



SeaTac Municipal Court
State of the Court
2014-2015

Our Mission:

- To serve the public by providing a safe forum, accessible to all individuals, for the fair, impartial, and efficient administration of justice.
- To conduct outreach in an effort to provide the SeaTac community information on issues related to constitutional rights, the judicial branch, and the law.

Case filing decrease

- In 2014, all but one case type decreased:
 - Traffic Infractions: ↓ 26%
 - Non-Traffic Infractions: ↓ 43%
 - Parking and Photo Enforcement: No significant change
 - DUI's: ↓ 29%
 - Criminal Traffic: ↓ 6%
 - Criminal Non-Traffic : ↓ 25%
 - Domestic Violence Protection Orders: ↓ 11%
 - **Overall decrease: ↓ 9%**

Budget

- Received \$137,348.51 in payments through nCourt in 2014
- Total Revenue (documented in State Court System – not GF): \$1,000,927
- 2014 Court Expense Budget: \$877,473
- 2014 Court Actual Expenses: \$755,499

Warrant Walk-ins = Jail savings

- 206 Defendants in 2014 avoided arrest through Warrant Walk-in Program
- Savings of at least 412 **jail days** (day of booking, ordered for video next day)
- Equates to savings of \$46,350 (412*112.50)

Probation Services

– On average, 146 cases on “Active” Probation

- 34% DUI/Physical Control
- 19% Domestic Violence
- 17% Reckless Driving/Negligent Driving 1st
- 19% Other
- 5% Theft
- 5% Drugs/Prostitution

Probation services (continued):

- Jail Alternatives (funded by Defendants)
 - Defendants served 31 days through Day Reporting
 - Defendants served 269.5 hours through Community Service
 - Community benefited from work hours
 - Served in lieu of **113 days jail**

 - Defendants served 376 days through Electronic Home Monitoring
 - Served in lieu of **376 days jail**
- Total jail days saved in 2014 using alternative sentencing: **489 days**
- **Total saved through Jail alternative and Warrant Walk-in =**
\$101,362.50

Internship Program

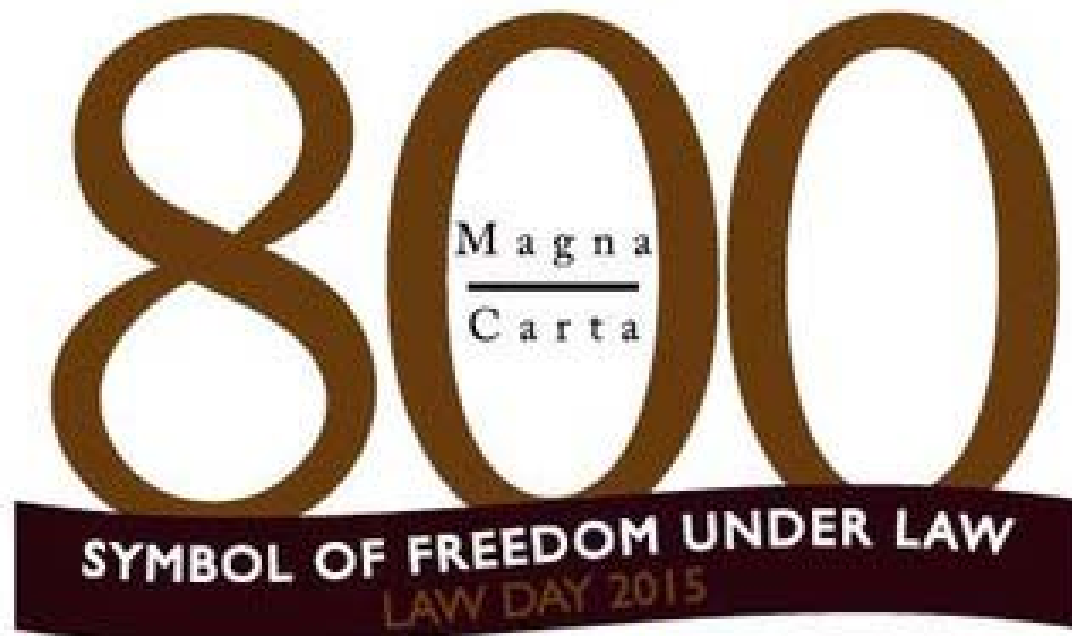
- Interns come from Highline Community College and Central Washington University
- Assisted court with public defense screening, and suggested improvements on application
- Currently seeking intern from Highline Community College and University of Washington

Law Week 2014

- Participation of cross-section of community: Judges, Entertainers, Social workers, County and Local Dignitaries
- Recognition received from Judges across the country for our outreach efforts
 - “...I am asking our National Association of Women Judges Team to send (SeaTac Municipal Court’s Law Week program) to all our Informed Voter Project states as an example of what can be done!” – *Honorable Judge Joan Irion, California*

Law Day 2015

- ABA theme: “Magna Carta: Symbol of Freedom Under Law”



Improvements 2014-2015

- Facility Improvements:
 - Art in Courtroom
 - Separation panels in clerks office
 - Buffers sound for clerks assisting people on the phone
 - Windows for Administrator's Office
 - Improves ability to assist and supervise staff
 - Juror Lounge
 - Space more comfortable and accommodating for those who perform Civic duty

Improvements (continued)

- Technology improvements:
 - On-line Court recordings
 - [City of SeaTac : Municipal Court](#)
 - Electronic Hearings Wizard
 - Batch Schedule, Syncs up with JIS every hour
 - Electronic Forms Project
 - Saves time processing, printing, faxing, filing
 - Eventually Electronic File Storage
 - Saves space, paper, significant staff time for each department

What we are working on...

- Newly created CodeSmart software provides form management
- Increases efficiencies in Court room and for SCORE hearings
- Software auto-populates forms using information from calendars and state information system
- Enables significant reduction in paper use
- Cooperative effort with the City of Renton and City of Tukwila Municipal Courts for cost sharing
- Looking forward to adapt electronic storage and retrieval solutions available to the City
- <https://chimpqa.codesmartinc.com/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2f>

Savings from E-Storage

- Electronic payment savings:
\$4 per minute per transaction: 9,046 transactions per year * \$4 = \$36,184
- Filing Page Savings:
Pages generated per year 140,000 * .58 = \$81,200
(assuming 20 pages per case average)
- Filing Labor Savings:
4.2 minutes per filing * 7,000 cases per year = 29,400 minutes spent per year (490 staff hours) = \$13,259.40
- Storage Savings:
6.39 * 154 cartons of files = \$984.06

Leading the Way

- Increased profile in Court Community through our innovative approach
 - Working with other jurisdictions to combine resources to achieve common goals
- Other jurisdictions (large and small) interested in our project development
 - The ehearings and edocs program has drawn interest from many courts including Seattle, Marysville, Fife, Kirkland, Lynnwood, Bremerton, Bellingham, Spokane, Clark County, Thurston County, King County and many others

In conclusion...

- Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Judge!
- Work hard to be open, responsive and efficient for the community
- Continue outreach with local schools and publications