

The image shows the exterior of the Metropolitan General Sessions Court building in Nashville-Davidson County at dusk. The building is a large, modern structure with a light-colored facade and numerous tall, narrow windows that are illuminated from within. A central tower features a vertical glass section. A plaque on the building reads "THE FIRST DUTY OF SOCIETY IS JUSTICE". American and Tennessee state flags are visible in the foreground. The sky is a deep blue with some clouds.

METROPOLITAN GENERAL SESSIONS COURT NASHVILLE-DAVIDSON COUNTY

18 MONTH REPORT

Calendar Year 2016 thru Jan—Jun 2017

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CY 2016 THRU JAN-JUN 2017

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The Internet

Information regarding all services of the General Sessions Court can be found on-line at

www.gscourt.nashville.gov.

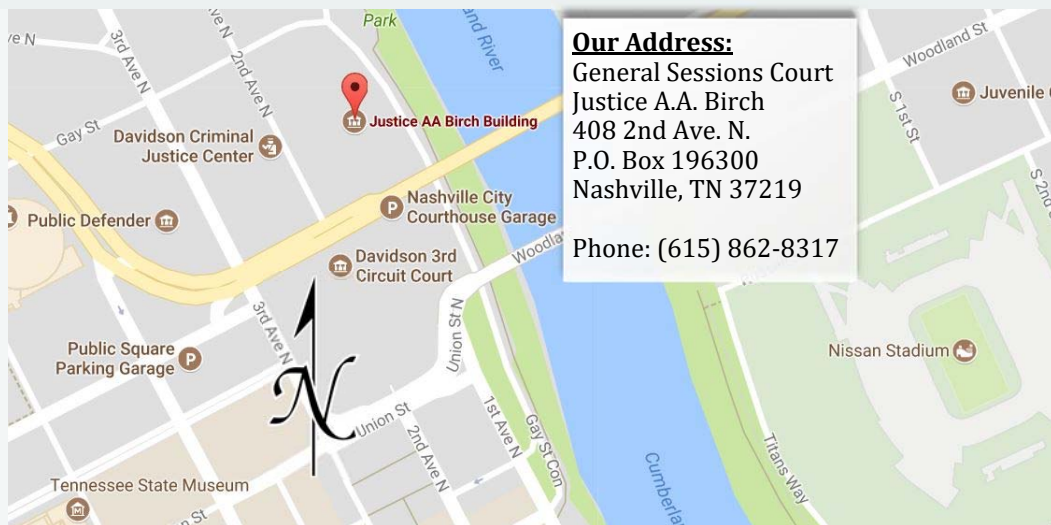
For information regarding civil cases, the address is

circuitclerk.nashville.gov.

For information regarding criminal matters, the address is

www.ccc.nashville.gov.

From there, you can link to such topics as court dockets, judges' schedules, local rules, fees and downloadable forms.



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Civil Court Clerk's Office	(615) 862-5195
Metro Environmental Court	(615) 862-6195
Codes Warrant Docket	(615) 862-6195
Codes Citation Docket	(615) 862-5222
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Public Defender's Office	(615) 862-5730



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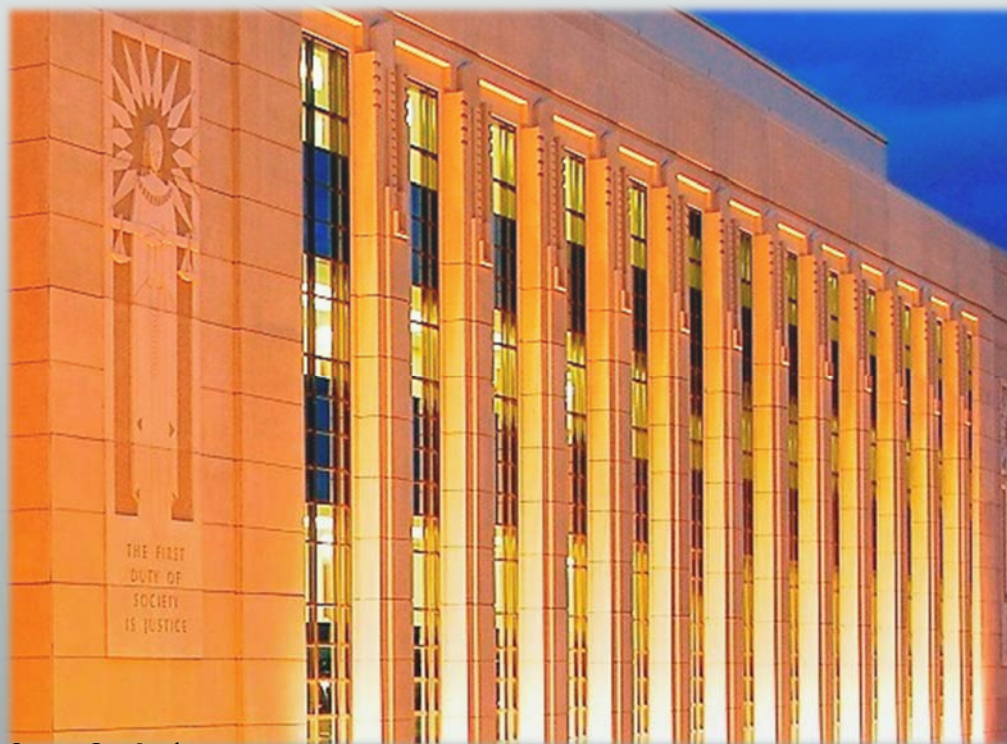
Court Jurisdiction

The Metropolitan General Sessions Court of Nashville-Davidson County serves as a very important “spoke in the wheel” as the basic foundation in the local justice system. It is a high volume limited jurisdiction Court that hears civil, misdemeanor, felony, traffic, environmental, and metropolitan ordinance violations. This court is served by 11 judges that are elected to an eight year term. There are also 5 law-trained judicial Magistrates that handle the probable cause hearing’s in the issuance of a criminal warrant and 1 referee that handles the environmental cases and other non-traffic metro ordinance violations. For a majority of the citizens, this level of Court will be their only encounter with the state’s justice system. Consequently, it has been frequently described as “the court of first resort.” The list below shows the area of law under the court’s jurisdiction.

- **Criminal**—Cases in which the applicable penalty is no more than 11 months, 29 days; Preliminary Hearing; Amount and conditions of all appearance bonds; Forfeiture of property used in commission of crime; Issuance of search warrants.
- **Civil**—Civil warrants with a jurisdictional limit of \$25,000 and monetary jurisdiction is unlimited in detainer actions; Orders of Protection; Mental Health (involuntary Committal); Tuberculosis Treatment (Non-Compliance).
- **Environmental**—Animal control, Housing code violations and Building code violations.
- **Metro Ordinance**—Traffic law violations; All other county ordinance violations.

Caseload Overview	CY 2016	Jan.—Jun. 2017
Criminal Warrants/Citations	84,659	40,625
Traffic—Metro/State	62,547	29,730
Judicial Committals	9,298	4,462
Civil	40,886	21,991
Orders of Protection	4,017	2,170
Metro & Environmental	5,116	3,168
Totals	206,523	102,146

Source: Criminal Justice Planning Office, Criminal & Civil Clerk’s Offices



Source: Gary Layda



Photo: Statue of Justice A.A. Birch

The Dockets

The Metropolitan General Sessions Court system is committed to excellence in administering justice and is a contributing partner working toward a safe and vital community in Nashville-Davidson County. The Court handles a vast array of cases such as traffic offenses, preliminary hearings on felony and misdemeanor cases, mental health, various alcohol and drug related cases and civil related cases up to \$25,000. It is estimated that the General Sessions Court system processed cases representing over 300,000 litigants in 2016—2017. The following is a general overview of the docket system handled by the Court:

- * Criminal Bond
- * Felony/Misdemeanor
- * Daily Traffic
- * Daily Civil
- * Daily Driver License/Misdemeanor
- * Daily Orders of Protection
- * Domestic Violence
- * Environmental
- * Emergency Committals
- * Special Committals
- * State Traffic
- * Felony Drug
- * Mental Health / Veterans Court
- * Recovery Court
- * Community Court
- * Cherished Hearts

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Division I—**Presiding**



Judge Melissa Blackburn
Division II



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Judge Angelita Blackshear Dalton
Division III



Judge Allegra Walker
Division IV



Judge Dianne Turner
Division V



Judge Michael F. Mondelli
Division VI



Judge William E. Higgins
Division VII



Judge Rachel L. Bell
Division VIII



Judge Lynda Jones
Division IX



Judge Sam Coleman
Division X



Judge John Aaron Holt
Division XI

Central Address for All Judges: Justice A.A. Birch Building,
408 2nd Ave. N., P.O. Box 196300, Nashville, TN 37219

Mental Health Court

For more than ten years, the Davidson County Mental Health Court has provided crucial support and assistance to some of Nashville's most vulnerable citizens.

One of the first mental health courts established in the United States, the Davidson County Court has been on the leading edge of working with those in our community who are dealing with mental health challenges. Judge Melissa Blackburn presides over the court and oversees a staff of specialists trained to address the particular needs of court participants. During the past year, 252 people were evaluated by Mental Health Court specialists to determine their eligibility for the program with 98 new participants admitted.

Individuals participating in the specialized court program may be on probation or on a diversion program for criminal charges. Potential clients are screened by mental health professionals to determine their compatibility for the program and, if they are accepted, the period of supervision typically lasts eleven months. More severe cases may remain within the program for a longer period of supervision. Court staff works on a routine basis to ensure compliance, assist in housing, monitor treatment for substance and alcohol abuse and provide medical services with a goal of establishing stability needed to be a contributing member of the community.

The court currently supervises more than two hundred participants, allowing them a fresh start and an opportunity to succeed in life.

For Fiscal Year 2017, Mayor Megan Barry included two new positions to be funded by the Metropolitan Government of Nashville-Davidson County in her budget proposal to the Metro Council. The Council approved these new positions, allowing the Mental Health

Court to expand its scope of services and increase the number of Nashvillians served per year.

When we consider difficulties with increased incarceration and the constraints budget reductions place on our justice and mental health systems, innovation in our approach is critical. The Davidson County Mental Health Court is meeting these challenges and providing a vital service to the community.

Judge—Melissa Blackburn, Division II (2)

Administrative Assistant: Kathleen Cullen

Director—Mark Winslow

Assistant Director—Patricia Breeding

Administrative Assistant—Cynthia Nelson

Client Service Specialists

Erica Gehle

Derek DeSha

Brittany Sain

Ian Lincoln

Court Officers:

Lovie Hurt Jr.

James T. Searcy



Veterans Court

In 2014 Davidson County was awarded a three-year implementation grant from the United States Department of Justice through the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. The purpose is to fund operation of a fully accredited specialty court tasked with serving Nashville's veterans. During the past year, forty-two veterans were evaluated by Veterans Court specialists and thirty-six were admitted into the program.

Veterans specialty courts originated in Buffalo, NY beginning in 2008. Since then, dozens of courts have been established across the United States to assist with the unique difficulties of our service veterans. Judge Melissa Blackburn of General Sessions Division II presides over the court and supervises its operations.

Through a structured program administered by the court, eligible veterans can find stability and new purpose to be a contributor to the community. Benefits offered to assist veterans include mental health evaluation, alcohol/substance abuse assistance and supervision by client specialists assigned to work on their particular needs. Veterans agree to participate as a condition of probation or on a diversion program for criminal charges.

The court works in partnership with Metro and State government agencies and mental health providers, as well as veterans outreach and advocacy groups. Together, they form a support system that gives eligible veterans an opportunity to address issues brought about by their military service.

Beginning in Fiscal Year 2017 and continuing in 2018, the State of Tennessee included funding of Veterans Courts in the annual budget. The Davidson County Veterans Court was fortunate to be one of the courts selected to receive a portion of the state's new funding.

For Fiscal year 2018, Mayor Megan Barry recommended funding to make the Veterans Court Specialist a Metro-funded position, ensur

ing veterans will continue to receive support through the program in the future.

In the new battlefields America faces, those in military service are exposed to warfare and experiences never previously encountered. Growing numbers of veterans returning from service face specific mental challenges as a result of fighting to defend our nation in an evolving and dangerous world. The methods by which we work to return them to full participation in society are crucial and the Davidson County Veterans Court is employing these new methods. It is the mission of the court to fulfill our nation's commitment to the men and women who chose to defend our way of life.



Serving: ALL Armed Forces





Recovery Court

The Davidson County Misdemeanor Recovery Court, created in 2009, is for legally involved addicts seeking recovery for a minimum of 12-18 months. Recovery Court was created to provide free services to participants while under court supervision for criminal offenses. The Honorable Judge Gale Robinson, General Sessions Court Probation Department, Davidson County Drug Court Foundation, Public Defenders Office, District Attorney's Office, and numerous partner agencies make up the support system for the Recovery Court. Funded by Davidson County Metropolitan Government and the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services through the Davidson County Drug Court Foundation, the court provides many services needed for positive reintegration into the community. Under the General Sessions Probation Department, Program Manager Lauren Berens and Probation Officers Theresa Fuqua and Natalie Broadway supervise participants to ensure court-ordered requirements are met. Services provided include intensive substance abuse inpatient or out-patient treatment, mental health services, medication assisted treatment, Adult Education classes and GED testing, housing and transportation assis-

tance, drug and alcohol testing, and any other component in which our Probation Officers and the Treatment team can assist. Some participants that successfully complete the program may have their charges expunged.

Recovery Court requires participants to complete three program phases. Each phase includes specific tasks to maintain sobriety and reintegrate into the community in a meaningful way. These phases are managed by Nan Casey, Treatment Director for the Davidson County Drug Court Foundation. Participants in Recovery Court are frequently drug tested on a random basis and attend daily recovery meetings. Phase 1 requires intensive drug and alcohol group treatment and intervention. In this early stage, most participants reside in a halfway house. Phase 2 continues the recovery focus and mental health treatment begins as needed. Those lacking a secondary education also attend adult education classes with the aim of securing a GED. Phase 3 is focused on gainful employment, independent living, maintaining sobriety and being a supportive and positive mentor to newer participants. Phase 3 participants also coordinate and work with all participants in completing community service projects throughout the year. These community service projects build self-esteem and teach everyone the value of giving to others while receiving nothing in return. By the conclusion of the program all participants, unless disabled, are employed and residing in supportive substance abuse free environments.

Recovery Court has several graduations each year signifying participants' preparedness to maintain their sobriety and independent living without the support of the Court. All graduating participants are welcome to return to the program to provide emotional support to current participants or seek assistance from the Court or our partnering agencies if help is needed.

Environmental Court

When disputes arise over the enforcement of the Davidson County Metropolitan Code of Laws and Regulations they are brought to the Environmental Court, a division of the General Sessions Court. This docket was created in 2001 to address Metro Code violations pertaining to buildings, trash, debris in neighborhoods and business sites. This court also enforces leash law violations, nuisance complaints about dog barking, and at large or vicious dogs. Defendants found guilty of violations of the Metro Code of Laws are liable for court costs and can be subject to fines of \$50 per day for every day the property remains in violation. The court may also order the defend-

ant to spend time in jail for a maximum of ten days. Once a warrant has been served, the defendant is responsible for all costs, including any fines. The Codes Department cannot waive court costs, assessed fines or release any liens assessed by the court to recover these costs. The court meets each Wednesday with two (2) dockets at 1:00 pm and 2:30 pm in courtroom 5D at the Justice A.A. Birch Building (408 2nd Ave. North). The 1:00 pm docket handles environmental, police and animal control violations and environmental warrants are addressed at 2:30 p.m. The court is presided by current General Sessions Court Division IV-Judge Allegra Walker and Referee Jim Todd, who served in that capacity for 10 years through May, 2017. Judge Walker appointed John Manson to serve as Referee effective June, 2017.

Domestic Violence Court

In response to a city-wide Domestic Violence Safety Assessment, the Davidson County General Sessions Court's docket structure was reorganized in 2014 to allow for a dedicated Domestic Violence Court. While the Court has been hearing cases involving Domestic Violence with Judge Gale Robinson presiding over such dockets for more than 24 years, the current docket structure provides an efficient and timely processing of cases involving domestic violence, and simplifies the court process for all parties involved.

All Orders of Protection and criminal cases involving domestic violence in the General Sessions Court are docketed in the dedicated Domestic Violence Court which operates daily in Courtroom 4B and 4C of the Justice A.A. Birch Building. The three (3) judges assigned to preside over the dedicated Domestic Violence Court on a rotating basis are Judges' Angelita Dalton, Gale Robinson and Allegra Walker. The Criminal Court Deputy Clerk for Domestic Violence preparation is Jeff Crafton. The dedicated Domestic Violence Court began operation on September 2, 2014.





CHERISHED H.E.A.R.T.S.

Healing Enslaved and Repressed
Trafficking Survivors

HUMAN TRAFFICKING INTERVENTION COURT

In February 2016 Assistant District Attorneys Tammy Meade and Deb Smith, under the leadership of District Attorney General Glenn Funk, created an innovative intervention court titled Cherished H.E.A.R.T.S. This court was created in response to a clear social issue where victims of human trafficking were caught in a criminal cycle due to their traumatic experiences, criminal records and, for some, substance abuse disorder. This court is open to all women,

men and transgendered victims of human trafficking and is one of the few trafficking courts in the country. The program is voluntary and runs 6 to twelve months as a deferred plea. When the victim completes the program successfully their charge may be dismissed and expunged at no expense.

Cherished H.E.A.R.T.S. is partnered with the Davidson County Drug Court Foundation, End Slavery Tennessee and the General Sessions Probation Department. The Davidson County Drug Court Foundation and End Slavery Tennessee help provide safe housing, substance abuse treatment and support, trauma and mental health counseling, medical treatment, assistance in receiving government aid, and employment assistance all at no cost to the victim. Lauren Berens, the Program Coordinator, and Terena Moore from the General Sessions Probation Department provide the supervision of program compliance and help coordinate court requirements and sanctions. Additionally, End Slavery Tennessee provides clothing, bedding, toiletries and food and coordinates with the TBI should the victim decide to prosecute their trafficker.

In phase one of the program victims attend court weekly and complete any substance abuse and begin mental health treatment as needed. In phase two, victims attend court bi-weekly and gain employment while continuing their road to recovery and healing. In phase two, victims also move toward independent living and continue mental health treatment and their substance abuse recovery.

In calendar year 2016 and through June 2017, Cherished H.E.A.R.T.S. has screened 66 victims for the court, and graduated 11 participants.

Music City Community Court

The General Sessions Music City Community Court, Division VIII (8) was founded by Judge Rachel L. Bell in 2012. Since its inception, the court has piloted several community initiatives focused on preventive and diversionary justice focused on the concept, that "Justice does not stop at the courthouse steps" and charged to do all it can to help break the playground to prison pipeline and restore/ rehabilitate lives.

DIVERSIONARY JUSTICE (to rehabilitate and restore offenders)

Judge Bell in partnership with the Metropolitan Sheriff's Office, speaks to inmates in the women and men pods at the Correctional Development Center (CDC) during the Healing Journeys, SAVE and New Avenues classes providing uplifting messages focused on putting mistakes behind you and starting a new life with a new mindset upon re-entry back into society.

Saturday Dockets were created by Judge Bell to provide access to justice right on the spot every 4-6 weeks in various locations around Nashville, Davidson County.

The **Community Service Work** projects provide access to justice so that after offenders are complete with the work, they are given credit immediately and do not have to come back to court on a return docket to show proof of compliance with an agreed order or guilty under-advisement plea.

The **Expungement Clinic and Indigency Dockets** assist offenders with the ability to file a motion on the spot to be heard by the court. If declared indigent, court cost and fines are waived providing the ability to proceed with filing out expungement applications to clear a criminal record of cases that were dismissed with or without cost.

PREVENTIVE JUSTICE (to break down the playground to prison pipeline)

R.E.A.C.H.

6 week summer literacy program offered to MNPS rising 1st- 4th graders

FUTURE

Internships offered to MNPS for rising 5th-12th graders during school breaks (fall and spring breaks 11th-12th graders, summer breaks 5th-12th graders)

Alive at 25

Offered to MNPS 12th grade students to discuss road rules and the reality of being involved in the court system. The students learn about the wide range of sentences that can be imposed for traffic infractions, careless behaviors, and the civil liability of at-fault auto crashes. ** In 2015, Judge Bell was trained and certified by the National Safety Council to teach driver safety training programs.



Judicial Magistrates

Five judicial magistrates—each possessing the qualifications of a judge—comprise what is known collectively as “Night Court,” a viable and productive extension of the General Sessions Court. The identifying label is derived from the fact that the Magistrates preside over proceedings that take place after normal business hours. But it is misleading in that the panel is actually on duty 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, serving a broad range of functions relevant to the criminal justice process.

In addition to their other job responsibilities, the magistrates:

- * Conduct probable cause hearings, issue warrants and set bail bonds in criminal cases
- * Determine probable cause for judicial committals from county psychiatric facilities
- * Issue Ex Parte Orders of Protection, as well as warrants for violations of such orders
- * Issue property seizure warrants upon probable cause

Each magistrate is appointed by the court for a one-year term that dictates seven-day work weeks and alternating eight-hour work shifts.



Magistrate
Bruce Kessler



Magistrate
Carolyn Piphus

Night Court Activity	CY 2016	Jan-Jun 2017
Warrants & Summons Issued	43,714	21,707
Conditions of Release / Orders	61,149	30,571
Emergency Committals	9,298	4,462
Mittimus of Appearance	65,474	31,948
Ex Parte Orders of Protection	4,017	2,170
Parole Violations	272	124
Orders of Protection Violations	800	362
Property Seizure Hearings	836	283
Search Warrants	989	544

Source: Criminal Justice Planning Office, Criminal & Civil Clerk's Offices



Magistrate
Thomas Nelson



Magistrate
Steve Holzapfel



Magistrate
Evan Harris

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**Part-Time Night Court
Magistrates**
Chris Hofstetter
John Manson
Dan Masten
Chelsea Nicholson
Sheila Stevenson
Marie Stacey

Court Information Technology—18 Month Report (CY 2016 thru Jan-Jun 2017)

Software Support: Microsoft, Oracle, Adobe, Power Builder Custom Applications, Solar Winds and JAVS.

Hardware Support: Dell (Desktop/Laptop), CISCO, JAVS, RICOH Copier/Printer/Scanner/Fax, Cell Phones and Tablets.

Helpdesk Phone Number

(615) 880-3675

Category	CY 2016	Jan.—Jun. 2017
Phone Calls	4,003	1,667
Emails	9,327	4,140
Requests	613	331
Calls to I.T.S.	494	316
Calls to J.I.S.	395	357
Totals	14,832	6,811



Brad Freeman
Information
Systems Advisor



Amber Johnson
I.T. Customer
Service Rep.



Court Administrator
Warner C. Hassell

Court Administration Office

According to the Metro Charter, the office of the Court Administrator assists the presiding judge with the improvement in the efficiency and operation of the Metropolitan General Sessions Court. These duties, include but are not limited to, the following: daily operations, budget and fiscal management, personnel management, office automation management, manage multiple courtrooms' digital recording system, assist in resolving court facility issues, court interpretative services coordination, manage supplemental court security personnel and preparation of the annual report.

Overview of Principal Services

Daily manage the Court's budget for FY 2017 of \$11,813,300 with a total of 153 court personnel

Review, oversee, and/or process various Metro Electronic Business system transactions:

- * Over 1,500 payment transactions totaling \$643,000
- * Over 2,700 revenue transactions totaling over \$3.8million
- * Over 200 separate payroll, human resources, and employee benefit related transactions for over a \$8.2 million payroll

The estimated number of Metro government and court related emails received and acted upon by all services: Over 52,000

The estimated number of total phone calls handled in 2016-17 by all services: Over 20,000

Manage Master Calendar for all Courtrooms for special hearings/events: 275

The number of web e-mails received from the public and acted upon: 365

The number of General Services work orders submitted by the Court Administration office: 269



Assistant to the
Administrator
Gina Fox



Administrative
Assistant
Angie Von Mann

Language Interpretations

Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 41 was promulgated to assist the courts in providing equal access to participants who have limited ability to speak or understand the English language. It is the responsibility of the court to determine whether a participant in a legal proceeding has limited ability to understand and communicate in English. In 2016-17 the General Sessions Court's language interpreter coordinator scheduled 10,793 from over 661 email requests. Total court interpretations with 10,371 of those requiring Spanish interpretations. That computes to an average of 600 court interpretations

monthly. The predominant foreign languages involved include Spanish, Arabic, Vietnamese, Laotian, Korean, Chinese, Kurdish and Somalian.

The number of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accommodations made: 23

- * 14 Criminal docket related
- * 8 Civil and/or Traffic related
- * 1 MTMHI



Court Interpreter
Coordinator
Delma Aguilar



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Court Security

Provide supplemental security in the public hallways and in courtrooms:

- * Over 450,000 litigants were monitored
- * Serious security related incidents: 17
- * Medical incidents reported: 5
- * Prisoners transported: 920—(Out of County transported: 37)



Security Officer
Coordinator
Capt. Donnie Dixon



Assistant Security Officer
Coordinator
Lt. Chris Edmondson

Courtroom Security Officers

Joseph Farnsworth	Leviticus Gray
William Neal Hargrove	Matthew O. Jones
John A. Kent	Jared A. King
Jason L. Stack	William T. Stevenson
Kenneth Vetetoe Jr.	

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Traffic Safety Education

General Sessions Traffic Education - John Slate, Director

Performance

Moving Citations have declined due to efforts in community policing. It is reported that the same number of stops are being made although warnings are written instead of citations. While this effort creates a more friendly approach to traffic control, the numbers of individuals enrolling in traffic school is reduced. This resulted in 3,057 fewer offenders enrolling in live traffic classes in 2016 than in 2015. Online enrollments dropped by 998 for the annual year. The good news that even with the lower enrollment rates, Nashville's traffic education program is outperforming other municipalities and continues to win performance awards for both online and live defensive driving class attendance. The Driver's License tutorial program or Driver's License Reinstatement class is still strong, training over 5,000 persons in 2016. These classes help

the individual with guidance in resolving issues that may prevent them from getting their driver's license reinstated.

On-line enrollments

2016 was the 10th full year for the online Traffic School classes. Since 2006, 120,646 persons enrolled in First Offender on-line and 52,996 in DDC4 on-line.

News

As we begin the new fiscal year, we are switching the Traffic Schools online and enrollment application (OTS) domain from Metro ITS to JIS. Most of the other court and criminal records reside in JIS as well as the Circuit Clerk's Traffic Violations Bureau. The domain change will more easily facilitate future expansion and upgrades. We are also in the process of streamlining the phone menu with the change of vendors for the IVR phone system. The new menu is supposed to be quicker and easier to use.

As the new fiscal year approaches work will begin on new administrative offices for the school admin office which will eventually occupy the former Traffic Warrants office space in the Justice A.A. Birch Building.

In fiscal year 2017, a new class was offered by the National Safety Council called Chronic Offender. The class is more of an activity workshop that lasts an entire day. Thought processes behind specific behaviors lead to destructive and socially unacceptable behavioral patterns. These patterns create chronic citation and arrest histories. This small group class is hands-on and intense and addresses these patterns.

Classes

- * **First Offender (FOT)** – a four hour curriculum covering traffic safety rules and consequences, including laws on seat belts, child restraint, speeding, DUI and most commonly committed traffic offenses.
- * **Alive at 25 (A25, 4hr.)** – designed to reduce risk-taking behavior such as driving distracted among people 15-24 years of age utilizes embedded video and group discussions.
- * **Defensive Driving-4 (DDC-4 hr.)** – certified by the National Safety Council, this course teaches the importance of safety belts and other restraints, dangers of speeding, proper following distance and effects of alcohol and drugs.
- * **Defensive Driving-8 (DDC-8 hr.)** – is a more intensive version of the 4-hour course with emphasis on preventing traffic deaths and injuries.
- * **Attitudinal Dynamics of Driving (ADD, 8hr.)** – an intense 8-hour curriculum in group format that addresses mental health and attitude as they affect the ability to safely operate a vehicle.
- * **Chronic Offender (COF8, 8hr.)** - an intense 8-hour workshop that looks at chronic behavior and addresses the thought process behind specific behaviors that lead to destructive and socially unacceptable patterns that create chronic citation and arrest histories.
- * **Drivers License Reinstatement Class (DLRC, 2hr.)** – a tutorial class, utilizing the students own driving history and state reinstatement letter. The purpose of the class is to devise a viable plan of action for each student to follow for driver's license reinstatement. Ongoing counseling is offered for individuals with complex cases.

The State of Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security approve the standardized curriculums through the National Safety Council (NSC) and certifies our instructors and programs each year. The NSC curriculums are accepted in all 50 States and used by all branches of the military both in the U.S. and abroad.

The school continues to diversify and condense duties allowing flexibility with a way to quickly respond to class need changes and enrollment referral patterns. Cross-training in the internal bookkeeping duties for the school is on the agenda for the upcoming year.

Traffic School Education Department Staff: Betty Bailey, Gloria Bishop, John Bowers, Alexander Caicedo, Jacqueline Cabrera, Wayne Curry, Ron Elliot, Shannon Hodge, Terry McRee, Jacquelyn Parks, Dr. Christopher Perry, Clarence Tangney and Tammy Tune.

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Member: The National Safety Council & NSC International Advisory Committee; and The American Society for Public Administration (ASPA)



CY 2016 thru Jan-Jun 2017 Enrollment	2016	2017
Total Enrollments for Live Classes	25,663	10,017
Defensive Driving (4-Hour)	7,705	3,042
Defensive Driving (8-Hour)	2,366	1,036
First Offender	7,768	3,102
Alive @ 25 (4-Hour)	1,875	707
Attitudinal Dynamics	942	253
Drivers License Reinstatement	5,007	1,877
Online DDC/FOT	9,996	3,915
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Probation, DUI Bond, GPS, Electronic Monitoring, and SCRAM

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CY 2016 to Jan-June 2017 Probation Department Annual Report

The General Sessions Probation Department has the responsibility of supervising over 8,000 offenders annually. Supervision responsibilities entail working with offenders to change their behaviors and ensure compliance with the conditions of probation as ordered by the court. The Department's Leadership, Probation Officers, and Support Staff utilize current technologies such as Global Positioning Systems (GPS), Transdermal Alcohol Devices (SCRAM), Drug/Alcohol Testing, Ignition Interlock and multiple agency databases to assist in managing our offender population.

The supervision of Domestic Violence (DV) offenders is an important focus for our department. In addition to supervision, our DV Probation Officers participate in the Nashville-Davidson County High Risk Intervention Panel (HRIP). The HRIP is a multi-disciplinary team that works to identify high-risk domestic violence cases and create individualized intervention plans that incorporate the entire domestic violence response system, with the goals of increasing victim safety and holding offenders accountable.

The cooperation of several private treatment providers allowed us to begin providing free substance abuse assessments to our offender population. A total of 461 free assessments were completed with 391 referred to treatment. Annually, we refer thousands to programs for substance abuse, mental health, and domestic violence behaviors. Success for those receiving services is dependent upon their ability to apply learned treatment concepts to everyday living.

In February 2016, the Probation Department began providing supervision to defendants in the newly created Human Trafficking Intervention Court, known as Cherished H.E.A.R.T.S. This court was created in response to a clear social issue where victims of human trafficking were caught in a criminal cycle due to their traumatic experiences, criminal records and, for some, substance abuse disorder. The program is voluntary and runs six to 12 months as a deferred plea. When the victim completes the program successfully their charge may be dismissed and expunged at no expense.

Probation Department Staff:

Alicia Aldridge, Lauren Berens, Joe Brady, Natalie Broadway, Candy Catalan, Kenneth Connell, Cindy Cossey, Dina Eller, Mabel Escoto, Rebecca Freeman, Theresa Fuqua, Hal Gibbs, Michael Hannah, Laurel Howell, Tonya Howell, Anthony Lipscomb, Robin Lively, Jackie London, Leticia Lozano, Prentiss Martin, Terena Moore, Johnetta Nelson, Jennifer Norris, Lou Ellen Pickard, P.J. Postiglione, Alesia Putman, Katherine Rowden, James S. Sadler, Maria Schaffner, Chris Sharp, Della Smith, Melanie Taylor, Endi Torres, Jimmy Waggoner, Mick Wallace, Louis Washburn and Scott Yates.

<u>NEW CASES</u>		<u>COMPLETIONS</u>		<u>Revocations / Transfers</u>		CY 2016
Probation	3,963	Probation	2,806	Revoked to Alternative Programs	113	
Human Trafficking	32	Human Trafficking	2	Transferred to Alternative Programs	53	
DUI Bond	253	DUI Bond	274	Revoked & Incarcerated	730	
SCRAM	32	SCRAM	20	Revoked—Time Served	27	
GPS	8	GPS	6	Total Revoked / Transferred	923	
Total 4,288		Total 3,108				

Number of Days Offenders were on SCRAM/GPS	3,360
Incarceration dollars saved by the use of SCRAM/GPS	\$252,000
Public Service Work Hours Performed	26,485

SCRAM/GPS Fees Collected	\$18,884
Restitution Collected	\$185,458
Probation Supervision Fees Collected	\$871,626
Total	\$1,075,968

<u>Drug Testing Program</u>	Tests Per Program	% Positive
Probation	20,935	38
Human Trafficking	92	8
Recovery Court	10,145	4
DUI Bond	4,173	31
Totals	35,345	26

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Jan—May 2017

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Probation	1,586
Human Trafficking	6
DUI Bond	119
SCRAM	20
GPS	4

Total 1,735

COMPLETIONS

Probation	1,216
Human Trafficking	0
DUI Bond	126
SCRAM	13
GPS	4

Total 1,359

Revocations / Transfers

Revoked to Alternative Programs	33
Transferred to Alternative Programs	27
Revoked & Incarcerated	291
Revoked—Time Served	10
Total Revoked / Transferred	361

Drug Testing Program **Tests Per Program** **% Positive**

Probation	7,739	38
Human Trafficking	151	14
Recovery Court	4,354	4
DUI Bond	1,600	31
Totals	13,844	26

Number of Days Offenders were on SCRAM/GPS	1,299
Incarceration dollars saved by the use of SCRAM/GPS	\$97,425
Public Service Work Hours Performed	5,404

SCRAM/GPS Fees Collected	\$4,124
Restitution Collected	\$78,618
Probation Supervision Fees Collected	\$401,448
Total	\$484,190



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