

COMPLIANCE PROGRAM

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

The Compliance Program was developed in 1995 with three goals:

- (1) To better utilize judicial and prosecution resources.
- (2) To create a safer community by monitoring individuals in the court system to ensure compliance with the Court's orders.
- (3) To increase the collection rate on fines, fees, and costs.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Compliance Program monitors all non-probationary cases of individuals who are placed on court supervision or required to complete the terms of an order of conditional discharge within a given time frame. These cases often involve first-time offenders with violations pertaining to traffic offenses, domestic battery, theft, or possession of cannabis.

The Compliance Program is staffed by five state sworn probation officers who monitor the cases by checking for new arrests and tracking the status of payment of all fines, court costs, restitution, and the completion of public service and treatment in accordance with court-ordered deadline dates. This information is then entered into a specially designed computer program. If non-compliance is verified, a letter is sent to inform the defendant he/she has a specified number of days to comply before the State's Attorney's Office or prosecuting attorney is notified of the non-compliance. Oftentimes, a defendant will need extra guidance requiring the officers to assist in setting up payment plans or speaking with treatment providers or public service officers to receive proof of completion. Because the Compliance Program monitors these cases through the court-determined deadline dates, cases can be closed successfully without a court-ordered status appearance. This reduction of the defendant's time in court regarding compliance matters allows court resources to be utilized more effectively.

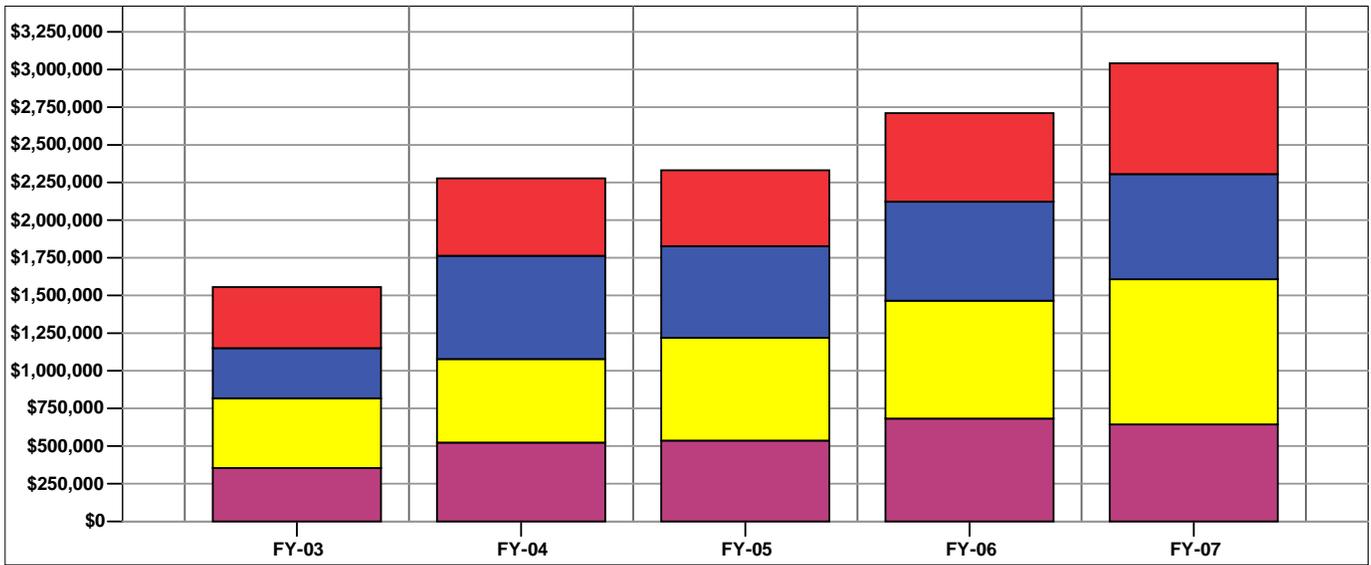
ADDITIONAL FEATURES:

The reorganization of the Traffic/Misdemeanor Division which began in early 2007 had an impact on the operation of the Compliance Unit. Most significantly, intake interviews, which are done immediately following the defendant's court appearance, were up nearly 20% over the previous year. At the intake interview, the compliance officer obtains personal and contact information and reviews the court order with the defendant. The increase in intake interviews is indicative of the improved efficiency of the case management practices of the court following the reconfiguration.

PROGRAM SUCCESS DATA:

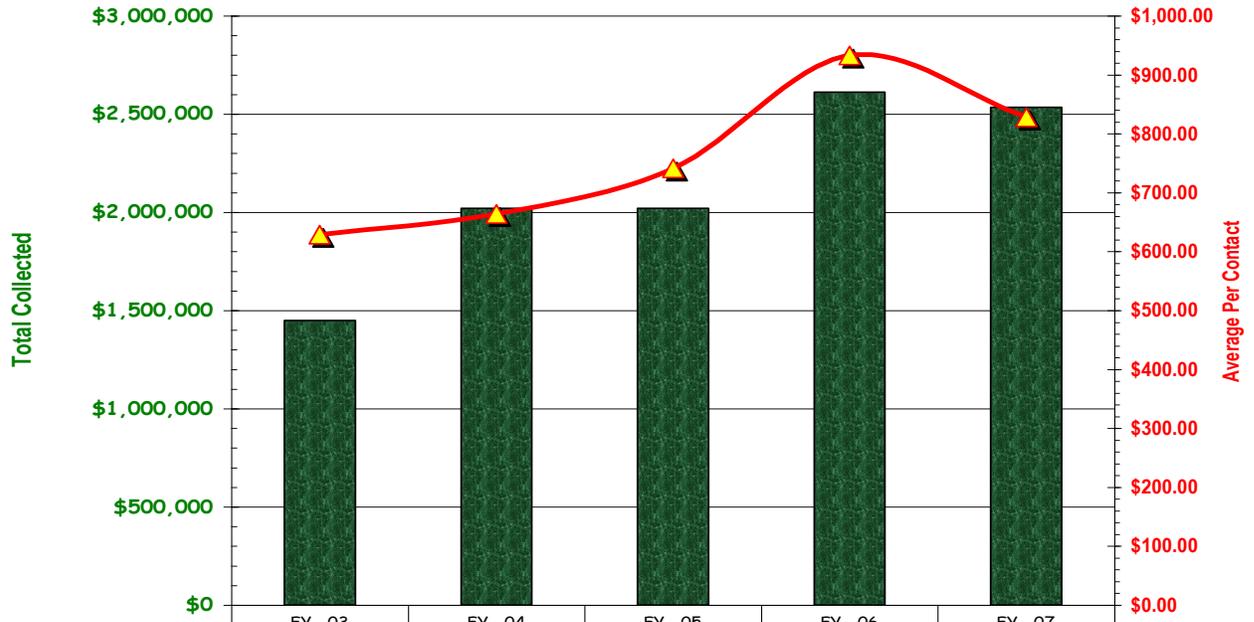
Over the past five years the collection of fines and court costs attributable to the unit was \$11,917,848. This includes probation fees that were assessed and collected from the defendants. In 2007 alone, the Compliance Program grossed \$3,041,374 in court costs and fees.

Compliance - Five-Year Trend Total Amount Collected by Quarter FY03 - FY07



4 th Quarter	\$405,844	\$514,485	\$503,964	\$588,480	\$735,235
3 rd Quarter	\$322,866	\$685,045	\$609,045	\$657,451	\$697,998
2 nd Quarter	\$462,958	\$555,510	\$682,115	\$782,602	\$964,057
1 st Quarter	\$354,417	\$522,856	\$536,114	\$682,722	\$644,084

Compliance Revenues (Does not include Probation Fees)



Money Collected	\$1,449,629	\$2,020,457	\$2,020,779	\$2,611,512	\$2,534,612
Money Collected per Contact	\$628.63	\$663.97	\$741.30	\$932.68	\$828.03