4	10
Rewrite 10%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Returns Inst.	15	19	20	30	21	32		16	19	20		19	240
TOTAL OTHER	227	243	237	323	194	287	199	218	180	224	176	200	2708
As % of total capias													
Straight Capias	84	91	150	129	75	129	94	140	73	83	54	113	1215
OCR	24	25	32	39	31	30	34	30	22	15	20	30	332
BFC 10%	20	6	23	24	25	12	10	11	7	7	12	14	171
BFC C/S/P	23	38	45	18	10	18	22	17	12	17	14	11	245
BFC PB	4	1	0	0	1	1	4	0	4	0	3	2	20
Rewrite PB	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Rewrite C/S/P	0	0	0	4	3	2	9	1	5	6	3	2	35
Rewrite 10%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	3
TOTAL CLEVELAND	155	161	250	214	192	192	199	218	180	128	108	174	2023
As % of total capias													
CAPIAS TOTAL	382	404	487	537	340	479	372	417	303	352	284	374	4731
100.0% Total Cap													
MONTHLY TOTALS	1810	1930	1988	2252	1741	2141	1943	1853	1461	1798	1488	1867	22272

FORECLOSURE MAGISTRATES

STEPHEN M. BUCHA III
Foreclosure Magistrate Director

KEVIN C. AUGUSTYN
Assistant Director

Total Staff:

- 1 Director
- 1 Asst. Director
- 1 Staff Attorney
- 1 Office Manager
- 1 Asst. Office Manager
- 12 Foreclosure Magistrates
- 9 Support Staff

All cases concerning foreclosure, quiet title and partition are adjudicated by the Court's fourteen magistrates. In the last three years the Magistrate's Department has added additional staff and has made numerous changes to its procedures in reaction to the foreclosure crisis that is gripping the County. These increases in capacity and procedural changes have resulted in a tremendous increase in output of the department and a dramatic decrease in the average time to disposition. In March of 2006, the average time to disposition was 539 days. By December of 2008, the average time to disposition was reduced to 179 days.

In many instances the faster disposition rate has benefited the communities of Cuyahoga County by more quickly placing foreclosed properties, many of which are vacant, in productive and responsible hands. In other instances, the sheriff's sale itself has caused the property to become vacant with the sheriff's sale purchaser no more responsible or even less responsible than the original owner in maintaining the foreclosed properties. Further, in many cases this faster disposition rate has prevented homeowners from having a meaningful opportunity to save their homes prior to foreclosure. In recognition of these negative consequences of the faster disposition rate, in mid-summer of 2008, the Court implemented a foreclosure mediation program to facilitate communication between the lender and homeowners and to allow homeowners time to save their homes. The Magistrates' Department played an important role in the development of the foreclosure mediation program and is an enthusiastic partner with the Court's ADR Department in implementing this program. Further, many magistrates volunteered their time in 2008 to promote the mediation program and educate the public regarding the foreclosure process by speaking at community events addressing the foreclosure crisis. Still in its infancy, the foreclosure mediation program has nonetheless been successful in reducing the negative effects of the foreclosure crisis resolving approximately 65% of the cases referred to it in 2008.

13,742 cases were referred to the Magistrates' Department in 2008. This is the second most yearly filings during the eighteen years for which the department has statistics, missing the record by a mere 226 cases. The magistrates disposed of 15,950 cases in 2008. For the third consecutive year the department disposed of more cases than it took in, eliminating 2,208 cases from the department's backlog.

In order to place the foreclosure crisis in its proper context, below is an eighteen year summary of the Magistrates' Departments' statistics.

Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas, General Division
Magistrates' Department Statistics Summary
1990-2008

<u>Year</u>	<u>Referrals¹</u>	<u>% Change From Previous Yr.</u>	<u>Reinstates²</u>	<u>% Change From Previous Yr.</u>	<u>Referrals & Reinstates Combined</u>	<u>Supplementals³</u>	<u>% Change From Previous Yr.</u>
1990	4796	n/a	45	n/a	4841	1564	n/a
1991	4247	-11.4%	66	46.7%	4133	1320	-15.6%
1992	3895	-8.2%	60	-9.1%	3955	1430	8.3%
1993	3564	-8.4%	39	-35.0%	3603	1821	27.3%
1994	3366	-5.6%	77	97.4%	3443	2569	41.1%
1995	2582	-23.3%	230	198.7%	2812	4611	79.4%
1996	4065	57.4%	245	6.5%	4310	4364	-5.3%
1997	3867	-4.9%	411	67.8%	4278	5121	17.3%
1998	5133	32.7%	538	30.9%	5671	6431	25.6%
1999	5446	6.1%	628	16.7%	6074	7097	10.4%
2000	5915	8.6%	835	32.9%	6750	10083	42.1%
2001	7161	21.1%	928	11.1%	8089	17438	72.9%
2002	9609	34.2%	1101	18.6%	10710	19753	13.3%
2003	8724	-9.2%	1421	29.1%	10145	26591	34.6%
2004	9739	11.6%	1470	3.4%	11209	29539	11.1%
2005	11075	13.7%	1634	11.2%	12709	33100	12.1%
2006	13276	19.9%	1584	-3.1%	14872	67972	105.4%
2007	13968	5.2%	1356	-14.4%	15324	77592	14.2%
2008	13742	-1.6%	1241	-8.5%	14983	64506	-16.8%

¹ This column represents all cases referred to the Magistrates which includes all of the Court's Foreclosure, Quiet Title and Partition cases. Foreclosures represent approximately 90% to 95% of all cases referred to the Magistrates' Department

² This column represents all cases reinstated after a final judgment has been entered or from bankruptcy stays, contract stays, and the Court of Appeals

³ After 1992, this column represents all proposed rulings by the Magistrates Department on miscellaneous motions and all magistrate's orders. 1992 and earlier, this column represents all proposed rulings by the Magistrates Department on motions to distribute funds generated by sheriff's sales.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Decrees⁴</u>	<u>% Change From Previous Yr.</u>	<u>Dispositions⁵</u>	<u>% Change From Previous Yr.</u>	<u>Net Case Gain/(Loss)⁶</u>
1990	2854	n/a	4512	n/a	329
1991	3678	28.9%	4535	0.5%	(402)
1992	3060	-16.8%	3933	-13.3%	22
1993	2875	-6.0%	3656	-7.0%	(53)
1994	2463	-14.3%	4271	16.8%	(828)
1995	2199	-10.7%	3974	-7.0%	(1162)
1996	2174	-1.1%	3960	-0.3%	350
1997	2608	20.0%	4597	16.0%	(319)
1998	3043	16.7%	5583	21.4%	88
1999	2823	-7.2%	5795	3.7%	279
2000	3073	8.8%	6265	8.1%	485
2001	3048	-0.8%	6843	9.2%	1246
2002	3261	7.0%	7315	6.5%	3395
2003	3510	7.6%	8544	16.8%	1601
2004	4988	42.1%	10394	21.6%	815
2005	5515	10.6%	11852	14.0%	857
2006	10412	88.8%	16351	38.0%	(1479)
2007	11378	9.3%	18041	10.3%	(2717)
2008	9698	-14.8%	15950	-11.6%	(2208)

⁴ This column represents all decrees of foreclosure, decrees for quiet title, and decrees of partition entered by the Magistrates.

⁵ This column represents all cases disposed by the Magistrates Department including disposition by decree, dismissal, vacated reference, real estate tax contract stays and bankruptcy stays.

⁶ This column is the difference between Referrals and Reinstates Combined and Dispositions.

INFORMATION SYSTEMS/COURT SYSTEMS

THOMAS P. ARNAUT

Director

MICHAEL STANIC

Assistant Director – Network Engineering

PAUL R. LEY

Assistant Director – Programming

RICHARD E. PIEKARSKI

Certified Network Administrator

TOTAL STAFF:

1 Administrative Assistant	1 Court Technology Specialist
1 Assistant Director – Network Engineering	3 Computer Programmers
1 Assistant Director – Programming	1 Court Systems Supervisor
1 Certified Network Administrator	1 Court Systems Assistant Supervisor
2 Network Technicians	4 Data Entry Staff

Information Systems

Located on the 11th floor of the Justice Center, the Information Systems Department is responsible for designing, implementing and maintaining all of the systems and applications that are used throughout the Court. There are approximately 500 workstations, 9 network servers, 3 local area networks, all connected through the county wide area network. Applications range from the primary case management system running on AIX, web applications running on Windows 2003 and Windows XP, file and print services running on Novell OES. The Information Systems Department also supports the interaction of the Court with other County and Municipal agencies where information sharing is required.

In 2008, the Information Systems Department continued developing and implementing new features in the Court's Case Management System. The department will continue to analyze and evaluate opportunities to increase efficiencies through the use of technology. In support of Cuyahoga County's Justice System Reform Initiative, the Court's Information Systems Department was called on for various projects. The Information Systems Department worked with the Court's case management vendor to make modifications to systems and processes required by changes in case processing procedures and changes to court rules. This included modifying existing screens and reports as well as the development of new screens and reports. Another aspect that Information Systems was involved in was development of statistical reports and reporting tools for use in evaluating the progress that was made by the Justice System Reform Initiative case processing changes. The Information Systems Department continues to work diligently on upgrading and enhancing the computer systems used by the Court, the legal community, and the public so that they may have reliable, accurate access to the information that they require.

Court Systems

The primary function of the Court Systems Department is to create criminal journal entries and prepare them to be signed by the Judges. A form is provided to the Court System Department by the Judges, which contains the information to be included in the journal entry. Using this form the Court Systems Department will create a completed journal entry. The entry will be proof read for accuracy, then delivered to the Judges for their signature. The Court Systems Department prepared more than 48,000 entries in 2008.

JUDICIAL SECRETARIES

JANET CHARNEY

Chief Judicial Secretary

TOTAL STAFF:

1 Chief Judicial Secretary

6 Secretaries

The Secretarial Department of the Court serves the thirty-four sitting judges, as well as the visiting judges, judicial staff attorneys and other Court personnel. Their responsibilities include the following: taking and transcribing dictation, transcribing from dictaphone, typing various documents including criminal and civil jury instructions, verdict forms, jury interrogatories, journal entries, opinions, various reports, speeches, letters and any other documents required by the judges.

Training classes to upgrade their skills in the use of software continue with the installation of new programs.

JUDICIAL STAFF ATTORNEYS

Michael Heffernan

Chief Judicial Staff Attorney

Laura W. Creed

Assistant Chief Judicial Staff Attorney

TOTAL STAFF:

1 Chief Judicial Staff Attorney

1 Assistant Chief Judicial Staff Attorney

35 Judicial Staff Attorneys

A judicial staff attorney assists the judge in the management of their civil and criminal dockets. The duties of the position include reviewing and researching legal questions; formulating recommendations on the dispositions of motions; assisting in drafting opinions and other legal memoranda; conducting case management conferences and other pre-trials at the request of the judge; and answering inquiries from members of the bar and the public.

Interaction by Court staff with the public, particularly individuals who are without counsel, is on the rise. Learning the boundaries of what information may legally be provided, and also recognizing the unique concerns of uncounseled litigants are key to performing ably as a Common Pleas Court employee.

The camaraderie among the judicial staff attorneys facilitates the exchange of information regarding recent trends in Ohio law. In this forum, staff attorneys benefit one another by circulating important recent judicial opinions. Our attorneys also stay abreast of changes in Ohio law by attending in-house presentations on law changes such as the Adam Walsh Act. Additionally, the department kept their research skills sharp by attending training on electronic research.

The department continued its commitment to our community by serving as teachers in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District's award-winning 3 Rs program. By applying their energy, talent and desire for public service, the staff attorneys worked efficiently and intelligently in service of the Court and community, both in and out of the Justice Center.

JURY BAILIFF/JURY COMMISSION

EILEEN GALLAGHER

Jury Bailiff Director

TOTAL STAFF:

- 1 Jury Bailiff Director/ Assistant Jury Commissioner
- 2 Jury Bailiff
- 2 Assistant Jury Commissioners
- 2 Jury Commissioners

JURY BAILIFFS

JUROR UTILIZATION - CRIMINAL 2008

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
Panels	83	70	80	60	69	76	84	56	79	78	49	52	836
Trials	46	43	42	42	37	44	47	35	35	43	28	28	470

JUROR UTILIZATION - CIVIL 2008

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
Panels	27	18	13	26	17	17	22	26	25	15	22	19	247
Trials	18	13	11	21	13	16	19	21	18	13	17	13	193

CAPITAL CASE JURY TRIAL	3
NUMBER OF JURORS	15,025
NUMBER OF JUROR DAYS OVER 5	1,597
TOTAL NUMBER OF JUROR DAYS	64,510

Our goal remains the same and that is to reduce the cost of jurors and gain more effective utilization of jurors.

In comparison to 2007, 1,501 more jurors were drawn and brought in to accommodate Capital Cases. More times than not the capital cases either pled or were rescheduled to another date. This in itself caused the county to have to pay these additional jurors for their time. If possible we tried not to keep the jurors the full five days to help cut costs. The number of jurors that went over their five days decreased by 108 days compared to 2007. Our goal is to continue to utilize the Monday-Wednesday jurors in a way to get their Jury service completed in the five-day term.

JURY COMMISSION

JURY COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT 2008

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
Drawn	3159	2934	3716	3775	2416	3210	3272	3089	3260	3171	2241	2182	36425
Report	1266	975	1269	1394	1166	1387	1166	1226	1392	1352	1204	1228	15025

PETIT JURORS DRAWN	36425
GRAND JURORS DRAWN	2100
SPECIAL JURORS DRAWN	0
TOTAL	38525

COURT PSYCHIATRIC CLINIC

PHILLIP J. RESNICK

M.D., Director

GEORGE W. SCHMEDLEN, PhD., J.D.

Associate Director

TOTAL STAFF:

- 1 Director (12 hours per week)
- 1 Associate Director
- 1 Chief of Psychology
- 1 Chief of Social Work
- 2 Full Social Workers
- 1 Full Time Psychologist
- 11 part time (4 hours per week) Psychiatrists
- 5 part time (4 hours per week) Psychologist
- 1 part time (20 hours per week) Psychologist
- 1 Office Manager
- 5 Secretaries (transcription, office duties)
- 1 unfilled slot for a secretary

Court Clinic Referrals Increased in 2008:

During the calendar year 2008 the Court Psychiatric Clinic received a total of Two Thousand Five Hundred and Thirty-Six (2,536) referrals. This number represents One Hundred and Eighty-One fewer referrals than 2007, a six and six-tenths (6.6) percent decrease compared to 2007 (2,717). The decrease is explained primarily by the statutory change eliminating the requirement for Sexual Predator Evaluations.

Professional Staff Composition:

The Court Psychiatric Clinic professional administrative staff is composed of the Director, Associate Director, Chief of Psychology, and Chief Social Worker. The Director serves part time, twelve (12) hours per week. The rest of the professional administrative staff are all full time employees. All professional administrative staff provide direct clinical service. The remaining professional staff is composed of two full time social workers, one full time psychologist, eleven part time psychiatrists (three of whom are forensic psychiatry fellows), five part time psychologists, and one part time neuropsychologist.

There were some personnel changes in the professional staff during 2008. Dr. Timothy Khol was hired in April to take over the part time 20-hour per week psychology position vacated in December 2007. Dr. Susan Hatters-Friedman resigned from the staff in November to pursue a one-year work and training opportunity in New Zealand. Dr. Hatters-Friedman will be replaced by Dr. Cathleen Cerny who will begin work in the part time position in February 2009.

Secretarial Staff:

Ms. Kathleen Barrett is the Court Psychiatric Clinic Office Manager. She has completed her fourth full year in the position and continues to do an excellent job. She complements the full time secretarial and support staff composed of Sherry Halasy, Cheryl Russell, Pamela Krickler, Maureen Broestl and Ronald Borchert. Ms. Jennifer Vargics returned to full time work in the ADR office at the end of August to help them with

their increased workload. She had been assisting in the Court Psychiatric Clinic two and three-quarters hours per day, five days per week. Ms. Robin Brown resigned her position a secretary at the Court Psychiatric Clinic in November. Her position has not yet been filled.

The secretarial staff has worked very hard all year to complete forensic reports in a timely manner. Their continued diligent work has allowed the Court Psychiatric Clinic to keep pace with referrals. The efficient work of the secretarial staff has also allowed time for the scanning of completed files and the electronic entry of Ohio Department of Mental Health mandated statistical reporting forms.

Continuation of House Bill 285 “Second Opinion” Funding:

For the twelfth year, the Ohio Department of Mental Health (ODMH) funded the Court Psychiatric Clinic to perform House Bill 285 “Second Opinion” evaluations. Professional staff travel to Northcoast Behavioral Healthcare - Northfield Campus to examine forensic patients who have a Not Guilty By Reason of Insanity or Incompetent to Stand Trial -Unrestorable status and have been recommended by their Treatment Team for “Movement to Nonsecured Status”. The funding, Seventy One Thousand Three Hundred Forty Dollars (\$71,340), is administered through the Cuyahoga County Community Mental Health Board (CCCMHB).

Competency and Sanity Referrals:

The Court Psychiatric Clinic experienced a slight decrease in referrals for both Competency to Stand Trial and Sanity at the Time of the Act evaluations. Competency evaluations decreased from Seven Hundred Forty-four (744) in 2007 to Seven Hundred and Four (704) in 2008. This change represents a nearly one percent (.8) decrease in competency referrals. Sanity evaluations decreased approximately one percent (.6) from Six Hundred Thirty-One (631) to Five Hundred Eighty-Nine (589).

House Bill 180 Sexual Predator Evaluations:

The Ohio Legislature passed Senate Bill 10, Ohio’s Adam Walsh Act (“Act”). Beginning in 2008, the Act automatically classified convicted sexual offenders into Tier I, Tier II or Tier III depending on their offense(s). Each tier has a specified length of time the offender must register and a specified interval for how often they are required to check in with the county sheriff. Because the length of registration will be set by statute, sexual predator evaluations are no longer necessary to aid the Court in determining a defendant’s level of sexual predator labeling. Despite the change in the law, a number of Judges made equivalent referrals when seeking to determine the offender’s likelihood for reoffending as part of their sentencing decision. These referrals were counted under Mitigation Reports.

Continued High Volume of Mitigation and Drug Dependency/Intervention in Lieu of Conviction Reports:

The Court Psychiatric Clinic received Six Hundred and Fifty-Three referrals for Mitigation of Penalty Reports. This represents a Six (6) percent increase over the Six Hundred and Seventeen referrals received in 2007. The Clinic received Three Hundred Eighty-One (381) referrals for Drug Dependency/Intervention in Lieu of Conviction Reports. This represents a percent a Twelve (12) percent increase in Drug Dependency/Intervention in Lieu of Conviction Reports over the Three Hundred Thirty-Nine referrals received in 2008. The Social Work staff complete the majority of the Drug Dependency reports.

Court Clinic Training Functions:

The Court Psychiatric Clinic maintained its affiliation with the Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine. Two groups of three forensic psychiatry fellows pursuing fellowship training under the supervision of the Clinic Director, Phillip J. Resnick, M.D., rotated through the Court Psychiatric Clinic during the July 1 - June 30 training cycle.

We maintained our association with the Mandel School of Applied Social Science (MSASS) at Case Western Reserve University and have had a twenty-four hour per week social work student placed at our facility during the latter part of the 2008 training year. Mr. Michael Caso, the Court Psychiatric Clinic's Chief Social Worker presented two guest lectures on "Psychotic Disorders and the Role of Social Workers in Forensic Settings" for graduate students at MSASS.

The Court Psychiatric Clinic continued its mission to provide education and training experiences to numerous undergraduate behavioral science students, law students, advanced medical students, psychiatry residents, and a number of other mental health professionals.

The Court Psychiatric Clinic sponsored four lunchtime seminars open to Clinic staff, Judges, Probation Officers and Mental Health Professionals from the community. Dr. Sherif Soliman presented on "The 24/7 Twenty Day Evaluation: The Inpatient Assessment of Malingering." Forensic Psychiatry Fellow Christopher Lockey, M.D. presented on "Insanity: Analysis of Wrongfulness." Drs. Cathleen Cerny, Susan Hatters-Friedman, and Sara West presented "Teacher's Pet: Female Sex Offenders and Their Students." John Fabian, Psy.D., J.D. presented on "Rethinking 'Rational' in the Dusky Standard: Assessing the CWRU Killer's Functional Abilities."

The Social Work staff sponsored a three-part seminar on "Differential Diagnosis, Case Presentations." Ms. Walker, Mr. Caso and Mr. Slaughter each presented a case on the differential diagnosis of psychotic disorders.

Participation in the Mental Health Court:

Dr. Schmedlen continues to be active in the Mental Health Court. He works closely with personnel from the Court Supervised Release unit of the Cuyahoga County Probation Department to recommend the transfer of qualified defendants to the Mental Health Docket at the pre-arraignment stage. In addition, he reviewed prior psychiatric care documentation to determine whether post-arraignment defendants were eligible for transfer to the Mental Health Court docket. He participated in several ongoing Mental Health Court committees. The professional staff of the Court Clinic continues to routinely perform a number of assessments to determine individual defendant's eligibility for transfer to the Mental Health Court docket.

Participation in the Association of Ohio Forensic Psychiatric Center Directors:

Dr. Schmedlen was active during 2008 in the Association of Ohio Forensic Psychiatric Center Directors (Association). Dr. Schmedlen regularly attended the Association's monthly meetings in Columbus. He was a member of the Education Committee and helped plan and implement a successful two-day continuing education workshop in Columbus attended by over one hundred and twenty-five Community Forensic Psychiatric Centers' staff from all over the state.

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COURT PSYCHIATRIC CLINIC (1/1/08 - 12/31/08)
NUMBER OF REFERRALS

Competency to Stand Trial (O.R.C. § 2945.371(A))	704
Sanity at the Time of the Act (O.R.C. § 2945.371(A))	589
Mitigation of Penalty (O.R.C. § 2947.06(B))	653
Civil Commitment (O.R.C. § 2945.40 & 5122.01)	25
Movement to Nonsecurred Status (Senate Bill 285)	22
Sexual Predator Evaluation (HB 180, O.R.C. § 2950.09)	0
Drug Dependency/Intervention in Lieu (O.R.C. § 2945.041)	381
Reports for Probation (O.R.C. § 2951.03)	162
Total	2,536

COURT PSYCHIATRIC CLINIC
COMPARISON NUMBER OF REFERRALS 2007 - 2008

	2007	2008	change +/- %
Competency to Stand Trial (O.R.C. § 2945.371(A))	744	744	9% -
Sanity at the Time of the Act (O.R.C. § 2945.371(A))	631	589	7% -
Mitigation of Penalty (O.R.C. § 2947.06(B))	617	653	6% +
Civil Commitment - (O.R.C. § 2945.40 & § 5122.01)	23	25	9% +
Movement to Nonsecurred Status (Senate Bill 285)	20	22	10% +
Sexual Predator Evaluation (HB 180, O.R.C. § 2950.09)	184	0	100% -
Drug Depen/Intervention in Lieu (O.R.C. § 2945.041)	339	381	12% +
Reports for Probation (O.R.C. § 2951.03)	159	162	<1% +
Total	2,717	2,536	6.6% -

ADULT PROBATION DEPARTMENT

VINCENT D. HOLLAND
Chief Probation Officer

MOLLY BRENINGHOUSE & ELLEN WOODRUFF
Deputy Chiefs Probation Officers

DANIEL PETERCA
Manager of Pretrial Services

TOTAL STAFF:

1 Chief Probation Officer	1 Clerical Supervisor
2 Deputy Chief Probation Officer	18 Clerical & 7 Support Staff
1 Managers	1 Executive Secretary
16 Supervisors	7 Administrative Assistants
1 Supervisor of Information Services	1 Laboratory Supervisor
1 Training Specialist	3 Senior Lab Technicians
126 Probation Officers	3 Lab Assistants
	3 Cashier-Bookkeepers

The facts and figures in the following pages document the activity of the many varied programs and services of the Probation Department in the year 2008.

INVESTIGATION REPORTS

Investigation reports are done by state probation officers and dedicated County Probation Department investigation officers. Investigation reports are used for sentencing purposes by the courts. Investigation reports may also be used for case-planning, Ohio's correctional system, the psychiatric clinic, other probation departments, treatment and residential programs.

REPORT TYPE	NUMBER
Presentence Reports	8,605
Expungement Reports	<u>1,460</u>
Total Investigations (assigned)	10,067

Distribution of Presentence Reports (assigned)

TYPE	NUMBER	PERCENT
State Probation	3,014	35.02%
County Probation	<u>5,593</u>	<u>74.98%</u>
Totals	8,607	100.0%

Distribution of Jail and Bail Presentence Reports (assigned)

TYPE	NUMBER	PERCENT
Jail Presentence Reports	1,903	22.11%
Bail Presentence Reports	<u>6,604</u>	<u>77.98%</u>
Totals	8,607	100.0%

SUPERVISION

INDIVIDUALS UNDER SUPERVISION

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2008	8,103
INDIVIDUALS PLACED ON PROBATION IN 2008.....	8,398
TOTAL NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS SERVICED IN 2008.....	16,401

INDIVIDUALS REMOVED FROM PROBATION IN 2008:

Probation Expired.....	2,401
Early Terminations.....	1,129
Abated by Death.....	53
Capias Issued.....	3,029
Probation Violation – Sentenced to State Prison or County Jail	1,145
Probation Violation – Probation Terminated	427
TOTAL	8,184

PERSONS UNDER SUPERVISION AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2008

Date as of:	Number of Individuals on Probation for a Felony Conviction	Per Cent	Number of Individuals on Probation for a Misdemeanor Conviction	Per Cent	Total Number on Probation
12/31/2008	7,733	91.72%	670	8.28%	8,103
12/31/2007	7,300	91.49%	679	8.51%	7,979
12/31/2006	7,361	92.45%	601	7.55%	7,962
12/31/2005	6,928	91.69%	628	8.31%	7,556
12/31/2004	7,246	91.39%	683	8.61%	7,929
12/31/2003	7,471	89.83%	846	10.17%	8,317
12/31/2002	7,663	89.26%	922	10.74%	8,585
12/31/2001	7,688	89.00%	950	11.00%	8,638
12/31/2000	7,076	88.07%	958	11.93%	8,034
12/31/1999	6,881	84.60%	1,252	15.40%	8,133
12/31/1998	6,920	86.31%	1,098	13.69%	8,018
12/31/1997	7,169	85.18%	1,247	14.82%	8,416
12/31/1996	7,732	89.33%	924	10.67%	8,656
12/31/1995	7,602	88.93%	946	11.07%	8,548
12/31/1994	7,267	88.40%	954	11.60%	8,221
12/31/1993	7,384	87.72%	1,034	12.28%	8,418
12/31/1992	7,468	86.69%	1,147	13.31%	8,615
12/31/1991	7,683	86.36%	1,213	13.64%	8,896
12/31/1990	8,681	95.12%	445	4.88%	9,126
12/31/1989	8,102	94.97%	429	5.03%	8,531

DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE OF SUPERVISION CASES - 2008

AGE GROUP	Percent
Under 18 years	0.01%
18 through 22	11.59%
23 through 27	19.60%
28 through 32	16.19%
33 through 37	12.19%
38 through 42	12.54%
43 through 46	8.21%
47 through 51	9.42%
52 through 56	5.48%
57 and over	4.77%
Unknown	0.01%
Total	100.00

SEX	per cent
Male	73.51%
Female	26.49%
Total	100.00
RACE	per cent
Asian	0.001%
Black	62.4%
Caucasian	34.3%
Hispanic	0.014%
Other	0.017%
Total	100.00

**FINANCIAL COLLECTIONS BY THE
ADULT PROBATION DEPARTMENT**

Restitution Payments.....	\$ 2,324,329.65
Home Detention Fees.....	98,267.44
Probation Supervision Fees	288,830.95
Court Costs	2,311.081
Total.....	\$2,711,428.04

RESTITUTION COLLECTED 1988 - 2008

2008	\$2,324,329.65
2007	\$2,745,929.21
2006	\$2,292,211.66
2005	\$1,881,129.50
2004	\$2,091,077.34
2003	\$2,270,172.24
2002	\$2,035,221.79
2001	\$2,129,402.58
2000	\$1,914,258.41
1999	\$1,655,514.80
1998	\$1,632,064.06
1997	\$1,657,107.97
1996	\$1,329,637.32
1995	\$1,312,193.55
1994	\$1,043,653.06
1993	\$913,645.12
1992	\$740,280.73
1991	\$652,527.94
1990	\$594,248.18
1989	\$618,028.52
1988	\$523,206.05

DRUG TESTING

The Probation Department Laboratory performs drug of abuse testing and currently has a five year (2007 to 2012) contract with ThermoFisher Scientific, Inc. (formerly Microgenics, Inc.) to provide reagents, instrumentation and some supplies to perform the drug tests. A laboratory information system is supplied by Antek, Inc. They provide the software to produce bar code labels for the specimens, print test results and compile various statistical reports and provide for the export of results into PROWARE.

LABORATORY STATISTICS

URINE DRUG SCREENS	2004*	2005	2006	2007	2008
Total individuals tested	n/a	35,334	34,501	33,682	29,691
Total specimens tested**	128,304	121,837	122,214	123,338	103,113
Specimens positive for one or more drugs	19,312	17,538	17,618	17,207	15,438
Percent of specimens positive one or more drugs	5.1%	14.1%	14.4%	14.0%	15.0%

*Unable to provide accurate number of subjects in 2004 due to changes in computer software and archiving of data.

* Total specimens = urine only; does not include oral fluid and hair specimens

Percent Positive by Drug	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Cocaine	5.6%	5.4%	5.8%	5.0%	4.1%
Marijuana	9.6%	9.1%	9.5%	10.0%	11.5%
Opiates	2.4%	2.4%	2.4%	2.7%	3.2%
Phencyclidine (PCP)	1.5%	1.1%	0.9%	1.0%	1.0%
Amphetamines	1.1%	1.1%	1.2%	1.2%	0.2%
Alcohol	1.5%	1.6%	n/a	n/a	n/a
6 Acetylmorphine (heroin)	18.4%	14.1%	11.9%	11.2%	13.8%

NOTE: 6Acetylmorphine % positive rate will be higher than others because it is only run on specimens already testing positive for opiates.

Specimens are tested for 2 to 5 drugs and may be positive for more than one drug. In addition, Validity Testing (urine creatinine) is performed on each specimen (103,133). All positive amphetamine specimens continue to be sent for confirmation by GC/MS. This testing continues to identify a large percentage of positive amphetamines due to ecstasy (MDMA) and the other amphetamine variants/designer drugs-MDA, etc)

The total number of specimens tested in 2008 decreased by 16% and the number of drug tests performed decreased by 6.9 % when compared to the previous year. The change in test volume is due to the elimination of tests performed for outside treatment facilities on persons who were not clients of the Court of Common Pleas Department of Probation. In addition, the Adult Parole Authority did not utilize our services after April 2008 due to a reduction in their budget.

Testing is funded by Community Corrections Act grant funds from the State of Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, the Court of Common Pleas, and user fees paid by other agencies using the laboratory. Outside agencies paying for Laboratory Services include; Adult Parole Authority, Cleveland

Municipal Court Probation Department, Euclid Municipal Court Probation Department, Garfield Heights Municipal Court Probation Department, Juvenile Court Probation Department, Early Intervention Program, Treatment Alternatives to Street Crime (TASC), and the Youth Development Center.

NUMBER OF URINE SAMPLES AND TESTS PERFORMED
1988 - 2008

Year	SPECIMENS	CHANGE	TESTS	CHANGE
2008	103,133	(16.0%)	390,929	(6.9%)
2007	123,338	1.0%	419,792	1.1%
2006	122,214	(<1%)	415,137	-3.70%
2005	121,837	-5.00%	431,178	-7.00%
2004	128,304	6.30%	463,424	5.20%
2003	120,686	-0.60%	440,591	-4.70%
2002	121,409	7.60%	462,886	10.00%
2001	112,793	15.20%	422,184	24.10%
2000	97,891	7.50%	340,114	9.80%
1999	91,042	1.70%	309,848	18.00%
1998	89,549	15.70%	262,464	28.80%
1997	77,373	4.40%	203,777	11.00%
1996	74,127	10.40%	183,512	21.00%
1995	67,073	13.40%	151,666	
1994	59,149	3.70%		
1993	57,028	4.95%		
1992	54,339	5.55%		
1991	51,477	48.85%		
1990	34,582	32.20%		
1989	26,158	96.54%		
1988	13,309			

The Probation Department Laboratory continues to subscribe to proficiency testing from the American Association of Bioanalysts and has scored 100 percent (%) in testing accuracy.

The Laboratory it is not eligible to participate in any other inspection or certification programs because confirmation testing by gas chromatography/mass spectroscopy (GC/MS) is not performed in-house.

HAIR TESTING

Hair specimens are sent to Iomega Laboratories Inc., in Mogadore, Ohio, an accredited reference laboratory (CAP - College of America Pathologists Laboratory Accreditation Program).

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
SUBJECTS	48	52	95		
SPECIMENS	60	60	112	83	117
Negative	44	433	79	68	98
Not tested*	0	1	0	0	0
Positive	16	15	33	15	19
COCAINE	12	14	27	11	17
MARIJUANA	3	2	5	3	2
AMPHETAMINES					2
MDMA (Ecstasy)	1	1	1	1	2
Methamphetamine	0	1	0	0	2
OPIATES				3	2
Morphine	1	1	0	2	0
Codeine	4	1	0	2	0
6AM	2	1	1	1	0

** 6-acetylmorphine-heroin metabolite

*Not tested= insufficient quantity

ORAL FLUID TESTING

The Laboratory tested oral fluids routinely this past year. They are primarily performed on individuals who are unable to produce urine specimens due to medical conditions (i.e. renal dialysis) and those who continue to submit dilute urine specimens. Approximately 3% of all urine specimens are considered unacceptable due to low concentration (dilute).

The procedure being used is an on-site immunoassay device from Redwood Toxicology Laboratory, Inc. (In 2007 some tests used devices from ABMC) All positive specimens are sent to them for confirmation testing by GC/MS. Each on-site device tests for 6 analytes: cocaine, opiates, marijuana, phencyclidine (PCP), amphetamine and methamphetamine.

	2007	2007	2008
METHOD	ABMC	REDWOOD	REDWOOD
SPECIMENS	31	253	219
Positive Specimens	10	21	71
% Positive Specimens	33.3%	8.3%	32.4%
TESTS (6/specimen)	186	1518	1314
Positive Tests	20	26	71
GC/MS Confirm Pos Tests	NA*	7	44
% Confirm Positive Tests	NA*	0.5%	61.9%%
No Tests Results	0	0	0

*Unable to confirm tests by GC/MS.

REFERENCE LABORATORY TESTING

Specimens requiring confirmation or further testing of dilute samples by GC/MS (Gas chromatography/mass spectroscopy) are being sent to Kroll Laboratory Specialists, Inc., previously known as Scientific Testing Laboratories, Inc. (STL), Richmond, VA. Kroll Laboratories are SAMSHA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration-formerly NIDA) certified laboratories.

Limited testing by the Cuyahoga County Coroner Toxicology Laboratory was begun in October 2007. Additional testing may be performed by the Toxicology Laboratory in the future depending on their availability.

** The increased percent positive specimens from Kroll Laboratories is due to the type of specimens and tests requested. Kroll performs all opiate testing by GC/MS and they are predominantly positive specimens being sent for confirmation. The majority of the specimens sent to the Coroner's Toxicology Laboratory are dilute negative specimens, which have a much lower positive rate.

	2006	2007	2007	2008	2008
		KROLL LAB	CORONER LAB	KROLL LAB	CORONER LAB
SPECIMENS TESTED	1,587	1,559	63	825	808
Total Tests	2,214	2,321	62	1419	1460
Positive Tests	720	693	18	430	243
% Positive tests	32.50%	30%	29%	29%	16.6%

SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES

Cuyahoga County's Treatment Alternatives to Street Crime (T.A.S.C.) program provides alcohol and drug assessments through funds from the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services. TASC also provides case management services, including referral to treatment and case management services to 1,634 Common Pleas Court offenders in 2008. The TASC program works in conjunction with the Probation Department's Case Manager.

The Centralized Case Management program is operated by the Probation Department and is funded through the Community Corrections Act Subsidy. A single case manager coordinates and manages all substance abuse treatment and assessment placements.

The Corrections Planning Board and the Common Pleas Court funded Drug Treatment beds in 2008 at the following agencies: with Community Assessment Treatment Services, Matt Talbot for Women, Fresh Start and Alternative Agencies. Due to the fiscal climate in the County and State, service programs experienced significant reductions in funding during 2008. The table below gives a numerical summary of the number of referrals completed and the number of persons referred by TASC in 2008.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES (2008)

SERVICE CATEGORY	NUMBER
Referred to TASC by Case Manager	1,634
Alcohol & Drug Assessments by TASC	1,220
Jail Reduction	654
Persons placed in treatment by Probation Department's Centralized Case Management Program	1,002
Referral for Case Management and/or Assessment only	501
Pre-sentence TASC investigation assignments*	65

* TASC stopped doing assessments at the Pre-sentence Investigation stage as of April 2008.

COMMUNITY WORK SERVICE

Court Community Service (CCS) is a not for profit agency that places individuals into community service work assignments when it is ordered as a condition of probation. CCS works with more than 400 area not-for-profit /governmental agency work sites. In addition, they operate five supervised community service work crews that clean public roads and properties throughout the county. The rate charged changed to \$7.00 an hour due to the change in the minimum wage by the Federal Government in July of 2008. The Federal Government will be increasing the minimum wage rate again in July of 2009. This change may influence the rate charged by the CCS program in late 2009.

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Number of individuals referred to CCS	3,905	4,029	4,218	4,060	4,082	4,246	4,592
Number of individuals placed in work assignments	3,234	3,251	3,415	3,372	3,368	3,556	3,803
Number of hours of community work service assigned	322,884	362,595	388,923	372,163	366,403	370,125	402,951
Number of hours of community work service completed	152,642	250,396	163,820	170,404	162,269	174,952	174,621

When computed at \$7.00 per hour, individuals on probation completed 175,621 hours or \$ 1,229,347.00 of work service to the Cuyahoga County Community in 2008.

* Number of community work service hours worked by all referral sources at agencies located in Cuyahoga County	360,122
* Percentage of hours worked at agencies located in Cuyahoga County	97%
* Number of participating agency work sites in Cuyahoga County	248
* Administrative Fees collected in 2005 from offenders referred by the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court.	\$ 73,672.00

Court Community Service Work Crew Statistics

* Communities served in Cuyahoga County	56
* Total number of hours worked by work crews	70,826
* Total bags of trash collected	48,430
* Total number of tires collected	16,668
* Total number of cubic yards of debris collected	1,971

HOME DETENTION PROGRAM

(Electronic Monitoring)

The purpose of the Home Detention Program is to restrict the offender to his/her residence except for verified releases, such as employment, education, training, outpatient treatment for substance abuse, court community service or other verified activity ordered by the court as a condition of probation, community control, or personal bond (Court Supervised Release). Offenders ordered to participate in this program are monitored by electronic devices, which include a transmitter worn on the ankle, which sends a continuous signal to an installed monitor attached to the participant's telephone. The Cuyahoga County Sheriff's De-

partment provides the electronic monitoring equipment, monitoring services and surveillance. Offenders are charged \$7.00 per day to defray cost of indigent offenders and other costs. The Home Detention Program is supported by the Court of Common Pleas.

Total Number of Individuals(new installs) in the Home Detention Program 311*
 (* 2008 figure represents a 4.7% increase over the 2007 figure)

Average number of offenders in the Home Detention Program at any time 88

Successful Terminations	337	82%
Unsuccessful Terminations	<u>75</u>	<u>18%</u>
Totals	412	100.00%

Home Detention Fees Paid by Offenders \$ 75,019.09

Average Length of Stay Per Offender in the Home Detention Program 88 Days

Number of Hours of Community Work Service Hours Completed by Work Release and Home Detention Offenders 229 (CWS)
 13,083.50(Worked Hrs.)

WORK RELEASE PROGRAM

Since July 1, 2001, the Probation Department’s Work Release Program is housed at the Alternatives Agency Inc. (Self Center) located at 1804 East 55th Street. Prior to July 1, 2001, it was housed at the Salvation Army Harbor Light complex, located at 1710 Prospect Avenue. Individuals in the Work Release Program are granted release from the facility only for verified purposes (i.e. work, education, vocational training, substance abuse treatment). Individuals can be placed in the Work Release Program as a condition of being placed in the Court Supervised Release Unit, at the time of sentencing, or at the time of Probation Violation/Community Control Violation Hearing. The Work Release Program is supported by Community Corrections Act Subsidy Funds and by the Court of Common Pleas.

Total number of individuals (New intakes) in the Work Release Program 223*
 (*2007 figure represents a 11.86% increase from the 2006 figure)

Average number of offenders in the Work Release Program at any time 43

Successful Terminations	172	67.45%
Unsuccessful Terminations	<u>83</u>	<u>32.55%</u>
Totals	255	100.00%

Work Release Residents’ Reimbursement to Cuyahoga County \$24,599.67

Amount of Court Costs Paid by Work Release Residents \$6,667.54

Amount of Restitution and Probation Supervision Fees Paid by Work Release Residents \$4,926.96

Average Length of Stay per Offender in the Work Release Program 61 days

Number of Hours of Community Work Service Hours Completed by Work Release and Home Detention Offenders 368 Referrals
 24,710.25 Hours

IMPLEMENTATION OF EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICES

During 2008 our Department has worked to implement evidence-based principles throughout all levels of the Department. The Department continues to focus on developing instruments that measure the major identified criminogenic factors impacting on recidivism. Risk and needs instrument have been piloted in the special project arena during 2008, and staff members are also involved in work-groups, training, research and other activities important in developing evidence-based practices throughout the Department.

Training needs were identified, and a time-line was developed for training all staff, investigators, support staff and supervision staff, on the evidence-based paradigm. Trainings were held on the evidence-based practices model for Judges, Probation staff and some outside organizations during the calendar year. Probation staff also received training on Motivation Interviewing techniques during the year.

Research was also done on how different instruments effectively measured risk. An instrument, termed the "Hawaii Proxy," was compared with the Ohio Developed risk instrument with favorable results. Staff also researched information on the effectiveness of risk instruments from other jurisdictions, and also reviewed the literature in the field in order to ensure that our Department developed protocols and procedures that were innovative and effective.

The Probation Department also continued to develop an evidence based model that stressed the following core principles: (1) assess offender risk and needs, (2) enhance offender motivation, (3) target interventions, (4) provide skills training using cognitive-behavioral treatment methods, (5) increase positive reinforcement, (6) engage on-going support in natural communities, (7) measure relevant processes and practices, and (8) provide measurement feedback.

The Department also trained staff as trainers. These trainers started their training during 2008, and will be heavily involved in training staff during 2009. This process will help the Department to sustain the evidence-based practices model, as there will be person in the Department who can act as trainers into the future.

CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPON PROGRAM

The Court Community Work Service Program coordinates and administers the Carrying Concealed Weapon (CCW) program. The program takes place at the Justice Center on designated Saturday mornings six to ten times per year. In 2008 the CCW program held ten sessions, and 301 clients attended these workshops.

This three-hour program consists of group discussions that examine the emotional, physical, and financial consequences of an arrest and conviction for carrying a gun. An attorney presents information on the legal ramifications of a CCW conviction, and also functions as the facilitator for the program's workshops.

SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS

The Probation Department provides specialized program services to the Court in order to protect the community, rehabilitate the offender, focus on the identified criminogenic needs of the offender, and meet the other needs of the criminal justice system. The major principles that define criminogenic needs are as follows: (1) assess the risk and needs of the offender, (2) enhance the motivation of the offender, (3) targeting the offender's needs, (4) providing training in order to develop a highly skilled staff able to provide the necessary services, (5) engage ongoing support in local neighborhoods and communities, (6) measure relevant processes and practices, and (8) provide measurable feedback. Specialized programming is administered

through the Intensive Probation Program. These programs include the Intensive Specialized Probation, Mentally Disordered Offender, Sex Offender and the Mentally Retarded Offender units of the Probation Department.

Our **Intensive Supervision Probation Program (ISP)** is designed to divert non-violent felony offenders from the prison setting by providing a more intensive paradigm of supervision within the community. ISP was originally designed as a one-year program with three levels of supervision, requiring a variety of office and field contact standards, varying urinalysis schedules, and commitment to a case plan designed to enhance effective habilitation of the client. Recently, the supervision model has been driven by an evidence-based practices paradigm. Offenders are also placed in the program if they are released from prison on judicial release.

The **Mentally Disordered Offender Program (MDO)** is designed to provide monitoring, counseling, treatment and other services to clients placed on community control who are clinically diagnosed by the Court Psychiatric clinic, or a reputable diagnostic service, as psychotic. These major psychotic illnesses are as follows: schizophrenia, Schizoaffective Disorder, and other disorders with psychotic features as defined in the DSM-IV. The MDO project contracts directly with the Cuyahoga County Mental Health Board for services for the MDO project. Recovery Resources and Murtis Taylor are among the agencies that are heavily utilized by our Department with this population.

Program staff meets regularly with jail liaison staff from the major mental health agencies on a regular basis. Probation, jail liaison and mental health board staff meet at regular intervals in order to reevaluate the program. The MDO program has also linked with the housing liaison staff in order to help facilitate a smoother transition for MDO clients. Probation staff also developed protocols and procedures for transporting clients to hospitals when needed, and have also undergone training in crisis intervention, probate procedures, psychotropic medications and other relevant issues.

During 2003, the Court initiated a Mental Health Court Docket with specially trained judges, prosecutors and defense attorneys, as well as liaisons trained to provide screening and assessments for early identification of special needs offenders. Many offenders in the MDO program will benefit from the increased collaboration and streamlined services characteristic of the new Mental Health Court Docket.

In recent years there has been a significant increase in the number of clients placed in the program. In 2007, a MDO Step-Down caseload was created in order to significantly reduce current caseload numbers of the regular MDO probation officers and allow officers to more appropriately channel their time and energy on the most appropriate cases. To be considered for the step-down caseload, a client must meet the following eligibility criteria: have no pending violations, have stable housing for a minimum of ninety-days, be compliant with case management, medication compliance, and show up for doctor's appointments for a minimum of ninety days, and have already served a significant period of supervision.

The **Mentally Retarded Offender Program (MRO)** is a specialized unit within the Probation Department. The Mentally Retarded Offenders Project contracts directly with the Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities for services. The officers assigned to this unit supervise caseloads of offenders diagnosed as mentally retarded or borderline normal by the Court Psychiatric Clinic. The probation officers, in cooperation with various community agencies, coordinate specialized services. In addition, a team consisting of representatives from our court psychiatric clinic, Public Defender's Office, County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities, Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation and the Cuyahoga County Jail, meets once a month to staff individual cases and recommend treatment plans. In 2003, the Court initiated a mental Health (MH) Court Docket with specially trained judges, prosecutors and defense counsel, as well as liaisons trained to provide screening and assessment for early identification of the MRO population. The Board of MR/DD also developed a training program for their providers that included

workshops on how to supervise MR/DD clients who are actively under court supervision. The MR/DD Board also increased staff during the year in order to better serve this population. Many offenders in the MRO program will benefit from the increased collaboration and streamlined services characteristic of the new MH court docket.

Cuyahoga County’s Sex Offender Program (SOP) began in 1994. This program is designed to provide assessment, intensive probation supervision and treatment to sex offenders who have been convicted of a sex offense or an offense whose elements include sex-offending behavior. The program includes intensive supervision and treatment components, and is staffed by three probation officers located in the Justice Center. Treatment services, which consist of group and individual counseling for sex offenders, are provided by Psych & Psych, Advanced Psychotherapy and Lumen (servicing the MRO population). Some of the programs are conducted at the Justice Center for convenience purposes. A clinical assessment is provided for all offenders placed in the program. This assessment may include a polygraph examination for those evidencing denial of the offense. This assessment provides the Court and Probation Department with information related to the Client’s offending behavior, risk of re-offending, amenability for treatment and a supervision plan for the offender should the person be granted community control. Offenders ordered into the program as a condition of community control, and accepted into treatment, will be expected to comply with treatment program requirements, including further polygraph examinations. The Unit also monitors compliance with sex offender registration and associated state laws.

	No. placed in Specialized Programs in 2005	No. placed in Specialized Programs in 2006	No. placed in Specialized Programs in 2007	No. placed in Specialized Programs in 2008
Intensive Supervision	1,358	1,349	1,249	1,216
Mentally Disordered Offender	282	386	392	348
Mentally Retarded Offender	102	93	107	78
Sex Offender Program	86	69	75	78

APPREHENSION UNIT

The Sheriff’s Department Apprehension Unit has been in operation since April 1994. This unit was established with funding from the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections Community Corrections Act. This unit consists of four Sheriff’s Deputies. The deputies have been assigned to arrest offenders under jurisdiction of programs within the Probation Department. The cases submitted to the Apprehension Unit are alleged Probation/Community Control violators, who have departmental warrants and/or capiases issued for their arrest.

Apprehension Unit Deputies have accompanied Probation Officers on field visits to verify offender residences and investigate allegations of suspected illegal and/or dangerous activities impacting Probation/Community Control conditions or the community. Deputies are also routinely dispatched to treatment facilities to transport offenders who are unsuccessfully discharged from programs.

In 2008, the Probation Department submitted the names of 118 offenders to the Apprehension Unit for arrest. CCA programs submitted 96 requests for arrest and general supervision submitted 22 requests. The total number of arrests for CCA-generated Probation capiases and warrants was 91, representing a 94.79% arrest rate. The total number of arrests for regular supervision was 22, representing a 100% arrest rate. In addition to the offenders arrested at the request of the Probation Department, the Apprehension Unit cleared 116 PVC and PVW warrants. The Apprehension unit arrested a total of 428 offenders, including

those arrested for felonies, misdemeanors, parole violations, juvenile, and civil citations.

The following is a list of weapons seized for the 2008 year:

- 1). Harrington & Richardson 12 gauge shotgun. Serial# 824217.
Address where the item was confiscated from: 9819 Stoughton Ave, Cleveland, Ohio.
Date: 1-28-08
- 2). Mossberg 20 gauge shotgun. Model# 185D-B
Address were the item was confiscated from: 9819 Stoughton Ave, Cleveland, Ohio.
Date: 1-28-08
- 3). Taurus 40 caliber handgun with magazine. Model# PT101AFS, Serial# SPH14332.
Address were the item was confiscated from: 9819 Stoughton Ave, Cleveland, Ohio.
Date: 1-28-08
- 4). Star Arms 9 millimeter handgun with magazine. Serial# 1382140.
Address were the item was confiscated from: 9819 Stoughton Ave, Cleveland, Ohio.
Date: 1-28-08
- 5). High Point 9 millimeter pistol (black finish) with magazine. Model# C9.
Address were the item was confiscated from: 7819 Madison Ave (up stairs unit).
Date: 5-8-08
- 6). Smith & Wesson handgun with live ammunition. Model# 5906
Address were the item was confiscated from: 5624 Drake Ave, Cleveland, Ohio.
Date: 6-11-08
- 7). J & C Higgins .22 Caliber rifle. Model# 36.
Address were the item was confiscated from: 5626 Drake Ave, Cleveland, Ohio.
Date: 6-11-08
- 8). 10RCIN 9 millimeter handgun. Model# L9MM, Serial# L035784.
Address were the item was confiscated from: 7907 Colgate Ave, Cleveland, Ohio.
Date: 6-25-08
- 9). High Point .40 Caliber handgun with 11 rounds and magazine.
Address were the item was confiscated from: 3361 West 127th street, Cleveland, Ohio.
Date: 12-18-08
- 10). Taurus .45 Caliber pistol with 9 live rounds. Serial# NZD17708.
Address were the item was confiscated from: 3361 West 127th street, Cleveland, Ohio.
Date: 12-18-08

IMPLEMENTATION OF EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICES

During 2008 our Department has worked to implement evidence-based principles throughout all levels of the Department. The Department continues to focus on developing instruments that measure the major identified criminogenic factors impacting on recidivism. Risk and needs instrument have been piloted in the special project arena during 2008, and staff members are also involved in work-groups, training, research and other activities important in developing evidence-based practices throughout the Department.

Training needs were identified, and a time-line was developed for training all staff, investigators, support staff and supervision staff, on the evidence-based paradigm. Trainings were held on the evidence-based practices model for Judges, Probation staff and some outside organizations during the calendar year. Probation staff also received training on Motivation Interviewing techniques during the year.

Research was also done on how different instruments effectively measured risk. An instrument, termed the “Hawaii Proxy,” was compared with the Ohio Developed risk instrument with favorable results. Staff also researched information on the effectiveness of risk instruments from other jurisdictions, and also reviewed the literature in the field in order to ensure that our Department developed protocols and procedures that were innovative and effective.

The Probation Department also continued to develop an evidence based model that stressed the following core principles: (1) assess offender risk and needs, (2) enhance offender motivation, (3) target interventions, (4) provide skills training using cognitive-behavioral treatment methods, (5) increase positive reinforcement, (6) engage on-going support in natural communities, (7) measure relevant processes and practices, and (8) provide measurement feedback.

The Department also trained staff as trainers. These trainers started their training during 2008, and will be heavily involved in training staff during 2009. This process will help the Department to sustain the evidence-based practices model, as there will be person in the Department who can act as trainers into the future.

STUDENT INTERNS-2008

Internships are often coordinated between local colleges and universities with the Probation Department. Internships may involve working directly with clients or in carrying out research on specific topics for the Department. A student may earn credit for her/his internship at an undergraduate or graduate level. During the past year the following persons interned in our Department:

Name	Date	College
James Holt	1-14-08 to 3-14-08	Cleveland State University
Russell Warren	1-21-08 to 5-9-08	Hiram College
Marchila Benn	5-12-08 to 9-30-08	Bowling Green University
Jacqueline Hicks	5-19-08 to Present	John Carroll
Toni Holmes	6-2-08 to 6-27-98	Cleveland State University
Geoffrey Golden	7-1-08 to 9-4-08	Cleveland State University
Arleshia Wilson	10-27-08 to Present	Bowling Green University
Demario Reynolds	12-22-08 to Present	John Carroll

CUYAHOGA COUNTY CORRECTIONS PLANNING BOARD

MARIA NEMEC

Corrections Planning Board Administrator

VINCENT D. HOLLAND

Program Director - 407 Prison Diversion

DANIEL E. PETERCA

Program Director - 408 Jail Diversion

TOTAL STAFF

- | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 Board Administrator | 1 Substance Abuse Case Manager |
| 2 Project Directors | 1 Training Specialist |
| 1 Fiscal Officer | 3 Administrative Aides |
| 1 Research Planner | |

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Mission Statement

Cuyahoga County Corrections Planning Board exists to create an environment to improve the coordination of community corrections at all levels of the criminal justice system.

Toward this end, the Corrections Planning Board members and staff will work to:

- Provide effective alternatives to incarceration
- Enhance public safety and protection of victims
- Seek and secure funding and resources
- Develop and maintain partnerships with stakeholders

The Corrections Planning Board, comprised of fifteen members, administers Community Corrections Act (CCA) grant funds from the State of Ohio's Department of Rehabilitation and Correction for community jail and prison diversion programs. The Chair of the Board is the Presiding Judge of the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court. Cuyahoga County established its Corrections Planning Board in 1984. Most of the Board's local community sanction programs are administered through the Court's Adult Probation Department.

During FY2008, the Board administered a CCA grant of \$4,197,788.00 Dollars to fund and staff local community corrections programs. These programs are designed to divert eligible criminal offenders from the Cuyahoga County Jail or the state prison system, while maintaining public safety. Over 4,500 criminal offenders were diverted into local community sanction alternatives during 2008. The percentage of funding received by Cuyahoga County for the 407 Prison/Felony Project has remained at approximately 17.12% of the total Community Corrections Act (CCA) 407 funding available statewide over the last few fiscal years. Cuyahoga County has contributed an average of close to 19.2% of the statewide total of prison diversions in Ohio during the same time period. The percentage of funding received by Cuyahoga County for the 408 Jail Project is approximately 14.71% of the total Community Corrections Act (CCA) 408 funding available statewide over the last few fiscal years. Cuyahoga County has contributed an average of close to 16.25% of the statewide total of prison diversions in Ohio during the same time period.

The Cuyahoga County CCA programs through the Corrections Planning Board have been the recipients of numerous awards. In October 2008, the Ohio Justice Alliance for Community Corrections (OJACC)

awarded the 2008 Jim Wichtman Award to the CPB Board Administrator, Maria Nemec, and the C. J. McLin Award to the Corrections Planning Board Chair Hon. Nancy R. McDonnell. In July 2004, the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections' Cliff Skeen Award for "Excellence in Community Corrections" was awarded to the 407 Prison Diversion Program. Cuyahoga County's 408 Jail Diversion Program was also a past recipient of the Cliff Skeen Award. In addition, the Chief Probation Officer, Vincent Polito, during his term as the interim CCA Board Administrator, was recognized for his contributions to community corrections in the state of Ohio. In the past, the CCA Program Directors, William Kroman and Daniel Peterca, were honored with an award recognizing their contributions to community corrections by their willingness to assist other Ohio counties and their active participation in the CCA Directors organization. In 2001, the 408 Director, Daniel Peterca was awarded the Dr. Simon Dinitz Award by the Ohio Community Corrections Organization (OCCO) for contributions to the improvement of community corrections in Ohio. Mr. Peterca, 408 Jail Diversion Manager, Vincent Polito, former Chief Probation Officer and Maria Nemec, CPB Administrator are all Board of Trustees Members of the Ohio Justice Alliance on Community Corrections.

The Board funds several of the projects listed below jointly with other Cuyahoga County agencies such as the Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board of Cuyahoga County, the Cuyahoga County Community Mental Health Board, and the Cuyahoga County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities. This allows all concerned agencies to maximize the resources available to the community. In addition, the Board participates in the planning and coordination of a number of collaborative projects (e.g., Mental Health Advisory Committee, Cuyahoga County Council on Sex Offender Issues, Justice System Reform Collaborative, Community Based Correctional Facility, Re-Entry Court, Greater Cleveland Drug Court). The Corrections Planning Board also provides fiscal and administrative oversight, as needed, on other grants on behalf of the Adult Probation Department that are separate from CCA. (e.g. BOCC Halfway House Initiative, ADAS Board Jail Reduction, Court Substance Abuse Treatment, CSOM Sex Offender Management Enhancement Grant, Re-Entry Court).

The Corrections Planning Board also serves as the facilitator and coordinator of various criminal justice initiatives between the Court, the Sheriff's Department, the County Prosecutor, and the Cleveland Police Department, as well as with the Cleveland Municipal Court, the City Prosecutor and other concerned agencies.

**ROSTER OF MEMBERS as of December 31, 2006
CUYAHOGA COUNTY CORRECTIONS PLANNING BOARD**

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Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court

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Board of County Commissioners

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Vincent M. Polito, Chief Probation Officer
Cuyahoga County Adult Probation

Kenneth Kochevar, Director
Cuyahoga County Corrections Center

Russell R. Brown, Deputy Court Administrator
Cleveland Municipal Court

Judge Dick Ambrose
Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court

Judge K. J. Montgomery
Shaker Heights Municipal Court

Marcia L. Fudge, Mayor
City of Warrensville Heights

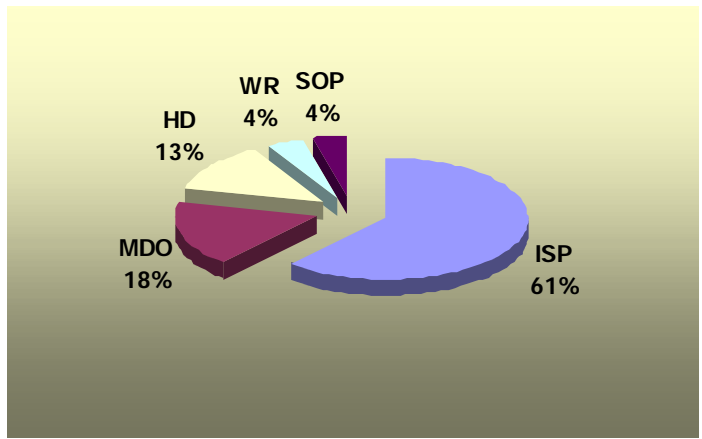
Regina Daniel, Court Administrator
Cleveland Municipal Court

Jacqueline Discenza
Retired, Cleveland Municipal Probation Officer

Paul Jurcisin
Retired CPD

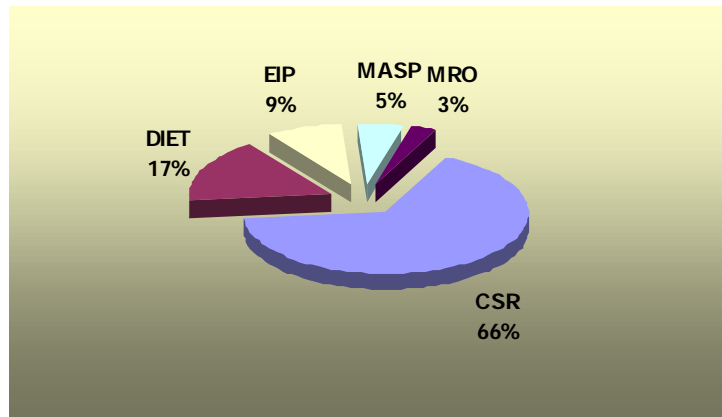
**DIVERSIONS ACHIEVED IN 2008 (January 1, 2008 – December 31, 2008)
FELONY DIVERSION PROJECTS:**

1,216	Intensive Supervision Probation (ISP)
82	Work Release/Treatment Release (WR)
260	Home Detention (Electronic Monitoring) (HD)
348	Mentally Disordered Offender Program (MDO)
78	Sex Offender Program (SOP)
1,984	TOTAL



JAIL DIVERSION PROJECTS:

1,769	Court Supervised Release (CSR)
233	Early Intervention Program (EIP)
136	Misdemeanor Alternative Sentencing (MASP)
78	Mentally Retarded Offender (MRO)
78	Batterer's Intervention Program (BIP)
2,669	TOTAL



407 PRISON / FELONY DIVERSION PROGRAM

- Work Release and Home Detention (Electronic Monitoring)
- Intensive Supervision Project
 - ♦ Intensive Supervision Program (ISP)
 - ♦ Mentally Disordered Offender Program (MDO)
 - ♦ Sex Offender Program
 - ♦ Apprehension Unit
- Staff Training and Development Project
- Substance Abuse Project
 - ♦ Substance Abuse Case Management
 - ♦ Drug Testing

WORK RELEASE and HOME DETENTION: Community Corrections Act funding provides for five full-time supervision officers and a supervisor to staff the Home Detention (Electronic Monitoring) and Work Release Programs. All program and service costs are funded by the Court of Common Pleas. This program is fully utilized and often has a waiting list. For the Work Release Program, an eight-month agreement for \$250,000.00 for calendar year 2008 was secured with Alternative Agency, Inc. by the Court of Common Pleas. Effective December 31, 2008 the Work Release contract expired and no new funding was identified to continue this program in 2009. Despite the lack of funding, the CPB is collaborating with local state-funded Halfway Houses for use of beds for the Work Release program (Please see Probation Department Report for 2008 figures).

INTENSIVE SUPERVISION PROJECT: Community Corrections Act funding reimburses salary costs to staff the Intensive Supervision Program (ISP), the Mentally Disordered Offender Program (MDO) and the Sex Offender Program. All program costs are funded by the Court of Common Pleas. Currently, all programs are filled to capacity. For offenders in the MDO Program, a treatment provider (currently Recovery Resources) selected in cooperation with the local mental health board, which co-funds the project with Court, provides mental health counseling, psychiatric services, medication management and support services. The sex offender program contracts with three services to provide group and individual counseling for sex offenders (Psych & Psych, Lumen (service for the MRO population) and Advanced Psychotherapy Services). Some of the sessions are conducted at the Justice Center for location convenience purposes.

The Apprehension Unit has been in operation since April 1994, having been established with funding from Community Corrections Act Subsidy Funds from the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction. This unit consists of four Sheriff's Deputies, two funded with CCA dollars and two funded by the County Commissioners since September 1997. (Please see Probation Department Report for 2008 figures).

STAFF TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT: In FY 2002, a training specialist position was created to ensure compliance with training requirements. CCA funding reimburses salary and a portion of fringe benefit costs for the Training Specialist. The Staff Development and Training Program's most important task is to provide training and enhance professional standards for probation staff in the CCA grant programs. It strives to meet all CCA program standards in regard to training. Staff have regularly met grant requirements for training hours with innovative training events utilizing in-house facilities and offering a variety of pertinent topics even with a lack of adequate funding within the CCA grants to support the required training hours.

In keeping with the Cuyahoga County Probation Department mission to establish effective alternatives to incarceration and provide evidence-based services for the Court and community, an evidence-based practice

workgroup was formed in February 2007. It consists of 45 staff that includes the Chief, both Deputy Chiefs, 1 Manager, the CCA Board Administrator, 7 Supervisors and Officers representing General Supervision, the ISP Units, Pre-trial Services, and PSI Writers.

Since that time, the group has developed a Vision Statement, a Mission Statement, a set of Core Values, and 4 general Goals. Members of the Workgroup have formed 4 Subgroups to address each of those goals.

SUBGROUP 1: Determine “what works” in our Court. This group took responsibility for on-going EBP literature review, with the information gained to be used in developing an implementation plan for our Department. It’s future activities will deal with fidelity, quality assurance, and measuring outcomes. The group includes the Chief, 1 ISP Supervisor, and Officers representing General Supervision, the ISP Units, and Pre-trial Services.

SUBGROUP 2: Motivate and communicate with Staff. This group took responsibility for crafting a message about evidence-based practices and delivering that message to staff in a convincing way. The group includes 1 General Supervision Supervisor and Officers from General Supervision and ISP Units.

SUBGROUP 3: Educate and train staff. This group took responsibility for developing an EBP training process that provides the entire staff with opportunities to gain knowledge about evidence-based practices and to engage in skill development. The group includes the Chief, a Deputy Chief, a General Supervision Supervisor, an ISP Supervisor and Officers representing both General and ISP Units.

SUB-SUBGROUP 4: Create visual learning tools for staff to support their learning process. This group is an offshoot of the “Educate and Train Staff” subgroup. Its task is to design the learning tools, create them, laminate them and distribute them. The group consists of General Supervision Supervisor, 2 ISP Officers and the Substance Abuse Case Manager.

The goals of Subgroup 4, to educate and train the Judges, was achieved in May 2008 at a judicial seminar designed to inform the bench about evidence-based practice in sentencing, and about its connection to evidence-based practice in corrections.

The subgroups meet about once per month. The larger Workgroup (which we have since named the EBP Executive Workgroup) meets quarterly so that reports from the subgroups can be shared and overall planning can be coordinated.

Lastly, the Training Specialist is creating an EBP curriculum for staff skill development. Ten staff have volunteered to be trained as trainers.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM: The Substance Abuse program targets offenders with drug and alcohol problems. Various activities are utilized as a coordinated system process to deal with substance abusing offenders including centralized case management for referring and managing offenders placed in various residential substance abuse treatment programs.

With CCA funding, the Adult Probation Department continues to provide centralized case management, staffed by a Centralized Case Manager and an Administrative Aide, for both assessment and treatment referrals. One case manager coordinates all offender referrals for substance abuse assessment and treatment services, and manages offenders throughout treatment. Defendants and probationers are selected to participate in the program based on an evaluation of Bail Bond Investigation reports, Pre-sentence Investigation reports, Risk/Needs Assessment, and Alcohol and Drug Assessment. They may be referred as a condition of probation. Drug dependent persons requesting Intervention in Lieu of Conviction under O.R.C. 2951.041 may also be referred for treatment.

The Corrections Planning Board also manages treatment contracts not funded by CCA dollars: Common

Pleas Court treatment contract, the Halfway House Initiative and the Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board Jail Reduction contracts. As of 2005 the local Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board and the Board of Cuyahoga County Commissioners had dedicated funding for jail reduction efforts. Prior to the availability of these dollars the average length of stay in jail for offenders waiting admission to treatment was approximately 45 days. As a direct result of additional funding, the average length of time spent by offenders waiting for a placement is 14 days. The most difficult clients to place continue to be those dually diagnosed with a mental illness, which complicates treatment, or those with a prior sex offense or arson conviction.

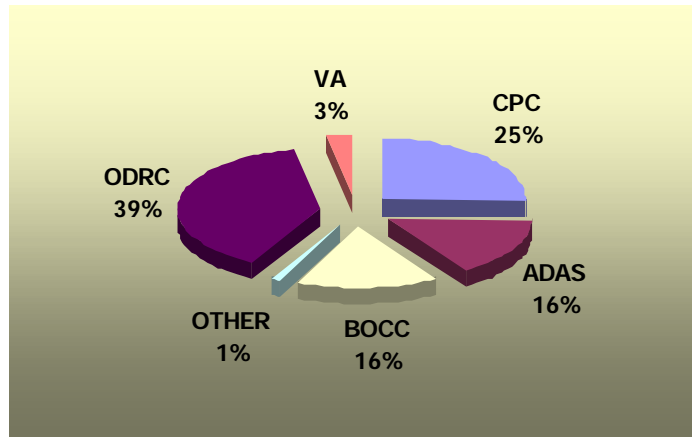
In 2008:

- The Common Pleas Court continued to fund 26 contract treatment beds serving **257** offenders at the following agencies:
 - ♦ Catholic Charities (Matt Talbot Inn & Matt Talbot for Women) (107 offenders)
 - ♦ Fresh Start (96 offenders)
 - ♦ ORCA house (44 offenders)

- The BOCC funded Halfway House Initiative served **170** offenders at the following agencies:
 - ♦ Alternative Agency
 - ♦ ARCA
 - ♦ Community Assessment Treatment Services
 - ♦ Fresh Start
 - ♦ Oriana House
 - ♦ Salvation Army

- The ADAS funded Jail Reduction served **94** residential placements at the following agencies:
 - ♦ Catholic Charities
 - ♦ Fresh Start
 - ♦ Community Assessment Treatment Services
 - ♦ ORCA
 - ♦ Hitchcock House
 - ♦ HUMADAOP/CASA ALMA

- In addition to above funding streams, the Centralized Case Management Program utilizes funding made available by:
 - ♦ Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction ODRC dollars funded 215 halfway house placements for offenders receiving inpatient substance abuse treatment services and 152 halfway house placements for offenders in need of residential support following completion of primary substance abuse treatment, and 71 Community Based Corrections Facility placements at: Oriana House and Northwest Community Corrections Center, Lorain/Medina
 - ♦ CCA Contract – Emergency Treatment - One time funds: 10 residential placements
 - ♦ ADAS Board Indigent Funds: 72 residential placements
 - ♦ Veterans Administration funds: 32 residential placements
 - ♦ Other funding – grants
 - ♦ Community Assessment Treatment Foundation (124 offenders)
 - ♦ CASA ALMA (9 offenders)
 - ♦ Y-Haven (3 offenders)



- **1,002** offenders were placed into residential drug/alcohol treatment programs through the Probation Department Centralized Case Management program:
- 55 offenders were placed into Halfway house Initiative contracted beds by the Jail Reduction (MASP) Coordinator who works with municipal courts to reduce County Jail usage.
- To comply with court orders, the Centralized Case Manager **referred 1,634** offenders to Treatment Alternatives to Street Crime (TASC) for assessments, case management and referral to treatment.
- TASC completed **1,220** chemical dependency assessments:
 - ♦ **645** Jail Reductions
 - ♦ **65** Pre-sentence Investigation assessments (Note: TASC stopped conducting assessments at PSI stage in April 2008.)
 - ♦ **501** Post Sentence (Referrals for Assessment & Case Management and Assessment Only)

TASC admitted **176** offenders into Case Management

The Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas Drug Testing Laboratory operates under Community Corrections funding for its staff and provides drug of abuse testing for CCA and other probation programs. Laboratory staff that collect, test and report drug of abuse test results, has been increased from six individuals in 1995 to a staff of 11 full-time and one part-time staff in 2008. A five-year contract (July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2012) for instrumentation and reagents was awarded to ThermoFisher Scientific, Inc. (formerly Microgenics). (Please see Probation Department Report for 2008 figures).

408 JAIL / MISDEMEANOR DIVERSION GRANT

Jail Population Reduction Project

- Court Supervised Release (CSR) Unit
- Offenders with Mental Retardation (MRO) Program
- Early Intervention Program (EIP)
- Misdemeanor Alternative Sentencing Program
- Batterer's Intervention Program (BIP)

The Jail Population Reduction Project began as a Community Corrections Act project in 1994. The project's overall goal is to reduce jail overcrowding by reducing unnecessary pretrial detention and case processing delay and by better utilization of limited local jail space for appropriate offenders. First, through a number

of collaborative criminal justice initiatives and activities in Cuyahoga County, case processing procedures are examined to identify and resolve difficulties and delays. Second, the project gears its activities to developing and operating community control programs described below to reduce commitments and the average length of stay in local jails.

COURT SUPERVISED RELEASE PROGRAM: The Court Supervised Release Program became part of the Community Corrections Plan in FY1995. CSR is implemented by the Adult Probation Department whereby close to 2,000 felony cases a year are released from pretrial detention in the County Jail to the supervision of a pretrial officer as a condition of a bond. Community Corrections Act funding reimburses salaries and a portion of fringe benefits for CSR staff including 7 supervision officers, two who specialize in the supervision of mentally disordered or mentally disabled offenders. All program costs are funded by the Court of Common Pleas. (Please see Probation Department Report for 2008 figures).

OFFENDERS WITH MENTAL RETARDATION (MRO) PROBATION UNIT: MR/DD offenders are often sentenced to probation in the specialized MRO Unit. The unit officers, specially trained to work with MR/DD offenders, work closely with the MR/DD case manager. Together the team provides services and information; treatment planning; referral and community placement; determination of offender compliance with case plans, supervision enforcement of treatment plan and other court orders. Community Corrections Act funding reimburses salary and a portion of fringe benefits for the two supervision officers that staff the unit. CCA funding also provides the cash match for a contract with the local MR/DD Board. (Please see Probation Department Report for 2008 figures).

EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM (EIP): The goal of the Early Intervention Program (EIP) is to identify and intervene early in the criminal justice process for those offenders who are in need of substance abuse, and/or mental health services. The program is modeled, in part, on the Greater Cleveland Drug Court, and targets first-time, non-violent felony offenders. Community Corrections Act funding reimburses salary and a portion of fringe benefits for the 2 supervision officers that staff the program. CCA funding also funds a TASC case manager as well as a contract with the Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board for an IOP treatment provider, currently Community Assessment Treatment Services (CATS). (Please see Probation Department Report for 2008 figures).

MISDEMEANOR ALTERNATIVE SENTENCING/JAIL REDUCTION: The Misdemeanor Alternative Sentencing Program (MASP) identifies, recommends, and provides limited community-based sanctions (e.g., electronic monitoring), supervision, and substance abuse and mental health treatment to eligible misdemeanant offenders sentenced to the County Jail. The program began as an informal agreement with Garfield Heights Municipal Court in 1997. By FY 2000, with the assistance of CCA funding, it was expanded as a pilot project that included 12 municipal courts. Community Corrections Act funding reimburses salary and fringe benefits for the supervision / investigation officer that staffs the program. Program costs are funded by the Court of Common Pleas. (Please see Probation Department Report for 2008 figures).

DOMESTIC INTERVENTION, EDUCATION and TRAINING (D.I.E.T.): In September 2006, the Cleveland Municipal Court commenced the D.I.E.T. program to provide domestic violence education for offenders charged with misdemeanor and felony domestic violence offenses in Cleveland Municipal Court, Common Pleas Court, or the suburban municipal courts. The program is 16 weeks long and is held at two different locations, downtown and at the Cleveland Probation Department's West Office. The D.I.E.T. program fills a void left when the Batterers' Intervention Project (BIP) closed in June of 2006. The D.I.E.T. program is funded with Community Corrections Act dollars through a yearly contract with the Cuyahoga County Corrections Planning Board. From January to December 2008, the program admitted 453 new offenders to the program.

RETRIAL UNIT'S COURT SUPERVISED RELEASE (C.S.R.) PROGRAM

Court Supervised Release involves the bail investigation and supervision of defendants charged with felonies, who prior to disposition, are released into the community under supervision with a personal or financial bond.

The following represents defendant's released under Court Supervised Release as well as defendants receiving additional or specialized pretrial supervision services including; the Domestic Violence Program, Early Intervention Program, Greater Cleveland Drug Court candidates, as well as Mentally Disordered and Retarded Offenders.

	2007	2008	PERCENT CHANGE
Number of individuals released from jail under Court Supervised Release supervision as a condition of a bond	1,994	1,967	- .01%
Number of individuals under C.S.R. supervision as of December 31, 2007	786	932	+19%
Total bond Investigations by C.S.R. staff	3,693	3,833	+04%
Total releases from County Jail as a result of Bond Investigations	1,436	1,956	+36%

**DISTRIBUTION OF INDIVIDUALS
RELEASED UNDER C.S.R. SUPERVISION**

	2007	2008	PERCENT CHANGE
Cleveland Municipal Court	543	565	+04%
Common Pleas Court	1,436	1,376	-04%
Transferred from Diversion	15	26	+73%
TOTALS	1,994	1,967	-01%

TOTAL RELEASES GRANTED C.S.R. SUPERVISION AS A CONDITION OF PERSONAL BOND

Year	Total	Percentage (+/- prev. year)	Average Per Month
2008	1,967	-01%	163.91
2007	1,994	-6%	166.17
2006	2,111	-1%	175.92
2005	2,124	-8%	177.00
2004	2,327	+10%	193.91
2003	2,118	-1%	176.05
2002	2,145	+3%	178.75
2001	2,087	+62%	173.92
2000	1,292	+9%	107.67
1999	1,118	-16%	98.06
1998	1,402	+36%	116.83
1997	1,029	-28%	85.75
1996	1,420	+6%	118.33
1995	1,335	-3%	111.25
1994	1,377	2008 Annual Report 2%	114.75

DIVERSION PROGRAM

The Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office began the Pretrial Diversion Program in conjunction with the Court of Common Pleas in March 1993.

The program was established pursuant to Revised Code 2935.36. It is designed for persons charged with non-violent and non-drug related crimes, who have no previous felony convictions or patterns of adult or juvenile criminal behavior.

The program had been divided into two types, welfare cases and non-welfare cases. However, in January 2000, the Pretrial Unit began supervision of all newly granted welfare diversion cases.

The Pretrial Unit provides services to the County Prosecutor's Pretrial Diversion Program. Services currently consist of:

1. Completing extensive criminal record checks on both welfare and non-welfare felony diversion candidates.
2. Conducting investigations including interviews, determining restitution amounts and recipients and evaluations of eligibility.
3. Supervision of all diversion cases (supervision activities include urinalysis, community work service, restitution, court costs, supervision fees, etc..)

In 2008, the Court Supervised Release Unit has performed the following activities.

Record Checks	2007	2008	Percent Change
1. Total number of welfare record checks completed	50	53	+06%
2. Total number of non-welfare record checks completed	845	837	-01%
3. Total number of record checks	895	890	-01%
Total found eligible	660	610	-08%
Total found non-eligible	235	280	+19%
Total number of non-welfare investigations and interviews conducted	540	596	+10%
Supervision activities of diversion defendants:	2007	2008	Percent Change
1. Number placed on diversion	599	596	+005%
2. Number of urine samples taken:	1,368	1,121	-18%
3. Number of referrals to Court Community Service	740	756	+02%
Total placements	672	692	+03%
Total hours assigned:	35,156	35,296	+04%
Total hours completed:	26,233	26,437	+01%
4. Defendants removed from Diversion Program			
Total removed:	507	616	+68%
Successful completions:	342	418	Percent of Total Removed (68% of total)
Unsuccessful completions:	168	198	Percent of Total Removed (32% of total)

PROBATION DEPARTMENT TRAINING

Cuyahoga County's Probation Department conducted a number of trainings for staff during 2008. The Department allowed staff to attend a number of relevant training events during the calendar year. Some staff members were also involved in presenting trainings throughout the State in the field of community corrections. This report shall summarize some of the significant information pertaining to the various training programs attended by probation staff in 2008. Many of the trainings involved motivational interviewing and evidence based practices modalities, as the Department has made a commitment to moving toward a community corrections evidence based practices paradigm.

Ms. Andrea Gorman helped to coordinate a number of significant training events during the year for our Department. Many of our staff members were cross-trained. This training consisted of exposing our staff to trainings in our special projects area, such as our mentally retarded, mentally disordered, intensive supervision, pretrial, interstate, and sex offenders units. These trainings accounted for 139.5 hours, and were attend by 410 persons.

Our Department's trainer also conducted trainings for our interns, newly hired officers and new supervisors. Our Department conducted 249 hours of training for newly hired officers, and also held trainings on legal issues, diversity, time management and emergency procedures.

Evidence based practices trainings for trainers were also conducted between the months of September to December. Attendees received training on training skills and the needs assessment. This core consisted of 10.5 hours of training.

Probation Department staff also attended fifty (50) different outside trainings held in 2008. Some of the programs were free, such as those put on by the local alcohol and drug board, and some were held for specific members of the Probation Department, such as "Women and Money" and the "Women's Leadership Conference." Staff members also were involved in presentations at professional conferences, local universities, other agencies, school career days and at the State Training Institute.

Staff members were afforded opportunities to attend 500 hours of professional development training by outside agencies and programs during 2008. Trainings were also arranged for our judges, as some were afforded the opportunity to visit a state prison. Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas Judges were also given the opportunity to attend a full-day evidence based training seminar. A workshop was also conducted for our jurists on Ohio's Offender Risk Assessment Instrument during the year.

The evidence based practice executive committee was also heavily involved in coordinating training for staff during the year. Recommendations for training were made by the various subcommittees. There were as follows: Education and Training, Motivation and Communication, Research and Outcomes, Visual Tools & Court Personnel. Many of these committee members were also involved in training staff, and underwent numerous training sessions in order to prepare themselves to instruct staff on the various aspects of the evidence based practices paradigm.

An Evidence-Based Practice Workgroup was created to explore implementation of Evidence Based Practices (EBP) in the Probation Department. The Evidence-Based Practice Workgroup held a daylong Retreat. The retreat solidified the initiative with a Vision Statement, Mission Statement, set of Core Values, and set of general Goals.

2008 HONOR ROLL OF EMPLOYEES OF THE COURT

with 25 or more years of service with the Court:

Richard O. Althoff	Assistant Shorthand Reporter
Michael H. Bajorek	Probation Officer Supervisor
Kathleen A. Barry	Data Entry Clerk
Laura M. Bates	Support Staff
John T. Bilinski	Probation Officer
William Birce	Asst. Bond Commissioner
Leo Blatt	Bailiff
Paula Britton	Administrative Aide I
Douglas Buford	Probation Officer
Dianne A. Burkhart	Office Manager
Michael F. Callahan	Probation Officer Supervisor
Jacalyn Costello	Deputy Bond Commissioner
Denise Davala	Support Staff
Lino A. DeSapri	Assistant Shorthand Reporter
Peggy J. Dunlap	Support Staff
Edward Dutton	Psychiatrist
Cheryl Fietko	Administrative Assistant
Fred Ford	Probation Officer
Eileen Gallagher	Jury Bailiff Director
Sherry Halasy	Clerk Typist
Valerie G. Hamlet	Secretary
Vincent Holland	Chief Probation Officer
Mary C. Hooper	Office Manager
Stanley L. Hubbard	Probation Officer
Daniel Kaleal	Probation Officer
Joseph J. Keppler	Probation Officer
Robert Kozub	Bond Commissioner
Teresa Keyes	Judicial Secretary
Dorothy E. Lawson	Bailiff
Darlene Louth	Probation Officer
Margaret A. Mazzeo	Scheduler
Anita L. Moose	Assistant Shorthand Reporter
Virginia O'Haire	Administrative Assistant Administration
Daniel E. Peterca	Manager, Pretrial
Phillip Resnick	Director, Psychiatric Clinic
Anthony J. Rinella	Probation Officer
Gilbert J. Ryan	Bailiff
Timothy Schaefer	Assistant Shorthand Reporter
Susan Sheehan	Bailiff
Patricia A. Simmons	Judicial Secretary
Dennis Spremulli	Probation Officer Supervisor
Craig Stewart	Assistant Shorthand Reporter
Richard N. Sunyak	Central Scheduling Supervisor

Carol Tolbert..... Probation Officer
 Armatha Uwagie-Ero Clerical Supervisor
 Thomas C. Walters..... Assistant Shorthand Reporter
 Joanne M. Widlak Probation Officer Supervisor
 Anthony C. Williams..... Probation Officer
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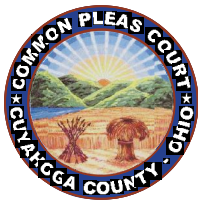
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 Deborah A. Maddox..... Administrative Aide I
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 Nancy Nunes Assistant Shorthand Reporter
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 Janna Phillips..... Probation Officer Supervisor
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 Jeffrey J. Ragazzo..... Assistant Shorthand Reporter
 Melissa Singer Probation Officer Supervisor
 Gerianne Stroh..... Probation Officer
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 Sheila Walters..... Assistant Shorthand Reporter

With 10 to 19 years of service with the Court:

Veronica Adams.....	Administrative Assistant Administration
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Lisa S. Austin	Probation Officer
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Linda Bixel	Bailiff
Gary A. Bolinger	Probation Officer
Michael T. Brady.....	Probation Officer
Molly L. Breninghouse	Chief Deputy Probation Officer
Angie Bryant.....	Probation Officer
Stephen Bucha, III	Foreclosure Magistrate Director
Dewey D. Buckner	Probation Officer
Erika D. Bush	Asst. Office Manager
Michael Cain	Probation Officer
Michael Caso	Chief Social Worker
Joseph Cassidy	Probation Officer
Janet Charney	Chief Judicial Secretary
Jarvis A. Clark.....	Probation Officer
John B. Coakley.....	Probation Officer
Mary Jean Cooley.....	Assistant Shorthand Reporter
Laura Creed	Assistant Chief Staff Attorney
Mitzi Bradley Cunard	Support Staff
Amy Cuthbert.....	Foreclosure Magistrate
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Michelle L. Davis	Administrative Aide
Shaunte Dixon	Probation Officer
Mary A. Donnelly	Probation Officer
Marlene Ebner	Assistant Shorthand Reporter
Margaret Elliott.....	Tech Specialists
Mary Kay Ellis	Fee Bill Coordinator
Brian Ely.....	Probation Officer
Teresa Faulhaber.....	Librarian
Reynaldo Feliciano	Probation Officer
Daniel Feran	Probation Officer
Steven Flowe	Probation Officer
Anna Foley.....	Schedular
Eileen F. Fox	Bailiff
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Marilyn Kennedy	Probation Officer
Karl Kimbrough.....	Probation Officer
Sandra Kormos.....	Bailiff
Edward J. Kovacic	Grand Jury Clerk
Michelle L. Kozak	Cashier/Bookkeeper
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James P. Lally	Assistant Bond Commissioner
Paul Ley.....	Assistant Director Information Systems
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Paul Lucas.....	Foreclosure Magistrate
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Kelli Summers.....	Probation Officer
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Nicole Thomas.....	Probation Officer
Pamela Thompson	Cashier/Bookkeeper
John Tierney	Assistant Bond Commissioner
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Lawrence R. Wallace.....	Bailiff
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Kimberlee Warren	Probation Officer
Rebecca B. Wetzal	ADR Administrator
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