

Colorado Springs Municipal Court 2013 Annual Report





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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 misdemeanor, traffic and parking violations for adult/juvenile offenders.

Municipal Court Statistics

Judicial Officers and Staff

12 Judges (all part-time)
4 Court Referees (all part-time)
36.5 FTE Positions (3.5 Vacancies)

2013 Budget and Collections

Budget Allocation: \$3,688,299
Expenses: \$3,336,296
Collections: \$4,381,583

Comparison of Case Filings by Case Type 2012 and 2013

	2012	2013	% Change
Criminal	4,491	4,302	-4.2%
Traffic	30,008	24,774	-17.4%
Parking	42,114	35,701	-15.2%
Total	76,613	64,777	-15.4%

Comparison of Court Proceedings and Activities 2012 and 2013

	2012	2013	% Change
Hearings Scheduled	35,242	32,004	-9.19%
Warrants Issued	6,507	6,719	3.26%
Warrants Served	5,701	6,013	5.47%
Bench Trials	207	217	4.83%
Jury Trials	19	9	-52.63%

Comparison of Probation Department Workloads and Activities

	2012	2013	% Change
New Probation Services	15,247	16,227	6.43%
Presentence Investigations	175	188	7.43%
Pending Probation Cases (Open Warrants, Absconder)	1,213	1,240	2.23%
Attorney Appointments	832	1,071	28.72%

Comparison of Court Referee Hearings (Formal and Informal) 2012 and 2013

	2012	2013	% Change
No Proof of Insurance	796	676	-14.70%
Traffic	5	14	55.55%
Parking	5,092	4,537	-10.90%
Dog Violations	12	15	25.00%
Exhaust/Emissions	1	3	200.00%
Noise	0	3	300.00%
Post Tow Hearings	64	75	17.19%
Miscellaneous	6	14	133.33%
Total	5,973	5,337	-10.65%

Achievements

In 2013, the Municipal Court was involved in the following projects:

Court Organization and Structure

- Through a reclassification process, the court was able to fill the Clerk of Court position, which has been vacant since 2009.

Case Management

- Prepared for implementation of substantial procedural and process changes, throughout the Court and Probation, on January 1, 2014, to comply with enacted legislation from the state legislature and signed by Governor Hickenlooper in 2013.

Human Resources

- Completed the classification and compensation study of all court staff to be implemented in 2014.

Information Technology

- Secured funding for a rebuild or replacement of the Court's case management system.
- Began implementation of the CSPD E-Citation process to enhance efficiency, customer service, officer safety, and ultimately paper on demand.

Probation Services

- Continued to collaborate with State interpreters to expand access to all languages for Court defendants.
- Refined processes to meet legislative and court needs.

Public Comment Card Results

Strongly Disagree Disagree Agree Strongly Agree Negative Feedback Positive Feedback

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.

7.3%	1.8%	21.8%	69.1%	9.1%	90.9%
9.5%	0.0%	22.9%	67.6%	9.5%	90.5%
13.0%	11.1%	21.3%	54.6%	24.1%	75.9%
7.5%	1.9%	29.2%	61.3%	9.4%	90.6%
15.3%	7.1%	26.5%	51.0%	22.4%	77.6%
9.1%	0.9%	31.8%	58.2%	10.0%	90.0%
6.3%	1.8%	28.8%	63.1%	8.1%	91.9%

Total Results for Access to Justice

9.6%	3.5%	26.1%	60.8%	13.1%	86.9%
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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.

13.1%	4.0%	23.2%	59.6%	17.2%	82.8%
13.1%	8.1%	21.2%	57.6%	21.2%	78.8%
11.6%	6.3%	27.4%	54.7%	17.9%	82.1%
10.8%	1.0%	30.4%	57.8%	11.8%	88.2%

Total Results for Fairness, Equality, and Integrity

12.2%	4.8%	25.6%	57.5%	17.0%	83.0%
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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.

9.9%	4.0%	25.7%	60.4%	13.9%	86.1%
6.7%	2.9%	23.8%	66.7%	9.5%	90.5%
7.8%	4.9%	25.2%	62.1%	12.6%	87.4%
4.9%	2.9%	22.3%	69.9%	7.8%	92.2%
7.9%	7.9%	22.8%	61.4%	15.8%	84.2%

Total Results for Public Trust and Confidence

7.4%	4.5%	24.0%	64.1%	11.9%	88.1%
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Actual Statements from Comment Cards

- Everybody is kind and understanding. They have worked with me well.
- Very helpful, fast, and courteous. Made the experience easy!
- My questions were answered very openly and left me feeling assured that it would all work out.
- Everything was professional and compassionate.
- Staff treated me nicely and understood my financial situation and was able to provide me with a payment schedule. Thank you.
- Staff went out of the way to help me. They are so nice.
- Staff was absolutely fantastic, kind and understanding. Very pleasant.