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Municipal Court

2018 Annual Report





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Presiding Judge/Court Administrator

Municipal Court Mission

The Municipal Court's mission is to enhance the quality of life of the citizens of Colorado Springs by promoting public safety, traffic safety, and respect for the administration of justice by applying sanctions for violations of municipal ordinances. We are a limited jurisdiction court of record that hears and adjudicates criminal, traffic and parking violations for adult/ juvenile offenders.

Municipal Court Statistics

Judicial Officers and Staff

1 Presiding Judge/Court Administrator
9 Judges (all part-time—3.66 Total FTE)
1 Senior Judge (as needed)
4 Court Referees (all part-time—.875 Total FTE)
34.5 FTE Positions (2.5 Vacant)

2018 Budget and Collections

Budget Allocation: \$3,756,769
Expenses: \$3,701,913
Collections: \$5,122,043

Courthouse Traffic

74,318 Individuals entered the building in 2018

Comparison of Case Filings by Case Type 2017 and 2018

	2017	2018	% Change
Criminal	4,295	4,649	8.24%
Traffic	17,705	24,976	41.05%
Parking	27,426	25,867	-5.65%
Total	49,426	55,492	12.27%

Comparison of Court Proceedings and Activities 2017 and 2018

	2017	2018	% Change
Hearings Scheduled	37,458	41,803	11.60%
Warrants Issued	5,827	6,267	7.55%
Warrants Served	5,332	5,519	8.89%
Bench Trials	240	282	17.50%
Jury Trials	18	33	83.33%

Comparison of Probation Department Workloads and Activities

	2017	2018	% Change
Presentence Investigations	173	230	32.95%
Pending Probation Cases (Open, Warrants, Absconder)	1,277	1,482	16.05%
Attorney Appointments	2,229	2,135	-4.22%

Comparison of Court Referee Hearings (Formal and Informal) 2017 and 2018

	2017	2018	% Change
No Proof of Insurance	469	650	38.6%
Traffic	39	28	-28.2%
Parking	3,787	3,337	-11.9%
Pet Violations	55	43	-21.8%
Exhaust/Emissions	5	5	0%
Post Tow Hearings	61	59	-3.3%
Miscellaneous	2	10	400%
Total	4,418	4,132	-6.5%

Public Comment Card Results

Section I: Access to Justice

1. I was able to easily find the courthouse, courtrooms and/or necessary facilities.
2. Court met my physical and/or language needs.
3. I was able to complete court business in a timely and effective manner.
4. Public seating was sufficient and functional.
5. Courthouse parking was convenient and available.
6. Courthouse hours of operation were convenient and reasonable.
7. The Courthouse was conveniently located and accessible.

Access to Justice Totals

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
2.7%	2.1%	15.2%	79.9%
2.5%	0.3%	9.9%	87.3%
5.9%	5.1%	20.2%	68.7%
4.1%	0.8%	13.7%	81.3%
6.1%	6.1%	19.3%	68.6%
3.0%	1.1%	17.4%	78.5%
3.5%	1.6%	15.2%	79.6%

Negative Feedback	Positive Feedback
4.8%	95.2%
2.8%	97.2%
11.1%	88.9%
4.9%	95.1%
12.1%	87.9%
4.1%	95.9%
5.2%	94.8%

4.0%	2.4%	15.9%	77.7%
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6.4%	93.6%
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Section II: Fairness, Equality, and Integrity

1. Court personnel handled my case fairly and impartially.
2. Court allowed me to express my point of view.
3. Court promotes equal justice.
4. Court's instructions and decisions were clear and understandable.

Fairness, Equality, and Integrity Totals

5.5%	2.8%	11.9%	79.8%
5.1%	4.0%	12.8%	78.1%
5.7%	2.8%	14.8%	76.6%
3.6%	2.5%	13.2%	80.8%

8.3%	91.7%
9.1%	90.9%
8.5%	91.5%
6.0%	94.0%

5.0%	3.0%	13.2%	78.8%
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8.0%	92.0%
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Section III: Public Trust and Confidence

1. Court treated me with courtesy, dignity and respect.
2. I felt safe in the courthouse.
3. Court personnel were attentive and responded to me in a professional manner.
4. Courthouse facilities were clean and well maintained.
5. I have trust and confidence in the Court.

Public Trust and Confidence Totals

4.1%	1.6%	11.0%	83.2%
3.0%	1.6%	13.3%	82.1%
3.8%	2.2%	10.6%	83.5%
1.6%	0.8%	12.6%	84.9%
5.9%	4.2%	13.5%	76.4%

5.8%	94.2%
4.6%	95.4%
6.0%	94.0%
2.5%	97.5%
10.1%	89.9%

3.7%	2.1%	12.2%	82.0%
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5.8%	94.2%
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Negative Feedback 6.7% Positive Feedback 93.3%

Actual Statements from Comment Cards

- *I was very impressed by how all the facets of the traffic court moved smoothly and efficiently. Everyone was very friendly and helpful. I haven't had any experience with traffic court before, but I think that Springs has a 5 star team!*
- *Everyone from the City Attorney to all of the clerks! It would be great if El Paso County Court was like this!*
- *Amazingly efficient process—Thanks! Everyone was enormously courteous, professional and respectful.*
- *I feel this court works for the overall good of the people and is a necessary institution. My feelings about the County Court are not as affectionate.*
- *Friendly staff and very user friendly building. Thanks to your staff and admin.*
- *I have never been in a court and did not know what to expect. This very positive experience has given me great faith in the courts.*
- *Thank you! I was very impressed with everyone. This was my first court appearance and I was very nervous. Everyone I met with was warm, welcoming, helpful and patient. All with smiling faces.*



2018 Accomplishments

- The Colorado Springs Municipal Court added a new Associate Municipal Court Judge to the bench. Jason Berns was sworn into office on April 3rd, 2018, by Mayor John Suthers.
- The planning, coordinating and implementation of nCourt took place in 2018. nCourt is a 3rd party vendor that is used by the Court for collection and reconciliation of online and telephone payments. They also provide basic information to callers and will provide reminder text message to defendants who opt in.
- Through the collaboration of many agencies, a model for the implementation of a Homeless Outreach Court began in 2018. Agencies involved include Colorado Springs Municipal Court, Municipal Court Probation, City Attorney's Office, City Planning and Community Development, Springs Rescue Mission, and the American Bar Association.



Colorado Springs Teen Court

Colorado Springs Teen Court is a 501C3 non-profit organization, housed in the Colorado Springs Municipal Court building, that has served this community for 25 years. Municipal Court benefits from this partnership by sentencing teen offenders to Teen Court who are then referred to individually tailored restorative justice agencies. Colorado Springs Teen Court’s restorative justice program is implemented for at-risk teens by teen volunteers. Since its inception in 1994, the percentage of re-offending teen defendants is 7%. The following information contains the statistics for Teen Court for 2018.

Total number of cases:	314 Cases
Offense Types:	25% Shoplifting 19% Possession 45% Violent Crimes 8% Property Crimes 3% Other
Youth Receiving Mentoring:	90%
Youth Defendants Completing Program:	90%
Participants considered Low Income:	52%
Number of Student Volunteers:	126
Number of Student Volunteer Hours:	2,009
Number of Volunteer Hours total (student and adult):	5,578
Scholarship dollars given:	\$18,958