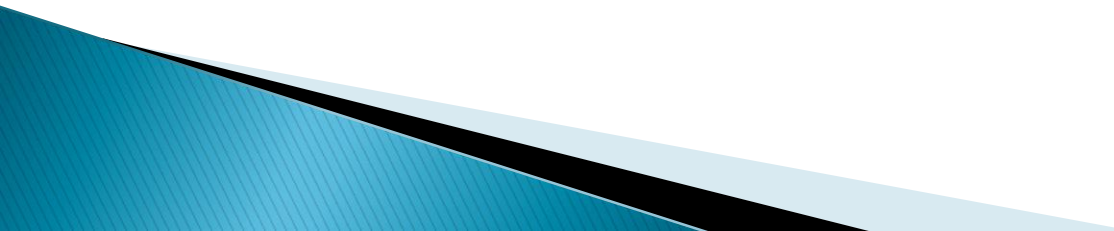


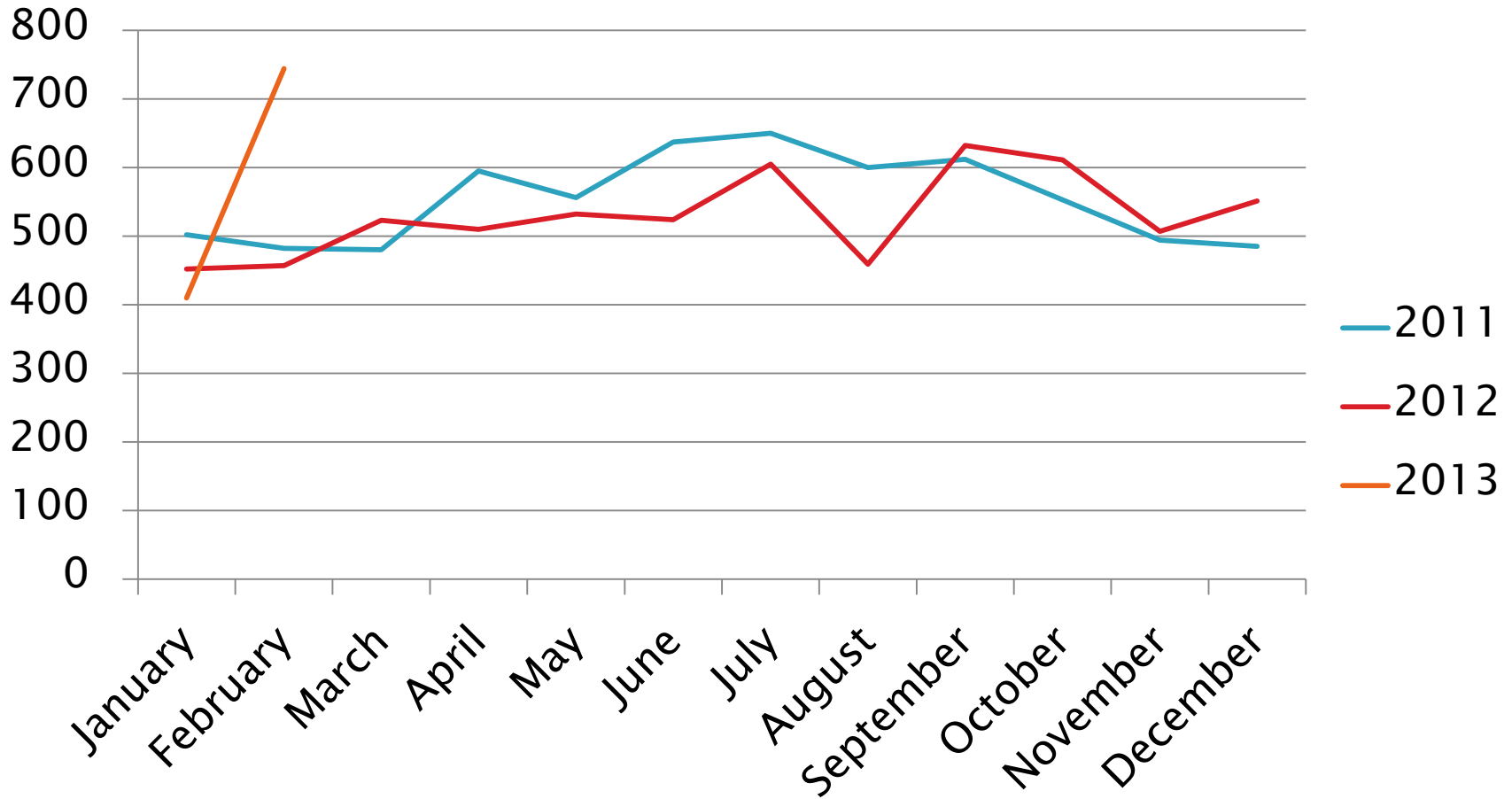
SeaTac Municipal Court
State of the Court
2012-2013



Mission Statement

- ▶ The SeaTac Municipal Court is dedicated to serving the public by providing a safe forum, accessible to all individuals, for the fair, impartial and efficient administration of justice. The Court is committed to preserving the constitutional rights of individuals while upholding the law.
 - ▶ The SeaTac Municipal Court is devoted to providing information to the community on issues relating to the judicial branch, constitutional rights, and the law through its community outreach programs.
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Case Filing Statistics



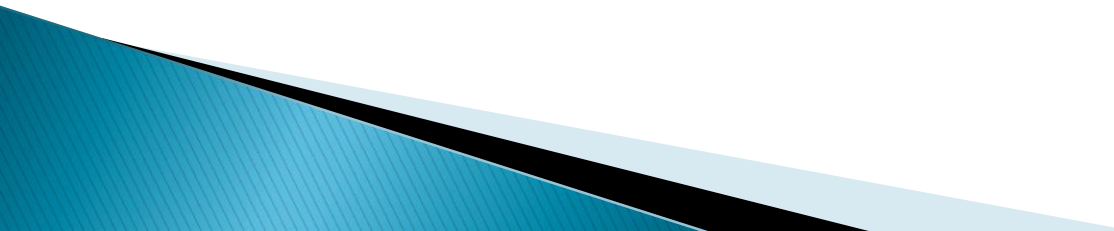
Case filing Reductions

- ▶ In 2012, reduction in case filings:
 - Traffic Infractions ↓ 15.8%
 - Parking Infractions ↓ 47.5%
 - DUI's ↓ 2.1%
 - Criminal Traffic violations ↓ 15.1%
 - Requests for Domestic Violence Protection Orders down ↓ 5%
 - Requests for Anti-Harassment Orders ↓ 62.5%
 - Overall reduction in case filing: ↓ 4.3%

Case filing Increases

- ▶ In 2012, increases in case filings:
 - Infraction non-traffic  50%
 - Photo Enforcement  3%
 - Non-traffic Criminal cases  18.2%

Warrant Walk-ins

- ▶ 150 defendants in 2012 avoided arrest through Warrant Walk-in Program
 - ▶ Savings of at least **300 jail days** (day of booking, ordered for video next day)
 - ▶ January 2013 number of warrant walk-ins almost double January 2012
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Improvements in 2012

- ▶ Payments by telephone after hours and on-line (N-Court) 24 hours/day
 - On-line Payments began in February, 2012
 - The Court has averaged 60 payments each month through N-Court
 - In 2012, the Court received **\$72,020.50** in payments through N-Court

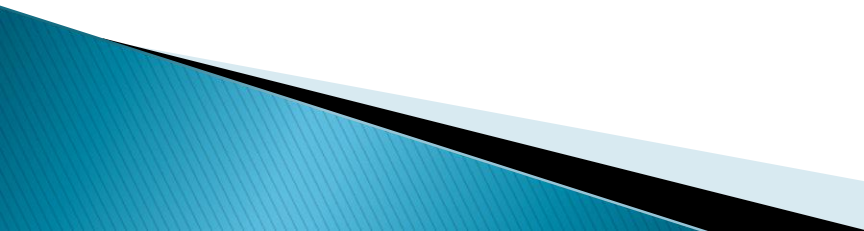
Improvements 2012

- ▶ Increased content on web-page
 - [City of SeaTac : Municipal Court](#)
- ▶ Increased community outreach
 - Law Week
 - Quarterly Newsletter delivered via e-mail and accessible on-line [Court Newsletter Spring 2012.docx](#)
 - Judge visits to classroom
 - Food4food
 - For every four cans of food donated, people received a bag of homemade treats
 - Donated 220 pounds to the Highline Food Bank

Improvements 2012

- ▶ Improvement in Interpreter program
 - Reduced clerk time spent on ordering and confirming interpreters to appear
 - Interpreters can check-in and check-out at the clerks counter using their smart phone
 - Interpreter jobs are posted, and interpreters themselves can accept the jobs if available
- ▶ State Reimbursement for interpreter costs:
 - \$10,132.37
- ▶ Total **Above** Projected Revenue: \$5,132.37
 - ▶ Total Expenditure for Interpreter services **Below** Budget: \$11,488.74

Improvements 2012

- ▶ Cross-training Clerks
 - Clerks learning different aspects of court administration and desk duties
 - Able to slip into another clerk's desk if we are short staffed
 - More efficient court operation
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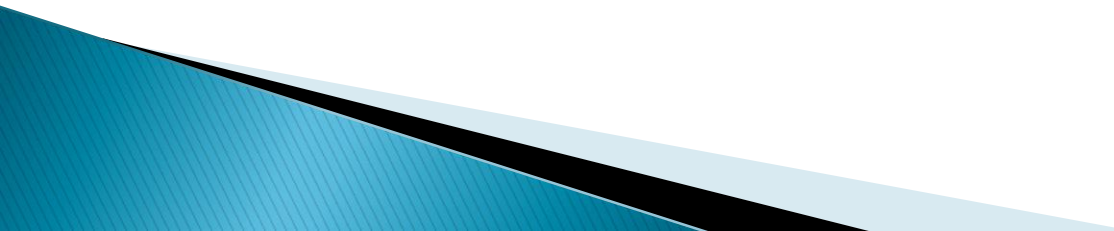
Probation Services

- ▶ On average, 110 cases on Active Probation
 - 60% DUI/Physical Control
 - 23% Domestic Violence
 - 5% Theft
 - 12% Other

Probation Services

- ▶ Jail Alternatives (funded by Defendants)
 - 18 defendants served through Day Reporting
 - Served in lieu of **59 days jail**
 - 3 defendants served through Community Work
 - Community benefited from 87 work hours (in lieu of **25 days jail**)
 - 6 Defendants served through Electronic Home Monitoring
 - Served in lieu of **233 days jail**
- ▶ Total jail days saved using alternative sentencing: **317**

Probation Revenue vs. Expense

- ▶ Defendants paid **\$83,807.55** towards probation costs;
 - ▶ Expenditures totaled **\$79,857.03** inclusive of \$71,316.03 paid to Tukwila for monitoring services.
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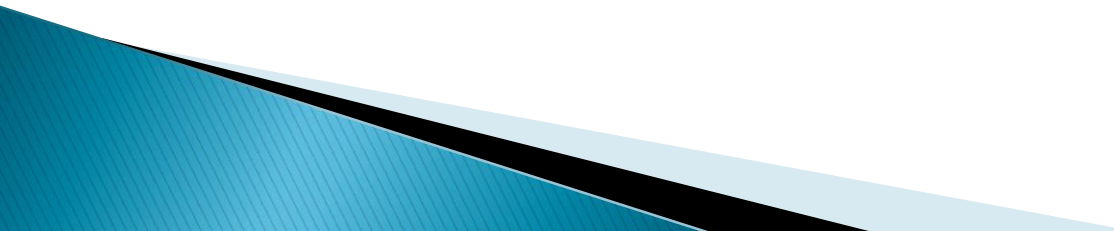
Improvements in 2013

- ▶ Increased access to justice
 - Public access terminal in lobby
- ▶ One public defense firm to handle both in-court and in-custody hearings
 - Defendants spend fewer days in jail
 - Need to transport defendants significantly decreased
 - Officers not taken off street for transport
 - Reduced security issues

Improvements in 2013

- ▶ Surveys geared toward improving access and service
- ▶ Law Week
 - “Realizing the Dream: Equality for All” [Law Day Flyer 2013.docx](#)
 - Movies during lunch hour that encompass that theme
<http://www.pbs.org/pov/outreach/localscreenings-wide.php>
 - Forums
 - Human Trafficking [Human Trafficking Forum flyer.docx](#)
 - Gender Equity [Gender Equity Forum Flyer.docx](#)

Improvements in 2013

- ▶ Lead Clerk
 - Takes on more administrative responsibilities
 - ▶ Internship Program
 - Partner with Highline Community College
 - Duties
 - Reminder calls to defendants
 - Assistance with customer service surveys
 - Research court programs
 - Public defense application information retrieval
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Improvements in 2013

▶ Facilities improvements

- Secure Court offices and inmate transport areas
- Court spaces ADA compliant

▶ Equipment improvements

- Acquired through grant
- All-in-one printer at counsel table and computers for both attorneys saves Court time, clerk time, legal assistant time

Improvements in 2013

▶ Court Leadership Team

- Consists of Judge, Administrator, Lead clerk, one Judicial Assistant position that rotates each year
- Focus on improvement of service and efficient operation

Improvements in 2013

Current
Cost Jury
Summons

- Postage: \$2,208
- Clerk Time: \$955
- Envelopes: \$240

Total Cost: \$3,403

New Jury
Summons
Cost

- Postage: \$1,008
- Clerk Time: 0
- Envelopes: 0
- Printing: \$493
- MOU with King County: \$600

Total Cost: \$2,101

Total
Savings

• Total Annual Savings: \$1,302

Improvements in 2013

- ▶ On-line submissions
 - Public defense applications
 - Contested hearings
 - Mitigation hearings
 - Photo Enforcement hearings
 - Customer help request
 - More to come.....

In conclusion....

- ▶ Join us as we celebrate Law Week the week of April 29th – May 3rd
 - Flyers in back of Council Chamber, access information on-line on Court's webpage
 - Movies are free, open to the public, seating is limited
- ▶ Look forward to continuing our progress
- ▶ Thank you for allowing me serve your community!