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# MEDINA MUNICIPAL COURT

## 2012 Annual Report

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DALE H. CHASE, JUDGE

NANCY L. ABBOTT, CLERK

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**MEDINA MUNICIPAL COURT  
2012 ANNUAL REPORT**

**MARCH 31, 2013**

Medina City Council & Mayor  
Medina County Commissioners

The following is the yearly report of operations for the Medina Municipal Court as required by Ohio Revised Code Sec. 1901.14.

The Court received new filings of 12,819 cases and terminated 12,708 cases.

These cases generated \$4,542,081.11 of disbursements, which include bond and civil judgments.

## **CASE FILINGS AND TERMINATION STATISTICS**

Lori A. Henry, Court Administrator

The following is a report of the Medina Municipal Court on cases filed and terminated for each case type as established by the Ohio Supreme Court. The information provided is taken from the Administrative and Individual Judge Reports of the Ohio Supreme Court.

<b>CRIMINAL &amp; TRAFFIC CASES</b>					
	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
<b>FELONIES</b>					
Cases Filed:	204	218	166	150	166
Cases Terminated:	198	216	167	151	165
<b>MISDEMEANORS</b>					
Cases Filed:	1,734	1,782	1,690	1,804	1,941
Cases Terminated:	1,733	1,704	1,672	1,809	1,816
<b>D.U.I.</b>					
Cases Filed:	536	544	558	664	596
Cases Terminated:	527	540	545	659	597
<b>TRAFFIC</b>					
Cases Filed:	7,200	7,550	8,193	9,678	10,958
Cases Terminated:	7,088	7,592	8,050	9,808	11,012
<b>CIVIL CASES</b>					
<b>PERSONAL INJURY/PROPERTY DAMAGE</b>					
Cases Filed:	29	22	38	28	35
Cases Terminated:	27	26	33	39	29
<b>CONTRACTS</b>					
Cases Filed:	1,607	1,573	1,573	1,764	1,717
Cases Terminated:	1,405	1,644	1,544	2,062	1,462
<b>F.E.D. (Forcible Entry &amp; Detainer)</b>					
Cases Filed:	430	570	527	536	542
Cases Terminated:	502	551	567	607	438
<b>OTHER CIVIL</b>					
Cases Filed:	780	958	1,223	1,534	1,694
Cases Terminated:	914	980	1,380	1,759	1,573
<b>SMALL CLAIMS</b>					
Cases Filed:	299	290	358	346	363
Cases Terminated:	314	301	323	381	390
<b>TOTAL FILED:</b>	<b>12,819</b>	<b>13,507</b>	<b>14,326</b>	<b>16,504</b>	<b>18,012</b>
<b>TOTAL TERMINATED:</b>	<b>12,708</b>	<b>13,554</b>	<b>14,281</b>	<b>17,275</b>	<b>17,482</b>

**CASE LOAD COMPARISON BY ARRESTING AGENCIES**  
**TOTAL TRAFFIC AND CRIMINAL CASES FILED**

<b>Agency</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
Brunswick Hills Twp.	400	731	882	1,065	1,406
Brunswick City	550	512	512	551	465
Chippewa Lake	0	0	0	0	0
Division of Wildlife	45	10	31	43	51
Hinckley Twp.	558	625	715	554	462
Lafayette Twp.	31	52	15	40	32
Litchfield Twp.	35	45	30	60	145
Liverpool Twp.	20	21	16	17	19
Medina City Bldg. Dept.	22	40	10	10	16
Medina County Parks	5	7	3	6	11
Medina Co. Drug Task Force	23	46	21	7	17
Medina Dog Warden	1	4	9	15	4
Medina City Police	1,485	2,037	2,027	2,893	3,341
Medina City Fire Dept.	0	0	0	0	0
Medina City Water Dept.	0	0	0	0	0
Medina City Zoning	2	4	17	9	6
Medina Sanitation Dept.	0	0	0	0	0
Medina Township Police	945	689	861	841	943
Medway Enforcement Group	0	2	0	0	0
Metro Parks	76	77	57	63	20
Montville Township Police	687	791	970	988	1,065
North Royalton	3	3	2	3	2
Ohio Bureau Workers' Comp	0	1	0	0	0
Ohio Investigative Unit	8	22	7	8	17
Dept. of Agriculture	1	0	0	0	0
Ohio Dept. Liquor Control	0	0	0	0	0
Ohio State Patrol	3,612	3,184	3,070	3,444	4,069
Private Citizens	18	28	35	28	29
Sheriff Dept.	673	595	620	756	723
S.P.C.A.	3	7	6	4	6
Spencer Village	186	194	309	343	125
State of Ohio	3	2	1	4	5
Strongsville	3	0	0	1	0
Zoning Violations	0	2	0	3	3
Chippewa Lake - Zoning	4	5	8	0	1
Division of Watercraft Safety	3	0	0	0	0
Chippewa Village Constable	0	3	2	0	0
Lodi	0	0	1	0	0
Medina Township - Zoning	0	0	1	0	0
Ohio Dept of Transportation	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Total	9,402	9,741	10,240	11,757	12,984
Reactivated Cases	<u>272</u>	<u>353</u>	<u>367</u>	<u>539</u>	<u>677</u>
Total	9,674	10,094	10,607	12,296	13,661

**CASE LOAD COMPARISON BY ARRESTING AGENCIES  
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL CASES**

<b>Agency</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
Brunswick Hills Twp.	23	29	23	38	26
Brunswick City	68	63	88	87	59
Chippewa Lake	0	0	0	0	1
Hinckley Twp.	41	39	31	31	20
Lafayette Twp.	1	2	2	7	5
Liverpool Twp.	2	0	0	0	0
Medina City	96	137	101	137	105
Medina County Parks	0	0	0	0	1
Medina Twp.	31	22	34	54	61
Metro Parks	1	1	0	1	0
Montville Twp.	43	34	41	51	54
North Royalton	1	2	1	1	0
Ohio State Patrol	163	157	160	168	192
Sheriff Dept.	38	38	46	57	37
Spencer Village	<u>11</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>
Total	519	531	533	636	562
Reactivated Cases	<u>17</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>33</u>
Total	536	544	558	664	595

**CASE LOAD COMPARISON BY ARRESTING AGENCIES  
TOTAL OTHER TRAFFIC CASES**

<b>Agency</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
Brunswick Hills Twp.	302	616	756	914	1,294
Brunswick City	262	257	227	265	253
Chippewa Lake	0	0	0	0	0
Division of Wildlife	0	0	0	0	1
Hinckley Twp.	449	518	611	488	418
Lafayette Twp.	30	50	13	24	17
Litchfield Twp.	35	45	30	60	145
Liverpool Twp.	18	21	16	17	19
Medina City	722	1,072	1,263	1,993	2,330
Medina County Parks	0	0	0	0	0
Medina Twp.	743	544	695	664	740
Metro Parks	18	15	21	12	6
Montville Twp.	527	671	821	822	890
North Royalton	1	0	1	2	2
Ohio State Patrol	3,373	2,950	2,829	3,207	3,812
Sheriff Dept.	397	361	360	464	478
Spencer Village	143	160	283	326	114
State of Ohio	2	0	0	0	3
Chippewa Lake Constable	0	2	0	0	0
Strongsville	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	7,025	7,282	7,927	9,259	10,522
Reactivated Cases	<u>175</u>	<u>268</u>	<u>266</u>	<u>419</u>	<u>436</u>
Total	7,200	7,550	8,193	9,678	10,958

The Brunswick Mayor's Court, which is within the Court's jurisdiction, provided the following information:

<b>CASE TYPE</b>	<b>CASES FILED</b>	<b>CASES TRANSFERRED TO MEDINA MUNICIPAL COURT</b>
Traffic	3,134	119
OVI	172	22
Criminal	760	113
Other	68	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,134</b>	<b>258</b>

**CLERK OF COURT  
NANCY L. ABBOTT**

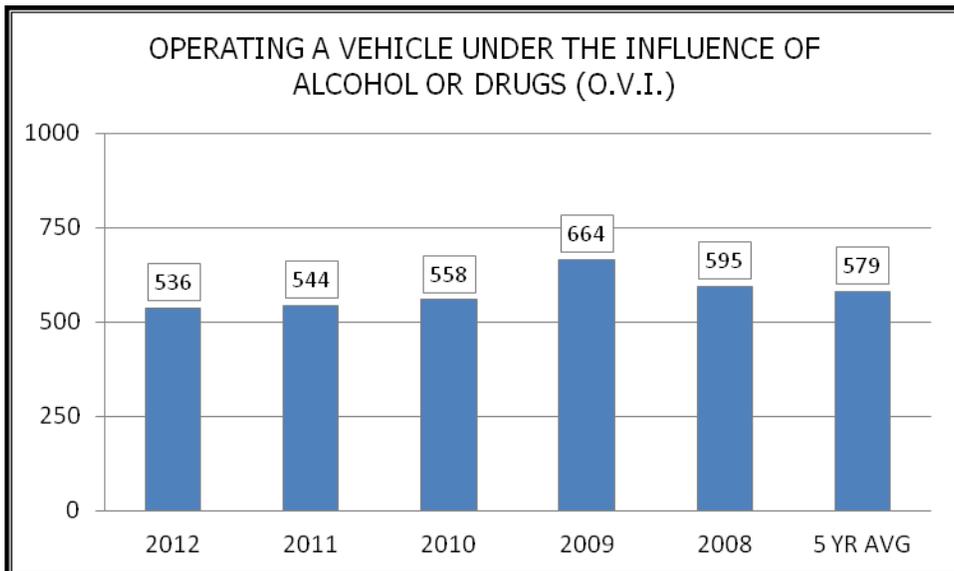
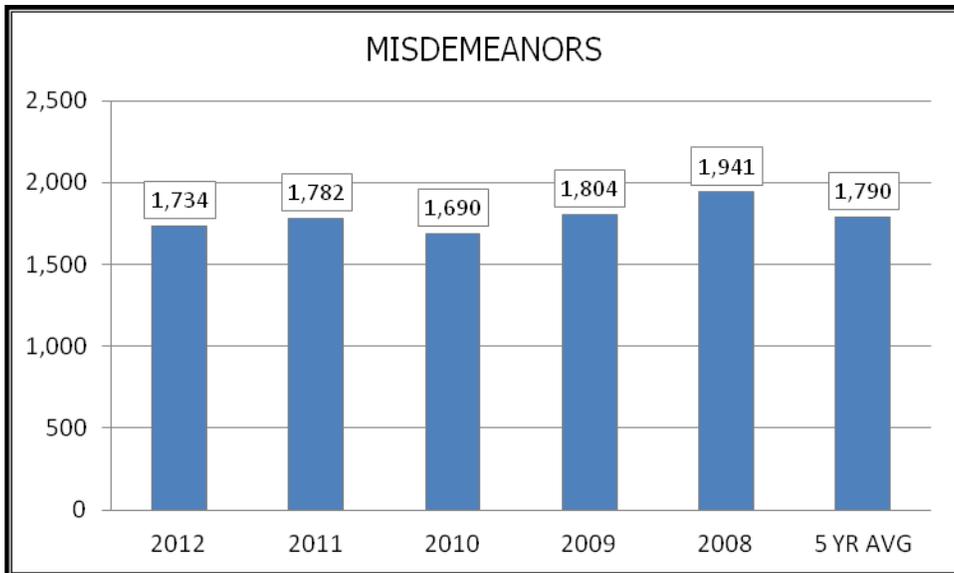
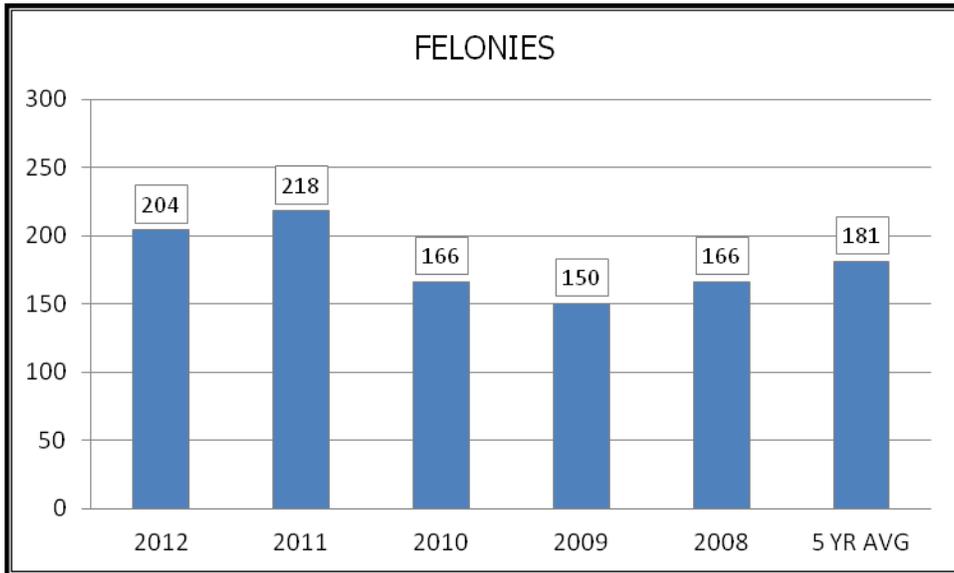
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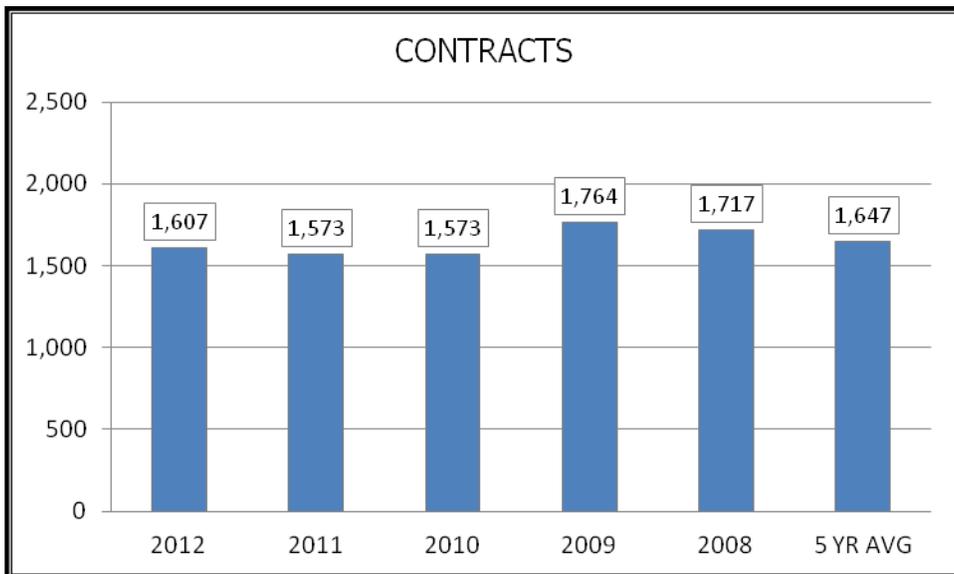
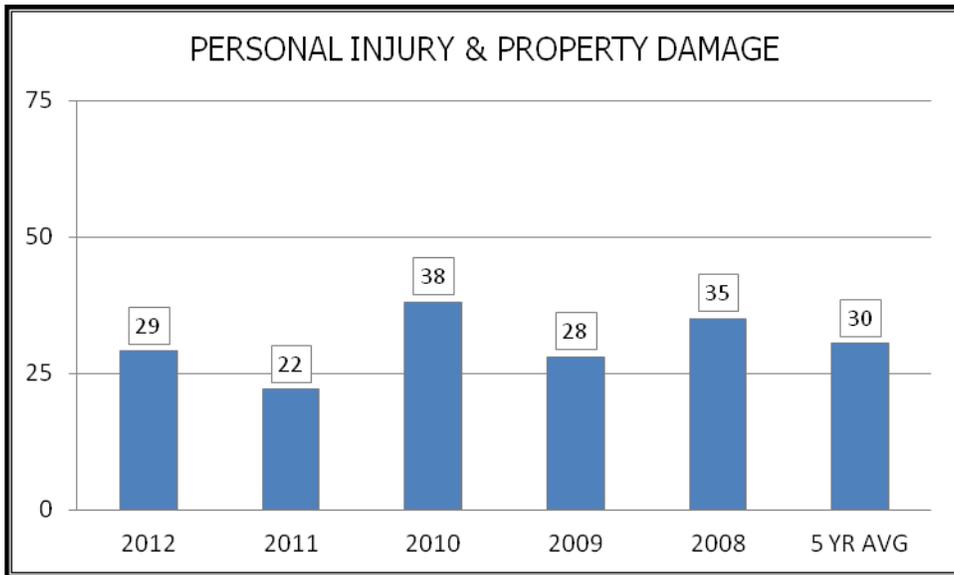
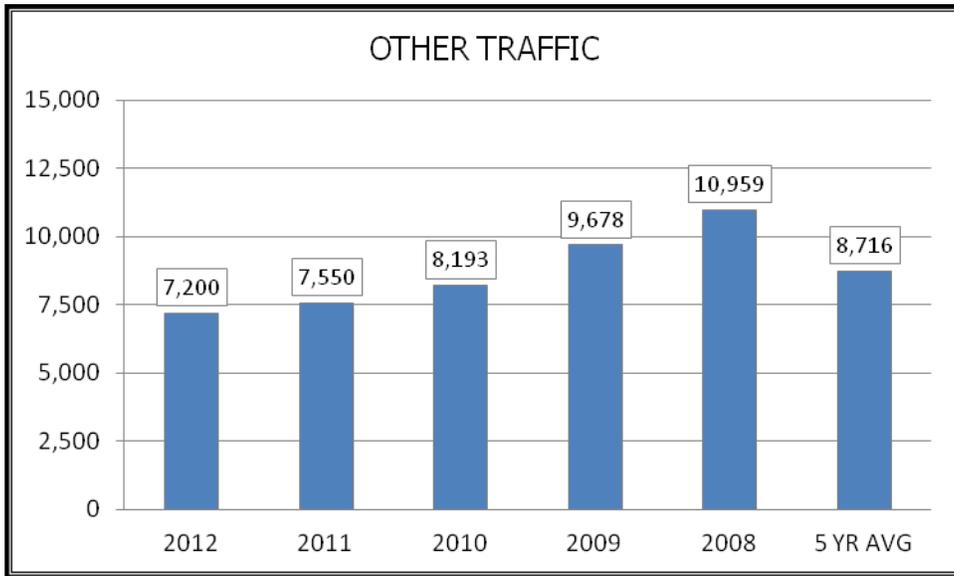
<b>BOND ACCOUNT</b>		
Cash Receipts:		
Balance as of January 1, 2012		109,423.50
Total receipts for 2012		464,405.45
Disbursements:		
Total disbursements for 2012		494,109.95
Adjustments		-8,935.50
Balance as of December 31, 2012		70,783.50
<b>CIVIL / LANDLORD-TENANT / TRUSTEE DIVISION</b>		
Cash Receipts:		
Balance as of January 1, 2012		75,569.65
Cash Receipts		1,819,900.45
Adjustments		0.00
Disbursements:		
City of Medina		378,400.82
Bailiff Fees		
Computer Legal Service Fee		
Computer Capital Improvement Fund		
Bank Processing Fee		
Special Project Fund		
State of Ohio		69,867.32
Miscellaneous		1,233,060.03
Foreign Sheriff Fees		
Witness Fees		
Judgments		
Returns and Transfers		
Adjustments		310.16
May 2012 Conversion Disbursements		139,544.38
Total Civil Disbursements		1,821,182.71
Balance as of December 31, 2012		74,287.39
<b>CRIMINAL/TRAFFIC ACCOUNT</b>		
Cash Receipts:		
Balance as of January 1, 2012		0.00
Total CR/TR Receipts for 2012		2,235,723.95

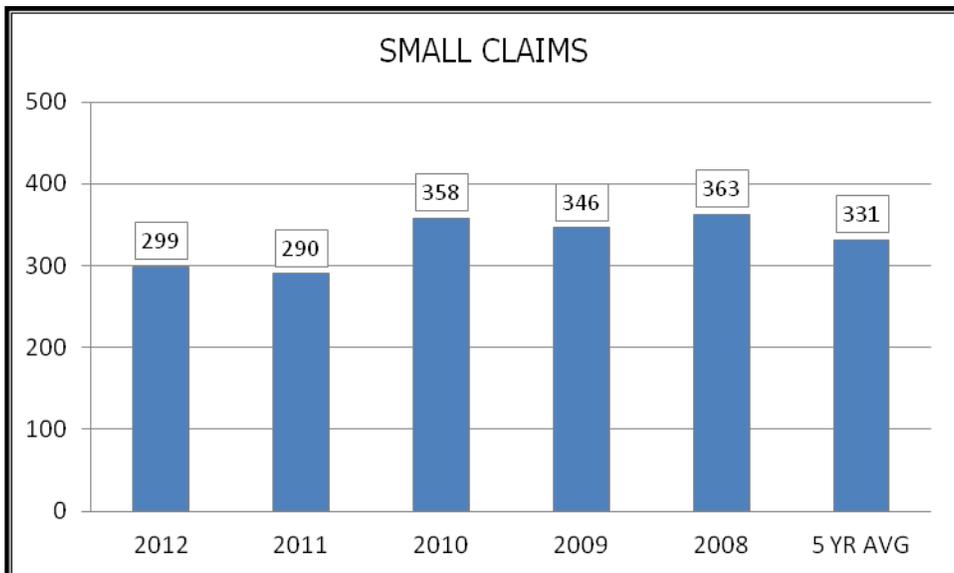
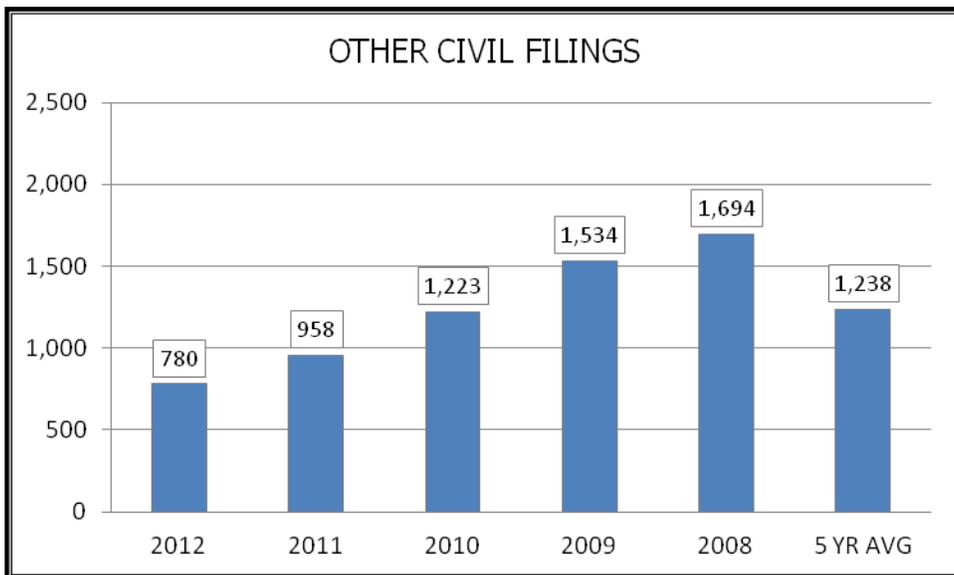
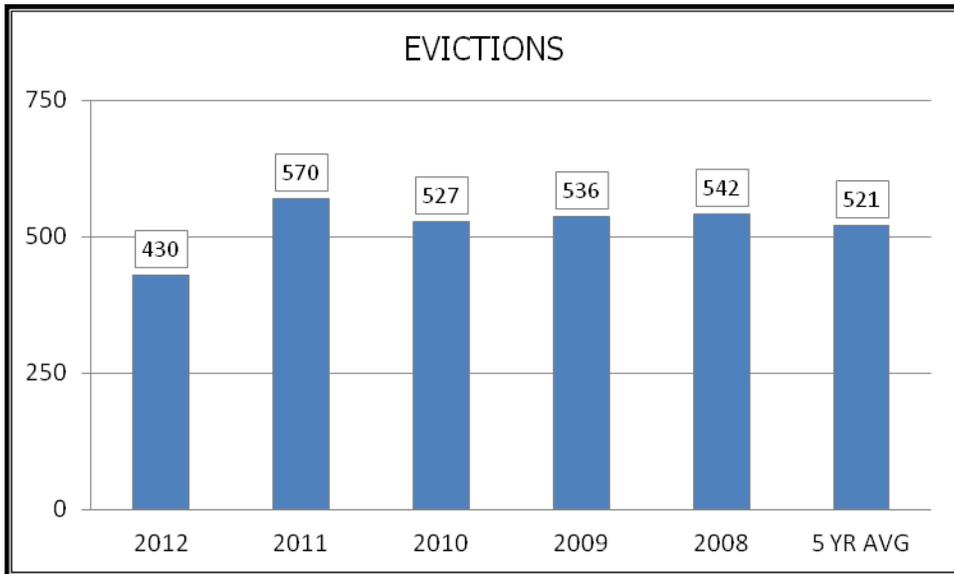
City Disbursements: City of Medina Finance Director	
City Police Fines	28,965.80
State Highway Patrol Fines	97,980.44
Building Code Fines	600.00
Case Management Fund	5,634.00
Medina Street Maintenance	551.00
Reimbursed Jury & Witness Fees	1,421.50
Expungement Fees	0.00
Court Costs	472,912.42
Court Reporter Costs	32,984.74
Indigent Drivers Alcohol Treatment Act	26,081.54
Computer Legal Service Fund	25,351.50
Medina City DUI Enforcement Act	3,585.50
Medina City Drug Enforcement Act	0.00
Probation Service Fund	145,158.65
Computer Capital Improvement Fund	84,484.00
Special Projects Fund	193,641.26
Bank Processing Fee	16,846.00
Indigent Interlock Fund	<u>21,221.50</u>
<b>Total Criminal Disbursements to Medina City</b>	<b>1,157,419.85</b>
County Disbursements: Treasurer - County of Medina	
Brunswick City Fines:	
4511-4513 Sections	9,622.00
All Other Sections	5,750.00
Aud. Cir. 81-5	9,362.30
Medina City Police Fines - State Code:	
4511-4513 Sections	40,507.84
All Other Sections	35,489.35
Aud. Cir. 81-5	21,617.50
10% Ohio State Patrol Fines	
4511-4513 Sections	22,687.39
All Other Sections	270.00
Aud. Cir. 81-5	1,483.36
Brunswick Hills Police Fines:	
4511-4513 Sections	22,222.00
All Other Sections	6,034.00
Aud. Cir. 81-5	6,899.30
Spencer Township Fines:	
4511-4513 Sections	0.00
All Other Sections	433.00
Aud. Cir. 81-5	0.00
Cleveland Metro Parks:	
4511-4513 Sections	725.00
All Other Sections	0.00
Aud. Cir. 81-5	0.00
Hinckley Police Fines:	
4511-4513 Sections	44,346.54
All Other Sections	6,513.15
Aud. Cir. 81-5	3,438.52

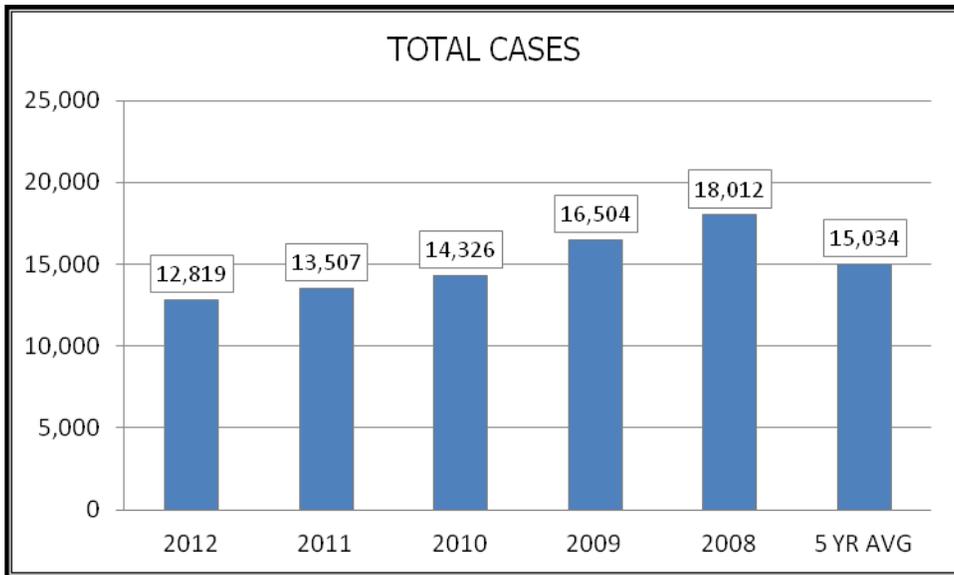
Lafayette Police & Constable Fines:		
	4511-4513 Sections	1,639.00
	All Other Sections	50.00
	Aud. Cir. 81-5	1,178.50
Litchfield Police & Constable Fines:		
	4511-4513 Sections	1,673.00
	All Other Sections	0.00
	Aud. Cir. 81-5	500.00
Liverpool Township & Constable Fines:		
	4511-4513 Sections	1,730.50
	All Other Sections	0.00
	Aud. Cir. 81-5	1,100.00
Medina Township Fines		
	4511-4513 Sections	38,700.00
	All Other Sections	7,782.25
	Aud. Cir. 81-5	16,906.05
Montville Township Fines:		
	4511-4513 Sections	40,985.00
	All Other Sections	5,432.00
	Aud. Cir. 81-5	12,712.00
Spencer Village Fines:		
	4511-4513 Sections	1,950.00
	All Other Sections	1,492.00
	Aud. Cir. 81-5	475.00
Chippewa Lake Fines:		
	4511-4513 Sections	0.00
	All Other Sections	100.00
	Aud. Cir. 81-5	0.00
Expungements:		
		1,380.00
Indigent Application Fee:		
		16,381.00
Medina County Dog Warden Fines:		
		0.00
Highway Maintenance Fund:		
		4,450.00
Jury & Witness Fees:		
		2,419.50
Medina County Park Fines:		
		240.00
Medina County Liquor Fines:		
		550.00
Medina County Sheriff Fines		
		56,218.40
Lafayette Township Fines		
		600.00
<b>STATE DISBURSEMENTS:</b>		
Treasurer, State of Ohio:		
	OSP Fines	122,301.49
	Victimes of Crime	65,771.50
	State Highway Safety Fund	237.50
	Expungements	2,220.00
	Seat Belt Fines	20,398.00
	Liquor Fines	550.00
	Justice Program Service Fund	0.00
	Child Safety Act	280.00
	Drug Law Enforcement Fund	25,323.56
	Indigent Driver Interlock Fund	0.00
	Indigent Defense Support Fund	<u>236,046.00</u>
Total State Distributions		473,128.05

Neil Hassinger, Medina County Sheriff - Fees:	8,589.48
Medina County - Sheriff DUI Enforcement:	803.00
Medina County DUI Jail Costs:	31,843.15
Brunswick City Clerk - Fines & Costs:	42,029.70
Brunswick City Clerk - DUI Enforcement:	1,513.00
Cleveland Metro Parks - Fines:	2,785.00
Cleveland Metro Parks - DUI Enforcement:	0.00
Liverpool DUI Enforcement:	25.00
Lafayette DUI Enforcement:	50.00
Spencer Village Fines:	8,541.00
Spencer Village DUI Enforcement:	258.00
Hinckley Police Fines:	2,735.00
Hinckley DUI Enforcement:	905.00
Hinckley Resolution Fines	50.00
Brunswick Hills Police Fees:	1,864.50
Brunswick Hills DUI Enforcement:	778.00
Montville Twp. Police Fees:	2,965.00
Montville Twp. DUI Enforcement:	1,076.00
Montville Twp. Resolutions Fines:	50.00
Medina Twp. Police Fees:	3,615.00
Medina Twp. DUI Enforcement:	550.00
Medina Twp. Resolution Fines:	0.00
North Royalton Fines and Fees:	25.00
Chippewa Lake Village Fines:	640.00
Ohio State Patrol DUI Enforcement:	4,077.00
Ohio State Patrol Drug Enforcement:	0.00
Medina County Treasurer - Law Library:	7,000.00
Ohio Department of Natural Resources:	1,885.00
Ohio Board of Pharmacy:	16,041.00
Ohio Department of Agriculture:	400.00
Capital Recovery Collections:	8,610.60
SPCA Fines:	558.00
Cuyahoga County Sheriff:	42.95
Franklin County Sheriff:	26.88
Lorain County Sheriff:	186.78
Summit County Sheriff:	311.12
Wayne County Sheriff:	141.44
Licking County Sheriff:	63.00
Portage County Sheriff:	96.00
<b>TOTAL CRIMINAL &amp; TRAFFIC DISBURSEMENTS:</b>	<b>\$2,235,723.95</b>









## **PROBATION DEPARTMENT**

Marirose Power, Chief Probation Officer

The probation department employs three full time general supervision officers, a part time officer, a full time intensive supervision officer, a full time chief probation officer, and three part time clerical staff. A grant from the State of Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction funds the salaries of the ISP officer and one of the clerical staff. The ISP program serves both the Medina and Wadsworth Municipal Courts.

The department conducted 1,141 presentence investigations and eighty-eight (88) sealing of records reviews. The department reviewed 593 traffic cases prior to sentencing, and evaluated 388 victim impact statements.

Five hundred twenty (520) new offenders were placed on probation. Fifty-two percent (52%) were convicted of an OVI offense, 10% drug offenses, 10% underage alcohol violations, 9% theft/property crimes, 7% domestic violence/threatening domestic violence/or a reduced charge which originated as domestic violence, 4% other violent offenses. The remaining 8% included various criminal charges such as; telecommunications harassment, violating protection orders, public indecency and animal cruelty.

The department conducted 2,773 reporting appointments, and required 1,450 drug tests. The probation department supervised 48 persons not sentenced to probation supervision who were completing court-ordered community service. The department monitored all of the court's electronically monitored house arrest commitments, intervention in lieu of conviction referrals, and bond reporters. One hundred twenty (120) individuals were charged with violating conditions of probation.

## **ALCOHOL TREATMENT FUNDS AND JAIL COSTS**

The Court collected \$57,112.34 for the Indigent Drivers Alcohol Treatment Act (IDATA) in 2012. These funds can be used to pay for treatment of indigent defendants. The Court collected \$31,843.15 for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol jail costs, which was paid to the Medina County Auditor. The Court disbursed to townships, cities, Medina County and the State of Ohio a total of \$13,620.50 from funds collected under the Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol Act. These funds may be used by the arresting agencies for equipment, training, and enforcement of driving under the influence of alcohol laws.

## **BAILIFF'S OFFICE**

Carl Meding, Bailiff

The Bailiff's Office employs one Bailiff and four full-time Deputy Bailiffs. Bailiffs are responsible for courtroom and building security, attending to the Court's electronic recording system, and overseeing the activities of all individuals present in the building and on the grounds. The Bailiff's Office supervises seven part-time security personnel who operate the Court's metal detector and screen all persons entering the building.

One Deputy Bailiff is responsible for the service of subpoenas and other court papers throughout the Court's jurisdiction, including executing evictions and Court ordered sales of property. In 2012, the Bailiff's Office supervised 113 evictions, a 42.1%% decrease compared to 2011. See Table #1

The Bailiff's Office maintains and operates the Court's Law Enforcement Automated Data System (LEADS), and recently received its fourth straight excellent rating during the 2012 audit.

The Bailiff's Office actively pursues people who have failed to appear at Court, or have otherwise ignored Court orders. During 2012, The Court's bailiffs physically arrested 99 defendants and cleared a total of 607 warrants by all means. (See Table #2) The enforcement of warrants for fines and costs due the Court, resulted in collections of \$82,888.86. This warrant activity also includes the publication and distribution of the Court's Most Wanted Posters. This allows the community to assist in resolving outstanding warrants. Table #3 details warrants on hand at the end of 2012.

A unique program administered by the Bailiff's Office is the entry of information on certain convicted defendants into the Federal National Crime Information Center's (NCIC) Supervised Release File. This file helps track those convicted defendants who have been placed on probation. The program began in April 2006 and currently remains the only program authorized at the municipal court level in Ohio to independently enter these probationers into NCIC. At the end of 2012, the Court maintained 508 entries in NCIC.

During 2012, the Court recorded 155 contacts with other law enforcement agencies dealing with these probationers. These contacts include relatively minor traffic citations, and other involvement in more serious matters such as OVI, felonious assault on a police officer, rape, drug trafficking, aggravated burglary, and domestic violence.

TABLE #1	
EVICITION ACTIVITY	
(FORCIBLE ENTRY AND LOCK CHANGE)	
YEAR	NUMBER OF EVICTIONS
2008	175
2009	130
2010	139
2011	166
2012	113

The activity of the warrant enforcement bailiff is reflected in the following report:

TABLE #2	
TOTAL NUMBER OF WARRANTS RESOLVED:	607
TOTAL NUMBER OF DEFENDANTS:	556
WARRANTS RESOLVED BY ACTION TAKEN:	
Executed By Arrest:	99
Came to Court After Home Visit:	102
Came to Court After Phone Contact:	46
Came to Court After Warrant Block Letter:	158
Resolved Via Most Wanted Poster Program	23
NUMBER OF HOME VISITS MADE:	626

TABLE #3	
WARRANTS ON HAND	
NUMBER OF FAILURE TO APPEAR WARRANTS:	435
NUMBER OF CIVIL SHOW CAUSE WARRANTS:	14
NUMBER OF FINE & COSTS DUE WARRANTS:	227
UNRESOLVED FINES:	\$94,624.70
AVERAGE UNRESOLVED FINE:	\$416.93
TOTAL WARRANTS ON HAND:	676
(As of 03/19/13)	

## **CONTINUING EDUCATION**

All judicial seminars are through the Judicial College of the Supreme Court of Ohio unless otherwise noted.

### **Judge Chase is an active member of the Ohio Association of Municipal/County Court Judges**

Judge Chase attended the following association meetings and seminars:

- February 2012 – Association of Municipal/County Court Judges of Ohio 2012 Winter Conference
- August 2012 – *The Watergate CLE*; Ohio State Bar Association
- October 2012 – Faculty for the Ohio Judicial College *Jury Trial Skills* – Ohio Association of Magistrate’s Fall Conference.

### **Magistrates Lawrie, Leggett and Dougherty are active members of the Ohio Association of Magistrates.**

Chief Magistrate Lawrie continues to serve on the Supreme Court of Ohio’s Commission on Technology and the Courts. Chief Justice Thomas Moyer appointed Magistrate Lawrie to the commission in 2008. The commission’s purpose is to “chart a course for the deployment of technology in Ohio’s justice system.”

Chief Magistrate Lawrie attended the following association meetings and seminars:

- April 2012 – Ohio Association of Magistrates 2012 Spring Conference – *Procedural and Evidentiary Issues in Credit Card and Purchased Debt Cases; Ethics: Judging for Magistrates in the Digital Age; Pursuing Professionalism – Six Simple Ways to Honor Your Professional Ideals and Enrich Your Experience on the Bench; Alcoholic and Addictive Family Dynamics; The Nuts and Bolts of Arraignments, Pleas, and Change of Pleas; Trial and Sentencing Issues; Traffic Law Update; The U.S. Supreme Court: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly; The New Deal Under Attack: The Depression and the U.S. Supreme Court.*
- October 2012 – Ohio Association of Magistrates 2012 Fall Conference – *Report on the Judiciary; Professionalism: Lawyer to Lawyer Mentoring; Ethics – What’s Bugging Me; Family Dynamics in Alcoholic/Addicted Homes that Spill into the Courtroom; Ohio Courts Update; Municipal Practice Area Meeting; Trial Tactics: How to Make Trials Less Trying; Toward the More Noble; Decision Making.*

Chief Magistrate Lawrie presented the following Judicial College seminars:

- August 2012 – *Electronic Legal Research*

Magistrate Leggett attended the following association meetings and seminars:

- October 2012 – Ohio Association of Magistrates 2012 Spring Conference – *A Practical Look at Contempt; Military and Veterans Issues; Report on the Judiciary; Professionalism: Lawyer to Lawyer Mentoring; Ethics – What’s Bugging Me; Family Dynamics in Alcoholic/Addicted Homes that Spill into the Courtroom; Ohio Courts Update; Municipal Practice Area Meeting ; Motions to Stay and Compel Arbitration; Jury Instructions and Deliberations, Effects of Social Media; Toward the More Noble; Decision Making*

Magistrate Dougherty attended the following association meetings and seminar:

- April 2012 – Ohio Association of Magistrates 2012 Spring Conference - *Procedural and Evidentiary Issues in Credit Card and Purchased Debt Cases; Ethics: Judging for Magistrates in the Digital Age; Pursuing Professionalism – Six Simple Ways to Honor Your Professional Ideals and Enrich Your Experience on the Bench; Alcoholic and Addictive Family Dynamics; Docket Management; Judicial Decision Writing and the New Supreme Court Style Manual; The Nuts and Bolts of Arraignments, Pleas, and Change of Pleas; Trial and Sentencing Issues; Traffic Law Update; The U.S. Supreme Court: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly; The New Deal Under Attack: The Depression and the U.S. Supreme Court*

## **COMPUTER DEVELOPMENTS**

Rich Armstrong, Management Information Specialist

The court employs a Management Information Specialist to coordinate all technology applications. The current equipment in place consists of 42 printers, 5 printer/copier/fax systems, 49 desktop and 3 laptop PC's. A Dell 2900 server holds the court records, while another Dell 2900 server handles the online court access and a Snap Gear firewall appliance was installed to protect the internal computer systems. The Norton Antivirus was updated to Symantec Endpoint 12.0 for more thorough protection of the network. The installed value of computers and software is approximately \$500,000, of which zero dollars came from the City of Medina General Fund.

The Court transition to the new computer system and Case Management software from Civica Systems of Englewood, Ohio is continuing with the Civil application installed in May of this year. The software is continually upgraded throughout the year. The software was upgraded for the Criminal/Traffic Division, Probation and document scanning. Civil began the conversion to Client Server in 2011.

The Court has Wi-Fi access points throughout the building allowing employees and guests to access the internet. Two LEADS computer systems are in use by the Court allowing timely lookup of data for the Court processing as well as reducing the workload for the Medina Police Department.

The probation department scans new cases as they are received and scans historical records into the imaging database. This database allows documents to be stored in digital format and printed on demand. This increases the efficiency of the department, prevents misplaced files, saves time in retrieving the files, and reduces the physical space required for storage.

The website is hosted by Blue Domino and continues to be maintained by Uplink/MSS of Medina and Civica/CMI of Englewood. The court is continuing the effort to make the website easy to use and useful to our clients. The website allows lookups based on case scheduling for both Criminal and Traffic as well as Civil cases.

## **FOREIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETING SERVICES**

The Court continues to see an increase in the number of criminal and traffic cases involving defendants who do not speak English and require assistance in their native language to understand court proceedings. The Court contracted with Language Line Services of Monterey, California to provide language translation for short court proceedings (approximately 5 to 10 minutes in length) and with Monarca Language Services, a Medina business, for all other translation services.

## **WEDDINGS**

The Judge performed 49 weddings in 2012.

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Respectfully submitted:

MEDINA MUNICIPAL COURT

MARCH 31, 2013

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DALE H. CHASE, JUDGE

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NANCY L. ABBOTT, CLERK