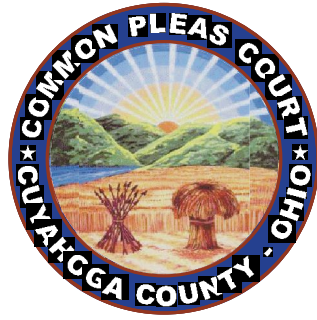


Cuyahoga County



Common Pleas Court *General Division* **2007** **ANNUAL REPORT**

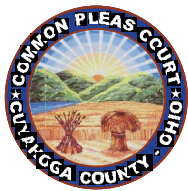


Nancy R. McDonnell
Administrative and Presiding Judge

2007-CUYAHOGA COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS-GENERAL DIVISION JUDGES

- Row 1: Janet R. Burnside; Judith Kilbane Koch; Timothy E. McMonagle; Nancy R. McDonnell; Eileen T. Gallagher; José A. Villanueva; Bridget M. McCafferty;
- Row 2: Ronald Suster; Carolyn B. Friedland; Daniel Gaul; Richard J. McMonagle; Timothy J. McGinty; Shirley Strickland
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- Row 4: Timothy McCormick; Michael P. Donnelly; Peter J. Corrigan; John P. O'Donnell; Steven J. Terry; Michael J. Russo; John J. Russo;

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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 2007 was one of innovation and change for the Court of Common Pleas. Through the efforts of 34 Judges and over 450 employees, our Court disposed of 58,719 cases, including 704 jury trials and 448 bench trials.

Specialized dockets have become the norm for modern courts. We have established such an approach in the areas of mental health and reentry. Judge Timothy E. McMonagle leads our Mental Health Court with the assistance of Judges Lillian J. Greene, José A. Villanueva, John D. Sutula and John P. O'Donnell. These judges have received specialized training in the field to ensure that the unique needs of the defendants are met and the safety of the community is paramount.

Judge Nancy Margaret Russo is now serving on the newly created Reentry Court. The goal of this Court is to identify those defendants in prison who would benefit from intensive services upon an early release from prison and start them on a track of successful reentry into the community.

The foreclosure crisis continues to besiege our county. Judge Eileen T. Gallagher heads the Court Foreclosure Committee. In an attempt to combat blight in our communities an abandoned and vacant property docket has been established. By tracking these properties, communities are assisted in ensuring well maintained properties throughout the foreclosure process. The department continues to meet the challenge of additional workload due to the increase in foreclosure case filings.

Judges Timothy J. McGinty, Bridget M. McCafferty, Dick Ambrose, Michael P. Donnelly, Kathleen Sutula, Steven J. Terry and myself all serve on the newly created Judicial Advisory Board of the Community Based Correctional Facility (CBCF). The Board and County Commissioners together appointed dedicated community leaders to the Facility Governing Board of the CBCF which is chaired by Al Sanchez. A site on Croton Road in Cleveland has been chosen and it is expected that construction will begin in the next year. Both boards visited a number of existing CBCF's throughout the state as planning for our facility moves forward. The CBCF will be a useful tool as a sentencing option for judges.

I am especially grateful to Judge Eileen A. Gallagher who serves as the Acting Administrative Judge in my absence. Her willingness to serve and her guidance has been invaluable both to myself and to the Court.

The 34 judges of the Court as well as our employees have worked diligently to ensure the tradition of outstanding administration of justice continues here in Cuyahoga County. We are all honored and privileged to serve the citizens of this great county.

Very truly yours,

Nancy R. McDonnell
Presiding/Administrative Judge

JUDGES OF THE COMMON PLEAS COURT
GENERAL DIVISION
CUYAHOGA COUNTY – 2007

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 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

SUMMARY FOR THE COURT

January - December 2007

	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	449	76	3931	1159	11492	138	5	5003	5215	27468	112
New cases filed	2	400	58	4591	1750	14267	167	X	12892	16578	50703	0
Cases transferred in, reactivated or redesignated	3	90	9	663	338	2063	14	3	463	2741	6384	193
TOTAL (Add lines 1-3)	4	939	143	9185	3247	27822	319	8	18358	24534	84555	305
TERMINATIONS BY:												
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	T	V	
Jury Trial	5	28	1	137	14	0	0	42	482	704	92	
Court Trial	6	0	0	8	4	28	1	55	352	448	7	
Settled or dismissed prior to trial	7	11	2	58	31	0	1	3	29	15	0	
Dismissal	8	365	32	3612	1378	327	89	1	4336	1296	11436	44
Dismissal for lack of speedy trial (criminal) or want of prosecution (civil)	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Magistrate	10	0	0	0	16928	0	0	13	X	16941	2	
Diversion or arbitration	11	1	2	90	0	0	0	100	1075	1268	0	
Guilty or no contest plea to original charge (criminal); Default (civil)	12	5	1	311	2	626	1	5041	9928	15915	0	
Guilty or no contest plea to reduced charge	13	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	3671	3671	0	
Unavailability of party for trial or sentencing	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1709	1709	0	
Transfer to another judge or court	15	88	25	671	379	652	10	1	567	663	3056	3
Referral to private judge	16	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	X	1	0	
Bankruptcy stay or interlocutory appeal	17	10	3	64	3	100	1	270	3	454	0	
Other terminations	18	43	9	489	150	274	80	1	1878	42	2966	129
TOTAL (Add lines 5-18)	19	551	75	5440	1961	18936	183	6	12331	19236	58719	277
Pending end of period (Subtract line 19 from line 4)	20	388	68	3745	1286	8886	136	2	6027	5298	25836	28
		24	24	24	12	12	9	36	24	6	X	X
Cases pending beyond time guideline	21	40	3	116	86	1080	60	0	153	773	2311	0
Number of months oldest case is beyond time guideline	22	81	23	68	61	84	49	0	108	125	X	0
Cases submitted awaiting sentencing or judgement beyond time guideline	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

ADMINISTRATION

THOMAS J. POKORNY

Court Administrator

JAMES W. GINLEY

Deputy Court Administrator/Director of Fiscal Operations

GREGORY M. POPOVICH

Director of Training and Development

TOTAL STAFF:

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

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 2007 a total of 37,768 civil cases were filed/reactivated. A total of 16,578 new criminal arraignments (and 2,741 reactivations) were brought for a total of 57,087 new cases/reactivations. The Court finished calendar year 2006 with 27,463 cases pending. Calendar year 2007 concluded with 25,836 cases pending. The Court saw the increase in its clearance rate exceed 100%.

Of the civil docket 14,267 cases were foreclosures, an increase of nearly 5% from 2006. In all, foreclosure cases comprised 40% 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 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 704 instances, including 482 criminal cases and 222 civil jury trials, on average 20 per Judge. The Judges conducted 448 bench trials in 2007. Jury trials were down slightly from 2006, while bench trials remained roughly the same.

Jury Trials require a different skill set from a negotiated plea or settlement. Jury trials consume more time, involve more personnel and are therefore more costly. In 2007 the number of jury trials decreased by 47 or 15% from 2006.

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.

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 2007 were site selection and securing of funding by the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction.

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 2007. 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.

Projects were piloted in Shaker Heights, Lakewood, Parma and Cleveland Municipal Court. 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.

Plans were initiated for the appointment of a Visiting Judge to preside over additional proceedings within the Court prior to arraignment.

Presiding Judge Nancy R. McDonnell co-chaired the Justice Reform Governing Board with County Commissioner Tim Hagan.

FISCAL

JAMES W. GINLEY

Deputy Court Administrator / Director of Fiscal Operations

The 2007 actual General Fund Expenses at **\$44,418,188** 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 2007 expenditures listed by individual budget are as follows:

Judicial Administration Budget \$21,663,891 - This included funding for the following departments: *Judicial, Administration, Bailiffs, Jury Bailiffs, Jury Commission, Judicial Staff Attorneys, and Judges' Secretaries*.

Magistrates Budget \$1,362,920 - This included funding for the following departments: *Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) / Mediation, and Foreclosure*.

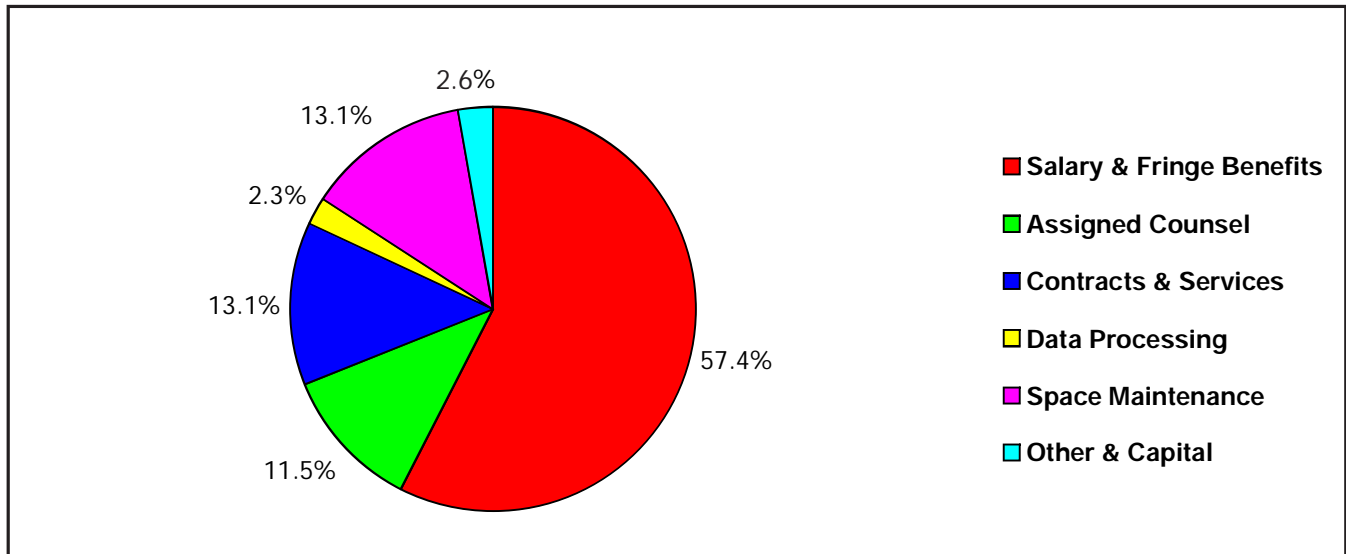
Court Services Budget \$8,295,648 - This includes funding for the following departments: *Central Scheduling, Court Systems, Data Entry, Court Reporters, Criminal Records, and Information Systems*.

Probation/Psychiatric Budget \$12,781,841 - This includes funding for the following departments: *Probation, Corrections Planning Board, and the Court Psychiatric Clinic*.

The Law Library at \$226,688 and the Legal Research Budget's expenses at \$87,200 complete the cost of the General Fund operational requirements for 2007.

COMMON PLEAS COURT

2007 - GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES



Salary & Fringe Benefits	25,491,669
Assigned Counsel	5,100,570
Contracts & Services	5,797,202
Data Processing	1,027,018
Space Maintenance	5,814,097
Other & Capital	1,187,632
TOTAL	\$44,418,188

The Pie Chart above summarizes the Court's General Fund Expenditures for 2007. 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 2007 the total number of arraigned indigent defendants was 13,101 of that total, 4,452 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 30% of the total expenditure.

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ASBESTOS DOCKET

JUDGE HARRY A. HANNA
JUDGE LEO M. SPELLACY
JUSTICE FRANCIS E. SWEENEY
WALTER F. CAMPBELL, NOREEN A. HEALEY, ROBERT H. MOONEY, Bailiffs

Asbestos Docket Activity December 31, 2006 to December 31, 2007

Pending Cases:

Active cases pending 12-31-2006	37,377
Cases filed and transferred in	+ <u>266</u>
Total pending and t/i during the period:	37,643

Final Dispositions:	- <u>1,696</u>
Active cases pending 12-31-2006	35,947

<u>Partial dispositions:</u>	<u>154,121</u>
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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.

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

REBECCA B. WETZEL ADR

Administrator

ELIZABETH A. HICKEY

Mediator

TOTAL STAFF:

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

The ADR Department is located on the fourth floor of the Justice Center across from the Cafeteria. The Department provides four methods of alternative dispute resolution for the Court; arbitration, mediation, mediation after arbitration and business mediation under Local Rule 21.2(E).

In 2007 ADR held three settlement days and one arbitrator training seminar. Both programs were very successful and well received. Three Settlement days are currently planned for 2008.

The total number of cases referred to the ADR Department in 2007 was 1,486 of which 672 were disposed for a 45% 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 2006

	2007	Since Inception (May 1970)
Total Cases Referred	398	76,896
Arbitration Referral Vacated	22	3,126
Net Total Arbitration Referrals	376	73,660
Report & Awards Filed	284	51,840
Total Appeal de Novo Filed	115	14,800

FINAL ENTRIES

	2007	Since Inception (May 1970)
Arbitration Cases settled via Mediation	11	N/A
Arbitration Cases Settled (no fees paid)	88	20,101
Awards Reduced to Judgment	159	N/A
Bankruptcy	0	N/A
Appeals Disposed	93	12,875
TOTAL FINAL ENTRIES	351	

PERCENTAGES 2006
(based on 440 net referrals)

Arbitration Cases Resolved via Mediation	3%
Arbitration Cases Settled before Hearing	23%
Arbitration Cases Appealed	29%
Arbitration Awards Appealed	31%
Arbitration Awards Reduced to Judgment	42%
Arbitration Appeals Resolved via Settlement	81%
Arbitration Appeals Resolved via Jury Trial	16%

Mediation

Mediation is the most widely used method of ADR. It is a non-binding process for the resolution of a dispute where a person who is not a party to the dispute assists the parties in negotiating the resolution of contested issues. Mediations are set up on a voluntary basis by opposing counsel who are contacted by the Court Mediator. 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 2007

Total Cases Referred to Court Mediation	986
Total Cases Mediated	794
Total Cases Settled by Mediation	347
Percentage of Settlements	44%
Total Appeals Mediated	6
Appeals Settled in Mediation	6
Percentage of Mediated Appeals Settled	100%

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 2007

Total Cases Referred to Mediation	124
Total Completed Mediations	98
Total Settlements	61
Percentage of Settlements	62%

CENTRAL SCHEDULING DEPARTMENT

RICHARD SUNYAK

Director of Operations

ROBERT ODON

Supervisor of Central Scheduling

Total Staff:

- 1 Director
- 1 Supervisor
- 17 Schedulers
- 6 Visiting Judge Bailiffs
- 2 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 30 employees.

CENTRAL SCHEDULING DEPARTMENT

The year 2007 has brought continuing changes to the operation of the Court of Common Pleas. Our implementation of safety & security measures has included additional training of new staff in emergency evacuation procedures and the distribution and update of emergency evacuation material to courtrooms and other departments in addition 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 departments.

Each scheduler is normally assigned two courtrooms but is often called upon to assume additional duties in order to cover for absent employees.

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 2007, **13,050** vouchers were prepared, examined for errors and submitted for distribution of funds. This figure represents a slight increase from 2006 and continues the increasing pattern over the last several years

JAIL POPULATION CONTROL

In 2005, our department was supplemented with two clerks from the Data Entry Department. These jail population control liaisons are 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. In 2006, through their 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.



VISITING JUDGE PROGRAM

The Visiting Judge Program is managed by the Supervisor of Central Scheduling and consists of 15 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 2007, in addition to the specialized Asbestosis/Workers' Compensation and Asbestos/Beryllium dockets, the Visiting Judge Program disposed of **231 civil cases and 29 criminal cases**. Of those, **75 cases were disposed of by settlement**, which results in a **34% settlement rate** for this year. Collectively, the judges were in trial a total of **409** days.

JUDGE	CASES DISPOSED	CASES SETTLED
Corrigan, Michael	31	8
Coyne, William	50	41
Curran, Thomas *	10	2
Feighan, Robert	6	0
George, Joyce	3	0
Griffin, Burt	14	6
Kelly, R. Patrick	19	9
Lawther, Robert	9	2
Markus, Richard	14	4
McAllister, Ralph	31	10
Nahra, Joseph	6	1
Porter, James	23	9
Schneiderman, Ted	5	1
Spellacy, Leo *	10	8
Sweeney, James D.	19	4

* In addition to the Asbestos Docket

We welcomed the Honorable Michael J. Corrigan and R. Patrick Kelly to the ranks of our visiting judges this year. We hope that they will continue to add wisdom & expertise to our program. On the negative side, we were saddened by the passing of the Honorable John Patton, who was scheduled to conclude his final year as a visiting judge before reaching the mandatory retirement age of 80. He will be sorely missed. In addition, the Honorable Robert Feighan & Robert Lawther both reached the age of mandatory retirement and will no longer be able to serve us as they have so admirably in the past.

The Asbestos/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, disposed of a total of **1,696** cases during the past year although there were an additional **266** cases filed & transferred to those dockets. This leaves a total of **35,947** cases pending at the end of 2007. 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.

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
- 1 IT Support Staff

In 2007, 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 over 16,500 arraignments and diversions, and a similar number of cases in the Grand Jury.

The average number of Court Reporter assignments to court per day in 2007 was fifty six (56). This includes Arraignments, Grand Jury, reporters in trial, and requests for court reporters in the morning and afternoon sessions. Each reporter, on average, reported the proceedings in one thousand five hundred and eighty five (1,585) different matters.

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.

Realtime reporting, the instantaneous translation from the court reporter's steno machine to a computer terminal, should be coordinated with the Chief Court Reporter. The Court Reporters Department regularly provides realtime reporting throughout the year for hearing impaired jurors as well as hearing impaired attorneys so that they are able to participate in the judicial process and in order for the County to be in compliance with the American with Disabilities Act. The Court Reporters Department has also provided realtime reporting for Domestic Relations Court as well as the Foreclosure Department in order that hearing-impaired individuals were able to 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
- 2 Clerical
- 1 Office Manager
- 5 Bond Investigators
- 1 Post-Arrestment Clerks
- 2 Grand Jury Bailiffs
- 2 Arrestment Room Clerks
- 2 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.

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 5,632 bail investigations during 2007.

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 Arrestment Room Judge, so that a defendant may be properly arraigned. The Judge proceeds with the Arrestment, 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 Arrestment 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 2007 there were 23,368

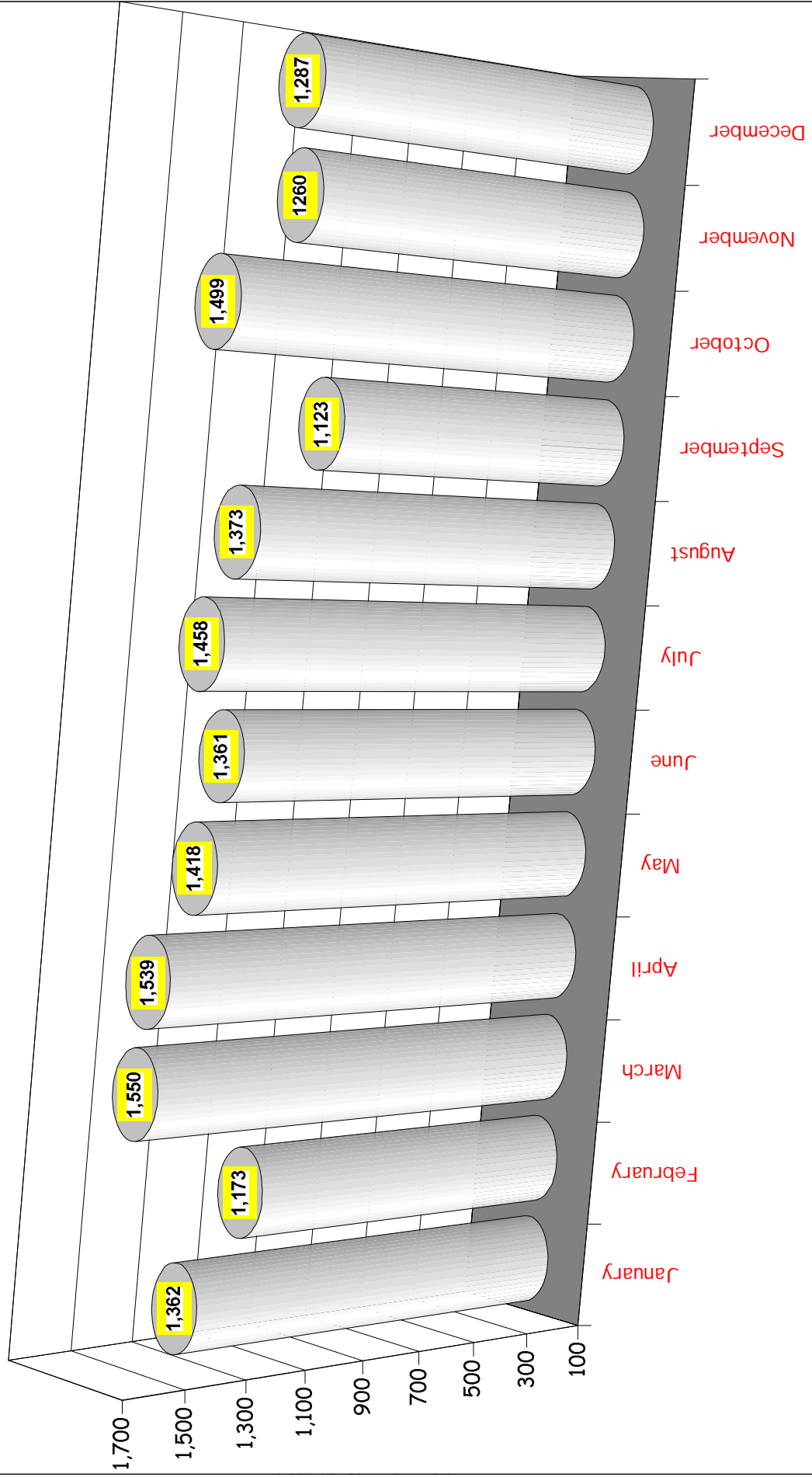
scheduled arraignments. The staff maintains detailed statistics on the defendants who are scheduled for and appear at arraignment, capiases issued and assignments to private counsel and the Public Defender.

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.

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 pilot projects at the request of various Judicial Committees.

Common Pleas Court Monthly Felony Arraignments 2007

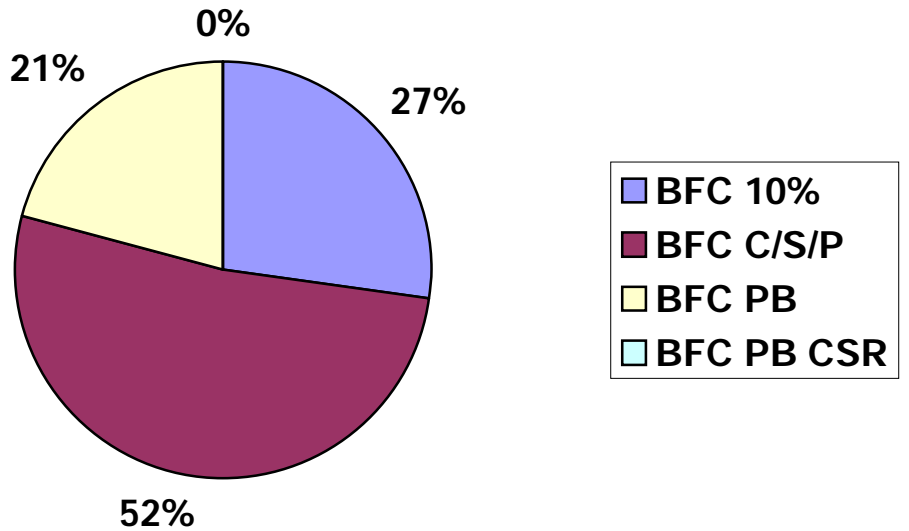


ARRAIGNMENT ROOM 2007

BFC 10%	86
BFC C/S/P	163
BFC PB	66
BFC PB CSR	0

TOTAL Forfeitures
315

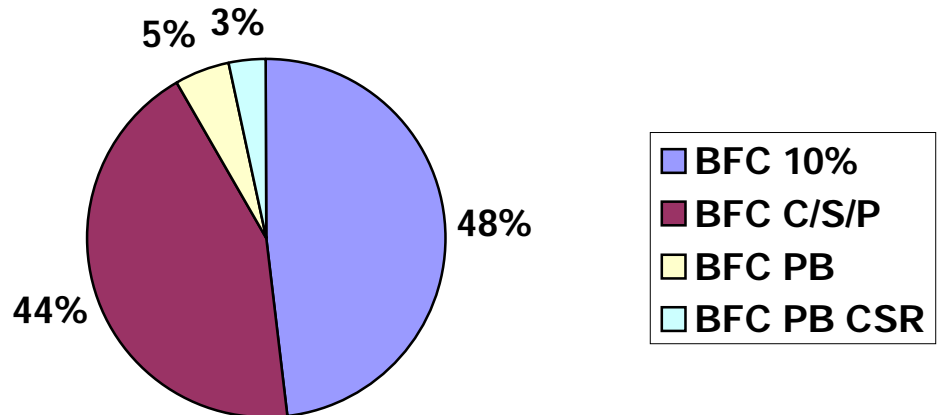
BOND FORFEITURES SUBURBS 2007



BFC 10%	304
BFC C/S/P	276
BFC PB	31
BFC PB CSR	21

TOTAL Forfeitures
632

BOND FORFEITURES CLEVELAND 2007



ARR/CAPIAS STATS YTD 2007

ARRAIGNMENT DATA

DATE	JAN	FEB	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD TOTAL
Bedford Video	1	7	0	2	0	5	4		0		0	0	19
Female Jails	119	74	95	106	118	131	114	115	111	106	97	91	1277
Male Jails	618	542	677	669	682	671	698	627	535	671	561	551	7502
Total Scheduled Jails	737	616	772	775	800	802	812	742	646	777	658	642	8779
Total Scheduled Bails	1166	1163	1545	1459	1201	1232	1192	1108	848	1307	1128	1240	14589
Total Scheduled	1903	1779	2317	2234	2001	2034	2004	1850	1494	2084	1786	1882	23368
Jails Arraigned	727	582	766	779	786	776	800	737	620	765	641	628	8607
Bails Arraigned	635	591	784	760	632	585	658	636	503	734	619	659	7796
Total Arraigned	1362	1173	1550	1539	1418	1361	1458	1373	1123	1499	1260	1287	16403
Jails Cont.	10	34	5	8	14	25	12	5	16	13	74	14	173
Bails Cont.	63	53	77	79	62	62	58	67	64	63	74	75	783
Total Cont.	73	87	82	87	76	87	70	72	64	78	91	89	956
Diversion	11	14	9	8	8	4	5	11	5	11		8	99
Nolle	2	0	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1		0	12

Capias as % of
Scheduled Bails
40.4%

	CAPIAS SUBURBS/OTHER												As % of total capias	
Straight Capias	117	140	187	178	157	161	174	128	104	198	140	164	1848	31.3%
OCR	89	71	123	74	68	77	77	36	27	44	48	70	801	13.8%
BFC 10%	6	8	7	10	14	7	6	8	6	3	10	1	86	1.5%
BFC C/S/P	13	19	14	12	15	15	14	15	6	12	8	19	163	2.8%
BFC PB	1	13	7	7	8	2	8	3	6	2	3	6	66	1.1%
BFC PB CSR	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0.0%
Rewrite PB	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0.0%
Rewrite C/S/P	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0.0%
Rewrite 10%	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0.0%
Returns Inst.	32	21	39	36	21	23	11	12	10	18	0	1	276	4.7%
TOTAL OTHER	258	272	377	317	283	283	290	202	159	277	237	286	3241	55.0%

	CAPIAS CLEVELAND												As % of total capias	
Straight Capias	104	124	186	178	104	179	93	114	95	146	119	137	1579	26.8%
OCR	32	33	45	52	54	52	30	31	20	25	32	31	437	7.4%
BFC 10%	2	2	2	34	40	25	23	19	9	24	15	13	304	5.2%
BFC C/S/P	33	33	23	17	14	38	29	24	16	18	24	25	276	4.7%
BFC PB	6	6	1	1	2	1	3	2	2	2	2	5	31	0.5%
BFC PB CSR	0	0		0	0	3	1	1	0	2	0	0	21	0.4%
Rewrite PB	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	1		0	1	0.0%
Rewrite C/S/P	2	2	1	1	0	0	1		0		0	0	6	0.1%
Rewrite 10%	0	1	0	0	0	0	0		0		0	1	2	0.0%
TOTAL CLEVELAND	197	233	297	282	214	298	180	191	142	218	193	212	2657	45.0%
CAPIAS TOTAL	455	505	674	599	497	581	470	393	301	495	430	498	5898	100.0%

Total Cap

ARRAIGNMENT BREAKDOWN YTD End 12-31-2007			
BEDFORD JAIL VIDEO	19	0.1%	% of total sch.
FEMALE JAIL	1277	14.5%	% total jails
MALE JAIL	7502	85.5%	% total jails
TOTAL JAILS SCHEDULED	8779	37.6%	% of total sch.
TOTAL BAILS SCHEDULED	14589	62.4%	% of total sch.
TOTAL SCHEDULED	23368		
JAILS ARRAIGNED	8607	52.5%	% of total arr.
BAILS ARRAIGNED	7796	47.5%	% of total arr.
TOTAL ARRAIGNED	16403	70.2%	% of total sch.
TOTAL CAPIAS	5898	40.4%	% of sch.bails
JAILS CONTINUED	173	0.7%	% of total sch.
BAILS CONTINUED	783	3.4%	% of total sch.
TOTAL CONTINUED	956	4.1%	% of total sch.
DIVERSION	99	0.42%	% of total sch.
NOLLE	12	0.1%	% of total sch.
ARR. W/ RETAINED	3302	20.1%	% of total sch.
INDIGENT W/O ATTORNEY	13101	79.9%	% of total sch.
PD	4452	34.0%	% of indigent w/o atty

FORECLOSURE MAGISTRATES

STEPHEN M. BUCHA III
Foreclosure Magistrate Director

KEVIN C. AUGUSTYN
Assistant Director

Total Staff:

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

All cases concerning foreclosure, quiet title and partition are handled by the Court's magistrates. In the last two years the 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. The magistrates disposed of a record 18,041 cases in 2007, 11,378 of which resulted in decrees of foreclosure. This amount of dispositions represents a 10.3% increase over 2006, which itself was a record year.

Unfortunately, the increase in productivity was accompanied by an increase in cases referred to the magistrates. In 2007, 15,324 cases were either newly referred to the magistrates or reinstated from a bankruptcy stay. This represents an increase of 3.0% over 2006. Of these cases, 13,968 were newly referred cases. This represents an increase of 5.2% over 2006.

For the second consecutive year the department disposed of more cases than it took in, eliminating 2,717 cases from the department's backlog.

For 2008, the department looks forward to the implementation of a foreclosure mediation program that is inspired by the Ohio Supreme Court's efforts to encourage mediation of foreclosure cases. It is hoped the mediation program will help minimize the negative effects of the foreclosure crisis on the County's neighborhoods.

In order to place the numbers related above in their proper context, below is a seventeen year summary of the Magistrates' Departments' statistics. [see file titled "stasrev"]

Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas, General Division
Magistrates' Department Statistics Summary
1990-2007

Year	Referrals ¹	% Change From Previous Yr.	Reinstates ²	%Change From Previous Yr.	Referrals & Reinstates Combined	%Change From Previous Yr.	Supplementals ³	%Change From Previous Yr.
1990	4796	n/a	45	n/a	4841	n/a	1564	n/a
1991	4247	-11.4%	66	46.7%	4133	-14.6%	1320	-15.6%
1992	3895	-8.2%	60	-9.1%	3955	-4.3%	1430	8.3%
1993	3564	-8.4%	39	-35.0%	3603	-8.9%	1821	27.3%
1994	3366	-5.6%	77	97.4%	3443	-4.4%	2569	41.1%
1995	2582	-23.3%	230	198.7%	2812	-18.3%	4611	79.4%
1996	4065	57.4%	245	6.5%	4310	53.3%	4364	-5.3%
1997	3867	-4.9%	411	67.8%	4278	-0.7%	5121	17.3%
1998	5133	32.7%	538	30.9%	5671	32.6%	6431	25.6%
1999	5446	6.1%	628	16.7%	6074	7.1%	7097	10.4%
2000	5915	8.6%	835	32.9%	6750	11.1%	10083	42.1%
2001	7161	21.1%	928	11.1%	8089	19.8%	17438	72.9%
2002	9609	34.2%	1101	18.6%	10710	32.4%	19753	13.3%
2003	8724	-9.2%	1421	29.1%	10145	-5.3%	26591	34.6%
2004	9739	11.6%	1470	3.4%	11209	10.4%	29539	11.1%
2005	11075	13.7%	1634	11.2%	12709	13.4%	33100	12.1%
2006	13276	19.9%	1584	-3.1%	14872	17.0%	67972	105.4%
2007	13968	5.2%	1356	-14.4%	15324	3.0%	77592	14.2%

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.

Year	Decreases ⁴	%Change From Previous Yr.	Dispositions ⁵	%Change From Previous Yr.	Net Case Gain/(Loss) ⁶
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)

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	5 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 Unix, web applications running on Windows 2003 and Windows XP, file and print services running on Novell Netware. The Information Systems Department also supports the interaction of the Court with other County and Municipal agencies where information sharing is required.

In 2007, 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 67,000 entries in 2007.

JUDICIAL SECRETARIES

MARY-ANN ROBERTS

Chief Judicial Secretary

JANET CHARNEY

Assistant Chief Secretary

TOTAL STAFF:

1 Chief Judicial Secretary

1 Assistant Chief 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 as well as typing various documents including letters, speeches, opinions, jury instructions, verdicts, journal entries, jury interrogatories and various reports.

The secretaries also serve as support staff for other departments in the Court when the need arises.

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

The Staff Attorneys assisted their Judges in resolving over 11,000 civil cases in 2007, including: professional torts toxic tort, complex litigation, contract, employment and property disputes, worker's compensation and administrative appeals. Either through broad research, assiduous drafting or facilitating settlement discussions, this department continues to play an integral role as a liaison between the Court and counsel through delivering services in a timely and detailed manner.

Our Attorneys extended their commitment to our community by serving as teachers in the Cleveland Municipal School District's award-winning 3R's program, as volunteer Guardians in Probate Court and as volunteers for the Cleveland Legal Aid Society's Brief Advice Clinics.

Staff Attorney alumni maintain the Department's tradition for public service by advancing to positions with the County Prosecutor, the Office of the Public Defender, various Courts of Appeals including the Ohio Supreme Court; and also in private practice.

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 2007

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
Panels	76	66	86	86	76	67	61	73	62	90	69	53	865
Trials	41	33	49	51	37	34	34	41	36	46	47	32	481

JUROR UTILIZATION - CIVIL 2006

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
Panels	31	21	32	20	35	24	26	25	26	35	23	16	314
Trials	27	16	27	15	31	24	24	21	21	30	18	14	268

CAPITAL CASE JURY TRIAL	3
NUMBER OF JURORS	13,524
NUMBER OF JUROR DAYS OVER 5	1,705
TOTAL NUMBER OF JUROR DAYS	58,750

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

In comparison to 2006 there was a significant decrease of 756 in the number of jurors that were called in and also in the number of juror days. However there was an increase of 1059 jurors who reported in. The number of jurors spent more than the 5-day minimum decreased dramatically by 595 days, which I'm sure helped our budget. Our goal this year is to try and utilize the Monday/Wednesday jurors in a way that if possible we can get them out at their 5-day term, so we can stay within our budget.

JURY COMMISSION

JURY COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT 2007

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
Drawn	2579	2527	2926	3800	2909	2820	3074	3672	2645	3641	2024	1927	34544
Report	1130	803	926	1287	1272	1228	1130	1273	1111	1413	1011	940	13524

PETIT JURORS DRAWN	34544
GRAND JURORS DRAWN	2100
SPECIAL JURORS DRAWN	0
TOTAL	36644

ADULT PROBATION DEPARTMENT

VINCENT M. POLITO

Chief Probation Officer

WILLIAM D. KROMAN

Deputy Chief Probation Officer

TOTAL STAFF:

1 Chief Probation Officer	1 Clerical Supervisor
1 Deputy Chief Probation Officer	18 Clerical & Support Staff
3 Managers	1 Executive Secretary
17 Supervisors	6 Administrative Assistants
1 Supervisor of Information Services	1 Laboratory Supervisor
1 Information Specialist	2 Senior Lab Technicians
1 Substance Abuse Case Manager	2 Lab Assistants
1 Training Specialist	3 Cashier-Bookkeepers
129 Probation Officers	

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 2007.

INVESTIGATIONS

Presentence Reports	8,605
Expungement Reports	<u>1,443</u>
Total Investigations (assigned)	10,048

Distribution of Presentence Reports (assigned)

State Probation	3,138	36.47%
County Probation	<u>5,467</u>	<u>63.53%</u>
Totals	8,605	100.0%

Distribution of Jail and Bail Presentence Reports (assigned)

Jail Presentence Reports	1,981	23.02%
Bail Presentence Reports	<u>6,624</u>	<u>76.98%</u>
Totals	8,605	100.0%

SUPERVISION

INDIVIDUALS UNDER SUPERVISION

AS OF JANUARY 1, 2007.....7,962
 INDIVIDUALS PLACED ON PROBATION IN 2007.....8,370
TOTAL NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS SERVICED IN 2007..... 16,332

INDIVIDUALS REMOVED FROM PROBATION IN 2007:

Probation Expired..... 2,358
 Early Terminations..... 1,141
 Abated by Death.....45
 Capias Issued..... 3,117

 Probation Violation – Sentenced to State Prison or County Jail 1,109
 Probation Violation – Probation Terminated 583
TOTAL 8,353

INDIVIDUALS UNDER SUPERVISION AS OF JANUARY 1, 2008.....7,979

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
12/31/2007	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 - 2007

AGE GROUP	per cent
Under 18 years	0.01
18 through 22	12.18
23 through 27	18.91
28 through 32	15.92
33 through 37	12.52
38 through 42	11.92
43 through 46	8.87
47 through 51	9.56
52 through 56	5.61
57 and over	4.50
Total	100.00

SEX	per cent
Male	73.51
Female	26.49
Total	100.00
RACE	per cent
Asian	0.14
Black	61.06
Caucasian	35.36
Hispanic	1.37
Other	2.07
Total	100.00

**TOTAL COLLECTIONS BY THE
ADULT PROBATION DEPARTMENT**

Restitution Payments.....	\$ 2,745,929.21
Home Detention Fees.....	98,267.44
Donations.....	513.80
Probation Supervision Fees	241,230.29
Court Costs	2,311.081
Total.....	\$3,088,251.82

RESTITUTION COLLECTED 1987 - 2007

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
1987	\$503,054.79

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	2003	2004**	2005	2006	2007
Total individuals tested	35,813	n/a	35,334	34,501	33,682
Total specimens tested	120,686	128,304	121,837	122,214	123,338
Specimens positive for one or more drugs	19,030	19,312	17,538	17,618	17,207
Percent of specimens positive one or more drugs	15.8%	5.1%	14.1%	14.4%	14.0%

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

Percent Positive by Drug	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Cocaine	6.0%	5.6%	5.4%	5.8%	5.0%
Marijuana	9.6%	9.6%	9.1%	9.5%	10.0%
Opiates	2.3%	2.4%	2.4%	2.4%	2.7%
Phencyclidine (PCP)	2.7%	1.5%	1.1%	0.9%	1.0%
Amphetamines	1.0%	1.1%	1.1%	1.2%	1.2%
Alcohol	1.4%	1.5%	1.6%	n/a	n/a
6 Acetylmorphine (heroin)		18.4%	14.1%	11.9%	11.2%

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 (123,338). 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 2007 increased by 1% and the number of drug tests performed increased by 1.1% when compared to the previous year.

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 - 2007

Year	SPECIMENS	CHANGE	TESTS	CHANGE
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 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).

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
SUBJECTS	25	48	52	95	
SPECIMENS	39	60	60	112	83
Negative	22	44	433	79	68
Not tested*	4	0	1	0	0
Positive	13	16	15	33	15
COCAINE	9	12	14	27	11
MARIJUANA	0	3	2	5	3
AMPHETAMINES					
MDMA (Ecstasy)	1	1	1	1	1
Methamphetamine	0	0	1	0	0
OPIATES					3
Morphine	3	1	1	0	2
Codeine	1	4	1	0	2
6AM	2	2	1	1	1

** 6-acetylmorphine-heroin metabolite

*Not tested= insufficient quantity

ORAL FLUID TESTING

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 (ie. 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. In the beginning of 2007 the test devices were obtained from ABMC, Inc. however they did not provide confirmation testing by GC/MS so the Laboratory changed to devices from Redwood Toxicology Laboratory, Inc. 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.

	2006	2007	2007
METHOD	ABMC	ABMC	REDWOOD
SPECIMENS	114	31	253
Positive Specimens	11	10	21
% Positive Specimens	9.6%	33.3%	8.3%
TESTS (6/specimen)	684	186	1518
Positive Tests	11	20	26
GC/MS Confirm Pos Tests	NA*	NA*	7
% Confirm Positive Tests	NA*	NA*	0.5%
No Tests Results	3	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.

	2005	2006	2007	2007
			KROLL LAB	CORONER LAB
SPECIMENS TESTED	1,313	1,587	1,559	63
Total Tests	1,868	2,214	2,321	62
Positive Tests	509	720	693	18
% Positive tests	27.20%	32.50%	30%	29%
Dilutes Specimens	947	968	944	45
% Dilute Specimens	72.10%	61.00%	60%	73%

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.

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Number of individuals referred to CCS	4,029	4,218	4,060	4,082	4,246
Number of individuals placed in work assignments	3,251	3,415	3,372	3,368	3,556
Number of hours of community work service assigned	362,595	388,923	372,163	366,403	370,125
Number of hours of community work service completed	150,396	163,820	170,404	162,269	174,952

When computed at \$6.00 per hour, individuals on probation completed 174,952 hours or \$ 1,049,712.00 of work service to the Cuyahoga County Community in 2007.

* Number of community work service hours worked by all referral sources at agencies located in Cuyahoga County	345,362
* Percentage of hours worked at agencies located in Cuyahoga County	97%
* Number of participating agency work sites in Cuyahoga County	241
* Administrative Fees collected in 2005 from offenders referred by the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court.	\$ 61,888.00

Court Community Service Work Crew Statistics

* Communities served in Cuyahoga County	56
* Total number of hours worked by work crews	83,417
* Total bags of trash collected	47,136
* Total number of tires collected	15,774
* Total number of cubic yards of debris collected	1,846

SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES

Number of Alcohol and Drug Assessments completed by the Cuyahoga County Treatment Alternatives to Street Crime (T.A.S.C.) Program.	1,345
Number of Individuals placed into Residential Treatment through Probation Department Centralized Case Management Program.	840

The Cuyahoga County Treatment Alternatives to Street Crime (T.A.S.C.) Program provides services to our offender population through funds from the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services. TASC also provided Alcohol and Drug Assessments and case management services, including referral to treatment and case management services to 1,759 Common Pleas Court offenders in 2007. TASC works in conjunction with the Probation Department Case Manager.

The Centralized Case Management Program is operated by the Probation Department and is funded through the Community Corrections Act Subsidy. One 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 2006 at the following agencies: Catholic Charities (Matt Talbot Inn & Matt Talbot for Women) and Fresh Start.

CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPON PROGRAM

The Carrying Concealed Weapon (CCW) Program is administered by Court Community Service (CCS), a not-for profit agency, and is funded by client fees. Nine (9) workshops were held in 2007 on Saturday mornings at the Justice Center.

In 2007, two hundred eleven (211) individuals were referred to the CCW Program as a condition of probation/community control. The purpose of these three (3) hour workshops is to reduce recidivism through education.

Workshops consist of group discussions that examine the consequences of carrying a gun, and the effects - emotional, physical and financial of an arrest and conviction. An attorney presents the legal ramifications of this conviction and of any future CCW arrests and also acts as facilitator for the workshops.

PRETRIAL 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.

	2006	2007	PERCENT CHANGE
Number of individuals released from jail under Court Supervised Release supervision as a condition of a bond	2,111	1,994	- 06%
Number of individuals under C.S.R. supervision as of December 31, 2007	649	786	+21%
Total bond Investigations by C.S.R. staff	3,603	3,693	+02%
Total releases from County Jail as a result of Bond Investigations	1,559	1,436	-80%

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

	2006	2007	PERCENT CHANGE
Cleveland Municipal Court	515	543	+05%
Common Pleas Court	1,559	1,436	-08%
Transferred from Diversion	37	15	-59%
TOTALS	2,111	1,994	-06%

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

Year	Total	Percentage (+/- prev. year)	Average Per Month
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	+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 2007, the Court Supervised Release Unit has performed the following activities.

Record Checks	2006	2007	Percent Change
1. Total number of welfare record checks completed	42	50	+19%
2. Total number of non-welfare record checks completed	846	845	00%
3. Total number of record checks	888	895	+01%
Total found eligible	692	660	-05%
Total found non-eligible	196	235	+20%
Total number of non-welfare investigations and interviews conducted	502	540	+08%
Supervision activities of diversion defendants:	2006	2007	Percent Change
1. Number placed on diversion	562	599	+07%
2. Number of urine samples taken:	1,591	1,368	-14%
Number positive	240	159	
Percent positive	15%	12%	
3. Number of referrals to Court Community Service	687	740	+08%
Total placements	628	672	+07%
Total hours assigned:	32,687	35,156	+08%
Total hours completed:	23,896	26,233	+10%
4. Defendants removed from Diversion Program			
Total removed:	742	507	-32%
Successful completions:	444	342	Percent of Total Removed (23% of total)
Unsuccessful completions:	298	168	Percent of Total Removed (23% of total)

JAIL REDUCTION PROGRAM

The fastest growing population in the Cuyahoga County Corrections Center is the misdemeanor sentenced population. In an effort to reduce overall jail overcrowding, the Court began The Jail Reduction Program in July 1999. The Probation Department's Pretrial Unit identifies eligible inmates sentenced to the County Jail for sentences exceeding thirty (30) days for who electronic monitoring (Home Detention) or substance abuse/mental health treatment may be a more appropriate sentence/sanction. Those recommendations are forwarded to the original Judge for their consideration.

- * 3,782 offenders were sentenced to the Cuyahoga County Corrections Center from suburban municipal courts (a 228% increase over 2006)
- * 884 (23.37% of misd./sentences) defendants received sentences of 30 days or greater (a 43.27% increase over 2006)
- * 14 (1.58% of misd./sentences > 30 days) defendants were released from jail and placed on Home Detention (a 58.82% decrease from 2006)
- * 47 (5.32% of misd./sentences > 30 days) defendants were released from jail and placed under the supervision of Court Supervised Release officers for treatment purposes (a 4.08 % decrease from 2006)
- * 15 (1.69% of misd./sentences > 30 days) defendants were released to the community without supervision from jail after initiating an investigation of possible early release (a 11.76% decrease from 2006)
- * A total of 76 defendants were released from jail early due to the Jail Reduction Program (a 24% decrease from 2006)

A total of 8 (10.53% of those released) defendants were returned to the county jail for program violations

In 2007, nine (9) Courts utilized the services offered by the Jail Reduction Program. They are:

Bedford Municipal Court	Berea Municipal Court
Euclid Municipal Court	Garfield Heights Municipal Court
Lakewood Municipal Court	Parma Municipal Court
Rocky River Municipal Court	Shaker Heights Municipal Court
Cuyahoga County Domestic Relations Court	

In 2007, a total of 9,571 jail days were saved for the year by Home Detention, supervision by the Court Supervised Release Unit, and by straight releases. Based on the average county jail per diem rate of \$ 79.69 per jail day, a total savings of \$ 762,712.99 was achieved for the year through the Jail Reduction Program (a 1.04% decrease from 2006).

HALFWAY HOUSE USAGE

In 2007, the Probation Department utilized the services of five agencies for Halfway House placements. The agencies utilized were Alternative Agency Inc. (Self Center), Community Assessment and Treatment Services (CATS), Fresh Start Inc., ARCA (formerly Goodwill), and Oriana House.

In 2007, the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (ODRC) - Division of Parole and Community Services provided a total of 28,662 bed-days for Halfway House use to the Court and the Probation Department. This is a 22.5% decrease over usage in 2006. This represents a total expenditure of \$ 1,740,833.69 in 2007 by ODRC for the Court's and the Probation Department's usage of this valuable community correction sanctions alternative. This represents a 21.7% decrease in spending this year.

Of the 28,662 bed-days provided, 18,804 (65.6%) were for males and 9,858 (34.4%) were for females. This translates into an average of 78.53 individuals (51.52 males and 27.01 females) benefiting from these services each day at the average daily cost of \$ 60.74 per person. The total daily average expenditure was \$ 4,769.41

POLYGRAPH SERVICES

Margaret Murphy completed 12 weeks of polygraph school along with one week of specialized sex offender polygraph training and began doing sex offender polygraphs in 2005. During 2007, forty (40) polygraph examinations were completed on sex offenders under supervision. These included both Specific and Maintenance examinations. Probation Officer/Polygraph Examiner Margaret Murphy was promoted to the position of Supervisor in the Probation Department on September 24, 2007. Polygraph examinations are presently being completed thru contracts with sex offender treatment providers.

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 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

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 Department 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 297*

(* 2007 figure represents a 2.00% increase over the 2006 figure)

Average number of offenders in the Home Detention Program at any time 24

Successful Terminations	295	82%
Unsuccessful Terminations	<u>66</u>	<u>18%</u>
Totals	361	100.00%

Home Detention Fees Paid by Offenders \$ 98,267.44

Average Length of Stay Per Offender in the Home Detention Program 75 Days

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

SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS

The Probation Department provides specialized program services to the Court to protect the community, rehabilitate the offender, focus on criminogenic needs of the offender, and meet other needs of the criminal justice system. The major principles that define criminogenic needs are as follows: (1) assessing the risk and need of the offender, (2) enhancing the motivation of the offender, (3) targeting interventions to the offender's needs, (4) providing a skilled training staff, (5) increasing positive reinforcement, (6) engaging ongoing support in natural communities, (7) measuring relevant processes and practices, and (8) providing measurement feedback. Specialized programming is co-funded by the Court and the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction. Specialized programming is administered through the Intensive Probation Program and includes the Intensive Supervision Probation Unit, the Mentally Disordered Offender Unit, the Sex Offender Unit and the Mentally Retarded Offender Unit. Listed below is a brief description of each program.

The **Intensive Supervision Program** (ISP) was designed to divert non-violent felony offenders from the prison setting by providing a more intense degree of supervision within the community. ISP was 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 for most effective habilitation of the offender. Also, offenders are administratively assigned to the Intensive Supervision Program if they are released from prison on Judicial Release as a way to give closer supervision to those offenders.

The **Mentally Disordered Offender Program** (MDO) is designed to provide monitoring, counseling, treatment and services to offenders placed on probation/community control who are clinically diagnosed by the Court Psychiatric Clinic as psychotic. The major psychotic illnesses are as follows: Schizophrenia, Schizoaffective Disorder, and other disorders with psychotic features. The MDO project contracts directly with the Cuyahoga County Mental Health Board for services for the mentally disordered offenders project. Recovery Resources is the primary service provider for case management, counseling, psychiatric services, medication management, and substance abuse treatment.

Program staff meets regularly with the major health care agency's jail liaison staff. Recovery Resource and jail liaison staff meet regularly with their clients at our agency. The program has also aggressively pursued linking with the housing liaison staff at these agencies. Further, the Department has also developed a procedure that includes the ability to transport low risk mentally ill offenders to hospitals when needed. In 2003, the Court initiated a Mental Health Court Docket with specially trained judges, prosecutors and defense counsel, as well as liaisons trained to provide screening and assessment 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 MH court docket. In 2007, a MDO Step-Down Caseload was created to significantly reduce current caseload numbers of the regular MDO Probation Officers and allow officers to more appropriately use their time and energy to attend to the more needy and involved cases, by removing the more "maintenance" offenders. To be considered for the Step-Down caseload, offenders must meet the following eligibility criteria; have no pending violations, have stable housing for a minimum of ninety (90) days, be compliant with Case Management, medication, and Doctors appointments for a minimum of ninety (90) 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 Court Psychiatric Clinic, Public Defender's Office, County Board of Mental Retardation, 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 Court Docket with specially trained judges, prosecutors and defense counsel, as well as liaisons trained to provide screening and assessment for early identification of special needs offenders. Many offenders in the MRO program will benefit from the increased collaboration and streamlined services characteristic of the new MH court docket.

The **Sex Offender Program**, which began in 1994, 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 a sex offending behavior. The program specializes in **offenders with juvenile victims**. The program includes an intensive supervision component and is staffed by three probation officers located in the Justice Center, as well as a treatment component. Treatment services consisting of group and individual counseling for sex offenders are provided thru contracts with three (3) service providers (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. A clinical assessment is provided for all offenders placed in the program. This assessment includes a polygraph examination for those in denial of their offense. The assessment is to provide the Court and Probation Department with information related to the defendant's offending behavior, risk of re-offending, amenability for treatment and a supervision plan for the offender should they be granted probation/ community control. Offenders ordered into this program as a condition of probation/ 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
Intensive Supervision	1,358	1,349	1,249
Mentally Disordered Offender	282	386	392
Mentally Retarded Offender	102	93	107
Sex Offender Program	86	69	75

APPREHENSION UNIT

The Apprehension Unit has been in operation since April 1994. The unit was established with funding from Community Corrections Act Subsidy Funds from the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction and it is now also funded by the County Commissioners. This unit consists of four (4) Sheriff’s Deputies. The deputies have been assigned to arrest offenders under the jurisdiction of programs within the Probation Department. The cases submitted to the Apprehension Unit are for 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 2007, the Probation Department submitted the names of 104 offenders to the Apprehension Unit for arrest. CCA programs submitted 85 requests for arrest and general supervision submitted 19 requests. The total number of arrests for CCA generated Probation Capiases and Warrants was 79, representing a 92.94% arrest rate. The total number of arrests for regular supervision was 17, representing a 89.47% arrest rate. In addition to the offenders arrested at the request of the Probation Department, the Apprehension Unit cleared 115 Probation Violation Capiases and Probation Violation Warrants. The Apprehension Unit also arrested 416 offenders for; felonies, misdemeanors, parole violations, juvenile, and civil citations.

In addition, the deputies of the Apprehension Unit confiscated the following items:

January 07

- 7 Tablets of Ecstasy
- \$1,353.37
- 9 mm Intratec Handgun with magazine
- 60.7 Grams Crack Cocaine
- 4 Large Ziploc Freezer bags of Marijuana
- 9 plastic containers of Marijuana
- =====

March 07

- 3 Baggies of Marijuana
- 1 small bag of crack cocaine
- 1 Baseball bat (cut down)

August 07

- 31 Baggies of Marijuana
- \$246.00
- =====

October 07

- 6 Baggies of Marijuana
- 1 Silver Knife
- =====

December 07

- 1 Baggie of Marijuana

PROBATION DEPARTMENT TRAINING

In 2002, a structured Training function was established for the Adult Probation Department. It was staffed with one full-time Training Specialist. The Training Specialist conducted a formal Needs Assessment in 2002. It included 9 individual interviews, 8 group interviews involving 29 staff, and 1 management group interview. The final report yielded a Training Plan.

In 2007, seventeen (17) training events were arranged by the Training Specialist. The 17 training events provided staff that attended with 177.50 contact hours of training.

In 2007, the training specialist conducted twenty-four (24) training events. The 24 training events provided staff that attended with 59.00 contact hours of training.

In 2007, the Training Specialist organized transfer training (5.00 contact hours) for five (5) staff who accepted new positions in the Probation Department. The Training Specialist conducted new student intern (15.50 contact hours) orientation training, new employee (174.00 contact hours) orientation training, and new employee follow-up training (3.00 contact hours).

The Training Specialist is also responsible for monitoring staff compliance with Community Corrections Act (CCA) Training Standards, and for assisting staff to meet those standards. The Ohio Community Corrections Act funds 66 positions in the Department. One of the standards that must be met in order to receive those monies is that each line staff person, who work directly with offenders, must participate in 24 hours of training annually. Corrections Planning Board Research/Planner Loretta Ryland conducted three (3) training session on the DRC Bureau of Community Sanctions Community Corrections Information System (CCIS) (1.50 contact hour).

In 2007, Probation Department employees were offered the opportunity to attend a wide variety of work related outside workshops and seminars (over fifty) that offered a total of 492.25 contact hours of training.

In 2005, a training program was created for the Supervisory Staff. In 2007, two (2) recently promoted supervisors attended two (2) New Supervisor Orientation sessions.

In 2007, a tour of a state prison was offered to the Common Pleas Court Judges.

A Community Resource Workgroup was created to organize periodic Resource Fairs and to create and maintain a resource manual. The Community Resource Workgroup was staffed and managed thru 17 meetings and 6 work sessions. Two (2) Helping Hands Community Resource Fairs were held in 2007. The subject of the May 8, 2008 Helping Hands Community Resource Fair was Education and Employment Services and the subject of the October 2, 2008 Helping Hands Community Resource was Physical and Mental Health Services.

In addition, the Training Specialist has coordinated the efforts of various staff in order to maximize the quantity and quality of the Department's training activities. In this capacity, the Training Specialist chaired the Training Committee, which held nine (9) meetings. The CPR/First Aid Trainers held nine (9) meetings and they provided CPR Re-Certification for 5 staff, provided CPR/First Aid Training to 15 staff and provided Infant-Child CPR to 9 staff. The Diversity Training Workgroup held eleven (11) meetings and planned and held 8 training events in 2007. The Diversity Training Workgroup also began an annual New Hire Welcome Event to assist staff in learning about our similarities and differences. The Newsletter Workgroup held eight (8) meeting and published 2 editions of the department's newsletter.

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.

The Evidence-Based Practices Workgroup was staffed and managed thru six (6) meetings. In addition, the following subgroups; Learning Tools (2 meetings), Adm/Mgt (1 meeting), Supervisor (4 meetings), and Officer (3 meetings) were staffed and managed. The following is the Evidence-Based Practices Workgroup – Local Implementation Plan for Evidence Based Practices.

LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICES

Based upon our review of our review of the Professional and Academic literature, we believe that the evidence is clear that the following eight principles form the core concepts of effective offender intervention.

1. **Assess Offender Risk and Needs.** The foundation of implementing effective interventions for offenders is offender risk and need assessment. This should be done using a validated assessment tool that measures the probationer's risk to reoffend and identifies need areas that, when addressed, can reduce the risk of criminal behavior. Key need areas include attitudes, peers and associates, and substance abuse.
2. **Enhance Offender Motivation.** For probationers to be successful, they need to have some motivation to change. Through their interactions with offenders, probation staff have the opportunity to help motivate offenders. This can be done through effective communication, including motivational interviewing.
3. **Target Interventions.** Research has clearly identified where interventions are most effective. Interventions are most effective when they focus on the higher risk offenders and are targeted toward criminogenic needs or those factors that are closely related to criminal behavior. In addition, interventions are more effective when individuals are matched to appropriate programs, when the programs provide the appropriate dosage, and when the treatment is timely.
4. **Provide Skills Training using Cognitive-Behavioral Treatment Methods.** Research has identified cognitive behavioral treatment programs as having significant success in reducing recidivism. Programs that incorporate cognitive-behavior techniques address anti-social attitudes and are designed to teach offenders new skills through practice and role-playing.
5. **Increase Positive Reinforcement.** Research indicates that positive reinforcement is an important component of achieving sustained behavioral change. An appropriate ratio is four positive reinforcements to every negative one.
6. **Engage On-going Support in Natural Communities.** Research indicates the importance of pro-social relationships and activities in helping achieve positive results for offenders.
7. **Measure Relevant Processes and Practices.** Evidence-based practices have been identified because of the research that has been done, including data collection and analysis. Providing accurate documentation of case information and continual measurement of outcomes allows knowledge of effective practices to continue.
8. **Provide Measurement Feedback.** It is important to use the data collected to provide on-going feedback. This includes providing feedback to offenders on the progress they are making on their case plan. It also includes feedback to management and staff to help engage in data-driven decision-making.

IMPLEMENTATION OF EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICES

As the Department implements the evidence-based principles for effective intervention, emphasis should be placed on four principles. Since these principles represent the foundation of effective interventions, the Department believes it is important to do them right. Implementation in these areas should include:

1. Adopting the use of a validated Risk/Need Screening Tool at presentence and supervision that provides feedback to the Court and Probation Department as to the recidivism risk that the offender represents and helps identify offender needs that are associated with offender recidivism.

2. Development and Use of an Offender Supervision Case Plan that utilizes the Risk and Need Instrument and includes not only Court Ordered conditions but also offender criminogenic needs
3. Increase the Probation Department staff's ability to motivate offenders through training on the dynamics of readiness to change and the use of motivational interviewing skills.
4. Increase our Probation Department Information System's ability to
 - a. systematically collect data to analyze offender and program performance
 - b. analyze what works and does not work in Cuyahoga County
 - c. provide feedback to Judges and Probation Staff as to what works

STUDENT INTERNS IN 2006

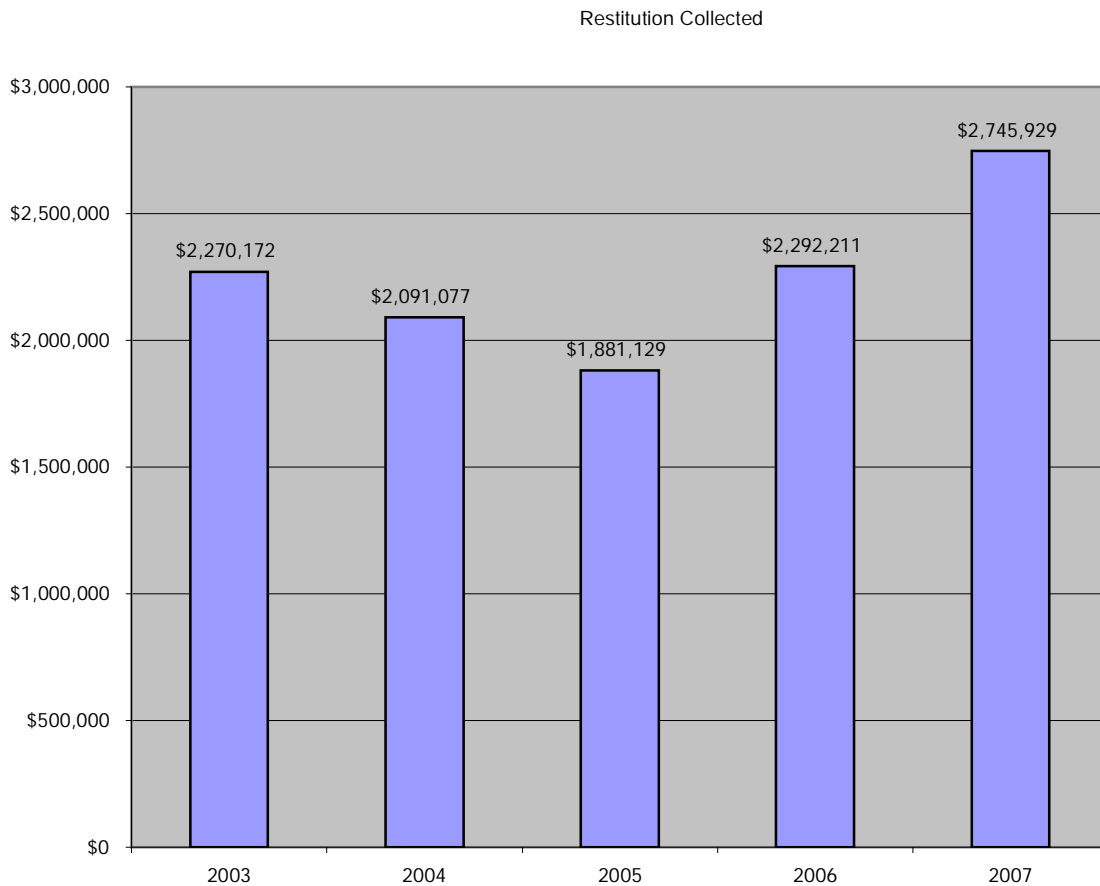
The following students provided service to the Probation Department in 2006. Internships are performed in conjunction with colleges and universities. Students earn credit toward their undergraduate and graduate degree in social work, corrections, criminology and other related disciplines.

<u>STUDENT</u>	<u>UNIVERSITY</u>
Arona Erez	Oberlin College
Michael Long	University of Toledo
Elizabeth Ross	University of Cincinnati
Christina Stribling	Cleveland State University
Arleesha Wilson	Bowling Green State University

CUYAHOGA COUNTY

COMMON PLEAS COURT
DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION
SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Presentence Investigation	8,095	7,922	8,741	8,867	8,605
New Cases	6,838	6,961	7,726	8,331	8,370
Total Population	8,317	7,929	7,556	7,962	7,979
Court Supervised Release	2,118	2,327	2,124	2,088	1,994
Number of Urine Samples Tested	120,686	128,304	121,837	122,214	123,338
Number of Drug Tests Performed	440,591	463,424	431,178	415,137	419,792
Restitution	\$2,270,172	\$2,091,077	\$1,881,130	\$ 2,292,211.66	\$ 2,745,929.21



SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES

Number of Alcohol and Drug Assessments
completed by the Cuyahoga County Treatment
Alternatives to Street Crime (T.A.S.C.)

SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES

Number of Alcohol and Drug Assessments completed by the Cuyahoga County Treatment Alternatives to Street Crime (T.A.S.C.) Program.	1,314
Number of Individuals placed into treatment through Probation Department Centralized Case Management Program.	1,133
Residential treatment	818
Outpatient treatment	315

The Cuyahoga County 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 provided case management services, including referral to treatment and case management services to 1,547 Common Pleas Court offenders in 2005. TASC works in conjunction with the Probation Department Case Manager.

The Centralized Case Management Program is operated by the Probation Department and is funded through the Community Corrections Act Subsidy. One 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 2005 at the following agencies; Community Assessment Treatment Services, Matt Talbot for Women, Fresh Start, and Alternatives Agency Incorporated.

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 Senior Level Probation Department Managers
- 1 Training Specialist
- 1 Fiscal Officer
- 1 Research Assistant - vacant
- 1 Research Planner
- 3 Administrative Aides

Located in the Marion Building 1276 West Third Street, Suite 700, Cleveland, Ohio 44113

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 FY2007, the Board administered a CCA grant of \$4,118,518 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 4,700 criminal offenders were diverted into local community sanction alternatives during 2007. The percentage of funding received by Cuyahoga County for the 407 Prison/Felony Project has remained at approximately 18.2% 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 22% 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 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, 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 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 was awarded the Dr. Simon Dinitz Award by the Ohio Community Corrections Organization (OCCO) for contributions to the improvement of community corrections in Ohio. The 408 Jail Diversion Manager, the Chief Probation Officer and 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).

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. This is done primarily under the auspices of the 408 Jail Diversion Program.

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

Nancy R. McDonnell, Chair
Presiding and Administrative Judge
Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court

Timothy F. Hagan, President
Board of County Commissioners

William D. Mason
Cuyahoga County Prosecutor

Gerald T. McFaul
Cuyahoga County Sheriff

Robert Tobik
Cuyahoga County Public Defender

Chief Michael McGrath
Cleveland Police Department

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

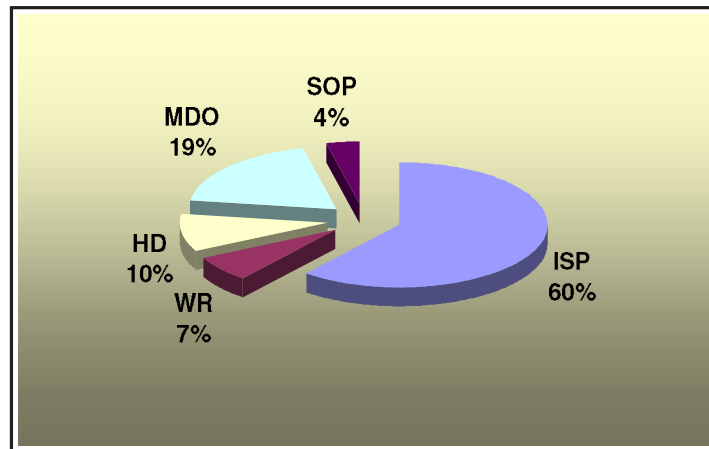
Regina Daniel, Court Administrator
Cleveland Municipal Court

Jacqueline Discenza
Retired, Cleveland Municipal Probation Officer

Paul Jurcisin
Retired CPD

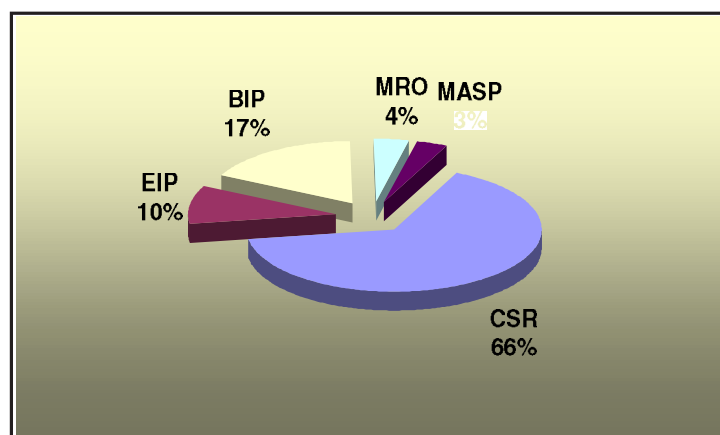
**DIVERSIONS ACHIEVED IN 2007 (January 1, 2007 – December 31, 2007)
FELONY DIVERSION PROJECTS:**

1,249	Intensive Supervision Probation (ISP)
140	Work Release/Treatment Release (WR)
198	Home Detention (Electronic Monitoring) (HD)
392	Mentally Disordered Offender Program (MDO)
75	Sex Offender Program (SOP)
2,054	TOTAL



JAIL DIVERSION PROJECTS:

1,756	Court Supervised Release (CSR)
266	Early Intervention Program (EIP)
88	Misdemeanor Alternative Sentencing (MASP)
107	Mentally Retarded Offender (MRO)
461	Batterer's Intervention Program (BIP)
2,678	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, a two-year agreement for calendar years 2006 and 2007 was secured with Alternative Agency, Inc. by the Court of Common Pleas. (Please see Probation Department Report for 2007 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 project 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 2007 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 35 staff that includes the Deputy Chief, the 3 Managers, the CCA Board Administrator, the Reentry Coordinator, 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 Deputy Chief, the ISP Manager, 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 ISP Manager, a General Supervision Supervisor, an ISP Supervisor and Officers representing both General and ISP Units.

SUBGROUP 4: Educate and train Judges. This group took responsibility for informing our bench about evidence-based practice in sentencing, and about its connection to evidence-based practice in corrections. The group is comprised of 2 Officers.

SUB-SUBGROUP 3: 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 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.

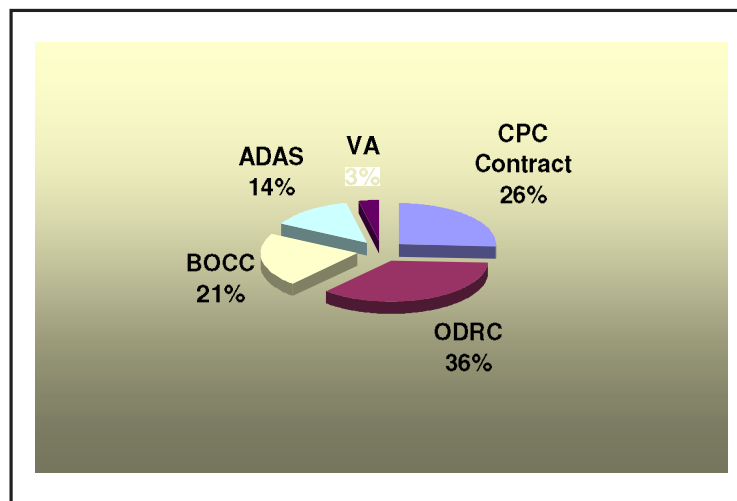
SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM: The Substance Abuse program targets offenders with drug and alcohol problems. Various activities are utilized as a coordinated system process to deal with substance abusing offenders including centralized case management for referring and managing offenders placed in various 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 2007:

- The Common Pleas Court continued to fund 26 contract treatment beds serving **251** offenders at the following agencies:
 - ♦ Catholic Charities (Matt Talbot Inn & Matt Talbot for Women)
 - ♦ Fresh Start
- The BOCC funded Halfway House Initiative served **204** offenders at the following agencies:
 - ♦ Alternative Agency
 - ♦ ARCA
 - ♦ Community Assessment Treatment Services
 - ♦ Fresh Start
 - ♦ Oriana House
 - ♦ Salvation Army
- The ADAS funded Jail Reduction served **91** residential placements at the following agencies:
 - ♦ Catholic Charities
 - ♦ Fresh Start
 - ♦ Community Assessment Treatment Services
 - ♦ ORCA
 - ♦ Hitchcock House
 - ♦ East Side Catholic Center & Shelter (IWOSAN)
- 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 **63** halfway house placements for offenders receiving inpatient substance abuse treatment services and **129** halfway house placements for offenders in need of residential support following completion of primary substance abuse treatment, and 34 Community Based Corrections Facility placements at: Oriana House and Northwest Community Corrections Center, Lorain/Medina
 - ♦ CCA Contract- One time funds: **121** residential placements
 - ♦ ADAS Board Indigent Funds: **43** residential placements
 - ♦ Veterans Administration funds: **33** residential placements



- **840** offenders were placed into residential drug/alcohol treatment programs through the Probation Department Centralized Case Management program:

- To comply with court orders, the Centralized Case Manager **referred 1759** offenders to Treatment Alternatives to Street Crime (TASC) for assessments, case management and referral to treatment.
- TASC completed **1345** chemical dependency assessments:
 - ♦ **575** Jail Reductions
 - ♦ **255** Presentence Investigations assessment
 - ♦ **515** Post Sentence (Referrals for Assessment & Case Management and Assessment Only)

TASC admitted **232** 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 2007. A five-year contract (July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2012) for instrumentation and reagents was awarded to ThermoFisher Scientific, Inc. (formerly Microgenics).

In 2007 we tested 33,682 subjects and performed a combined total of 421,911 tests, which includes urine, oral fluids and hair tests.

All the other number details are in the Lab section of the Probation Department annual report.

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 2007 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 2007 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 2007 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 FY2000, 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 2007 figures).

DOMESTIC INTERVENTION EDUCATION 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 2007, the program admitted **461** offenders to the program.

COURT PSYCHIATRIC CLINIC

PHILLIP J. RESNICK

M.D., Director

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

Associate Director

TOTAL STAFF:

- 1 Director
- 1 Associate Director
- 1 Chief of Psychology
- 1 Chief Social Worker
- 2 Social Workers
- 7 Part-time Psychiatrists
- 7 Part-time Psychologists
- 1 Office Manager
- 5 Clerical

Court Clinic Referrals Increased in 2007:

During the calendar year 2007, the Court Psychiatric Clinic received a total of Two Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventeen (2,717) referrals. This number represents a five and five-tenths (5.5) percent decrease in referrals compared to 2006 (2,874).

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), four part time psychologists, and one part time neuropsychologist.

There were some personnel changes in the professional staff during 2007. On April 30, 2007, Michael Biscaro, Ph.D. joined the staff as a part-time psychologist working 20 hours per week. He resigned from the staff in late December after accepting a full time position with the Ohio Department of Mental Health. We are interviewing candidates to fill his open position.

Secretarial Staff:

Ms. Kathleen Barrett is the Court Psychiatric Clinic Office Manager. She has completed her third full year in the position and continues to do an excellent job. Ms. Robin Brown joined the secretarial staff in June. 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 continues to work in the Department two and three-quarters hours per day, five days per week.

The secretarial staff has worked very hard all year to complete forensic reports in a timely manner. Their

diligent work has allowed us 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 eleventh 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 Nonsecurred Status”. The funding, approximately Seventy Six Thousand Dollars (\$76,000), is administered through the Cuyahoga County Community Mental Health Board (CCCMHB).

Increase in Competency and Sanity Referrals:

The Court Psychiatric Clinic received an increase in referrals for both Competency to Stand Trial and Sanity at the Time of the Act evaluations. Competency evaluations increased from Six Hundred Sixty (660) in 2006 to Seven Hundred Forty-four (744) in 2007. This change represents a Thirteen (13) percent increase. Sanity evaluations increased Eight (8) percent from Five Hundred Eighty-Three (583) to Six Hundred Thirty-One (631).

House Bill 180 Sexual Predator Evaluations:

The Court Clinic received One Hundred Eighty-four (184) Sexual Predator (House Bill 180) referrals in 2007. This is the same number of referrals (184) as received in 2005. The number represents a decrease of sixty-two (62) reports, or twenty-five percent (25%), from the 2006 high of Two Hundred Forty-Six (246).

The Ohio Legislature passed Senate Bill 10, Ohio’s Adam Walsh Act (“Act”). Beginning in 2008, the Act will automatically classify 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 will no longer be necessary to aid the Court in determining a defendant’s level of sexual predator labeling. It remains uncertain how many sexual offenders will be referred now for presentence evaluations.

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

The Court Psychiatric Clinic received Three Hundred and Thirty-Nine (339) referrals for Drug Dependency/Intervention in Lieu of Conviction Reports. This represents a sixteen and one-half percent (16.5) decrease in Drug Dependency/Intervention in Lieu of Conviction Reports over 2006. The Social Work staff complete the majority of these 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 2007 training year.

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 several lunchtime seminars open to Clinic staff, Judges, Probation Officers and Mental Health Professionals from the community. Dr. Resnick presented lunchtime seminars on "Suicide after Familicide, Uxoricide and Mass Murder" and "The I-270 Shooter: Implications for Mental Health." Forensic Psychiatry Fellow Delaney Smith, M.D. presented on "The Controversy Surrounding Recovered Memories."

The Social Work staff sponsored a five-part seminar on "The Assessment of Psychotic Disorders." Dr. Resnick, Dr. Soliman and Mr. Caso presented and led discussions on the differential diagnosis of psychotic disorders in difficult cases.

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 was active 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 2007 in the Association of Ohio Forensic Psychiatric Center Directors (Association). Dr. Schmedlen regularly attended the Association's monthly meetings in Columbus. He was the Chairperson of the Education Committee and helped plan and implement a successful two-day continuing education workshop in Columbus attended by over one hundred thirty-five Community Forensic Psychiatric Centers' staff from all over the state.

The Court Psychiatric Clinic Remains Focused on Its Core Mission:

During 2007, the Court Psychiatric Clinic continued to focus its resources on discharging its primary mission to prepare thorough, timely, useful, clinical assessments of defendants referred by the Common Pleas Court Judges and Probation Officers.

COURT PSYCHIATRIC CLINIC (1/1/07 - 12/31/07)
NUMBER OF REFERRALS

Competency to Stand Trial (O.R.C. § 2945.371(A))	744
Sanity at the Time of the Act (O.R.C. § 2945.371(A))	631
Mitigation of Penalty (O.R.C. § 2947.06(B))	617
Civil Commitment (O.R.C. § 2945.40 & 5122.01)	23
Movement to Nonsecured Status (Senate Bill 285)	20
Sexual Predator Evaluation (HB 180, O.R.C. § 2950.09)	184
Drug Dependency/Intervention in Lieu (O.R.C. § 2945.041)	339
Reports for Probation (O.R.C. § 2951.03)	159
Total	2,717

**COURT PSYCHIATRIC CLINIC
COMPARISON NUMBER OF REFERRALS 2006 - 2007**

	2006	2007	change +/- %
Competency to Stand Trial (O.R.C. § 2945.371(A))	660	744	13% +
Sanity at the Time of the Act (O.R.C. § 2945.371(A))	583	631	8% +
Mitigation of Penalty (O.R.C. § 2947.06(B))	746	617	17% -
Civil Commitment - (O.R.C. § 2945.40 & § 5122.01)	20	23	15+
Movement to Nonsecured Status (Senate Bill 285)	21	20	5% -
Sexual Predator Evaluation (HB 180, O.R.C. § 2950.09)	246	184	25% -
Drug Depen/Intervention in Lieu (O.R.C. § 2945.041)	406	339	17% -
Reports for Probation (O.R.C. § 2951.03)	194	159	18% -
Total	2,874	2,717	5.5% -

2007 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
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
Valerie G. Hamlet	Secretary
Vincent Holland	Manager, Specialized Services
Mary C. Hooper	Office Manager
Stanley L. Hubbard	Probation Officer
Daniel Kaleal	Probation Officer
Joseph J. Keppler	Probation Officer
Robert Kozub	Bond Commissioner
Dorothy E. Lawson	Bailiff
Patricia L. Lewis	Support Staff
Margaret A. Mazzeo	Bailiff
Anita L. Moose	Assistant Shorthand Reporter
Virginia O'Haire	Administrative Assistant Administration
Daniel E. Peterca	Manager, Pretrial
Vincent M. Polito	Chief Probation Officer
Phillip Resnick	Director, Psychiatric Clinic
Anthony J. Rinella	Probation Officer
Gilbert J. Ryan	Bailiff
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
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 Anthony C. Williams Probation Officer
 Valerie A. Williamson Probation Officer

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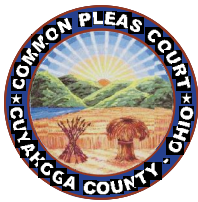
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 Brenda M. Boyd Probation Officer Supervisor
 Paula Brown Administrative Aide I
 Rachel Colbert Support Staff
 Mary Davern Probation Officer
 Eileen Demas Support Staff
 Joseph C. DeMio Bailiff
 Jay E. Dorsey Arraignment Clerk
 Donna M. Dubs Support Staff
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 Deborah A. Maddox Administrative Aide I
 Margaret Murphy Polygraph Examiner
 Patricia Parente Probation Officer
 Janna Phillips Probation Officer Supervisor
 Linda Pritchett Assistant Shorthand Reporter
 Jeffrey J. Ragazzo Assistant Shorthand Reporter
 Timothy M. Schaefer Assistant Shorthand Reporter
 Gerianne Stroh Probation Officer
 Sheila Walters Assistant Shorthand Reporter

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Juliann M. Adams	Assistant Shorthand Reporter
Veronica Adams	Administrative Assistant Administration
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Bridget Y. Austin	Administrative Assistant
Lisa S. Austin	Probation Officer
Mary J. Baden	Assistant Shorthand Reporter
Teroldyn D. Barkley	Support Staff
Robert M. Beck, III	Probation Officer Supervisor
Lee A. Bennett	Bailiff
Linda Bixel	Bailiff
Gary A. Bolinger	Probation Officer
Michael T. Brady	Probation Officer
Molly L. Breninghouse	Probation Officer Supervisor
Stephen Bucha, III	Foreclosure Magistrate Director
Dewey D. Buckner	Probation Officer
Erika D. Bush	Asst. Office Manager
Helen Byrne	Data Entry Clerk
Michael Cain	Probation Officer
Nicole D. Carr	Probation Officer
Michael Caso	Chief Social Worker
Joseph Cassidy	Probation Officer
Janet Charney	Judicial Secretary
Jarvis A. Clark	Probation Officer
John B. Coakley	Probation Officer
Mary Jean Cooley	Assistant Shorthand Reporter
Laura Creed	Assistant Chief Staff Attorney
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Leo P. D'Arcy	Scheduler
Michelle L. Davis	Administrative Aide
Mary A. Donnelly	Probation Officer
Marlene Ebner	Assistant Shorthand Reporter
Mary Kay Ellis	Fee Bill Coordinator
Brian Ely	Probation Officer
Teresa Faulhaber	Librarian
Daniel Feran	Probation Officer
Steven Flowe	Probation Officer
Eileen F. Fox	Bailiff
Keith L. Fromwiller	Bailiff
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Edward J. Kovacic	Grand Jury Clerk
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Deborah Kreski-Bonanno	Bailiff
Judith Krulak.....	Bailiff
James P. Lally	Assistant Bond Commissioner
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Marguerite A. Phillips	Assistant Shorthand Reporter
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Kimberlee Warren	Probation Officer
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Stephanie Wherry.....	Clerk-Typist
Kelly A. Wiess.....	Assistant Jury Commissioner
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Ellen K. Woodruff.....	Probation Officer Supervisor
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