



MEDINA MUNICIPAL COURT

2013 Annual Report

DALE H. CHASE, JUDGE

NANCY L. ABBOTT, CLERK

**MEDINA MUNICIPAL COURT
2013 ANNUAL REPORT**

MARCH 31, 2014

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 12,763 cases and terminated 12,777 cases.

These cases generated \$4,338,421.55 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.

CRIMINAL & TRAFFIC CASES					
	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
FELONIES					
Cases Filed:	195	204	218	166	150
Cases Terminated:	197	198	216	167	151
MISDEMEANORS					
Cases Filed:	1,831	1,734	1,782	1,690	1,804
Cases Terminated:	1,779	1,733	1,704	1,672	1,809
D.U.I.					
Cases Filed:	575	536	544	558	664
Cases Terminated:	553	527	540	545	659
TRAFFIC					
Cases Filed:	7,503	7,200	7,550	8,193	9,678
Cases Terminated:	7,437	7,088	7,592	8,050	9,808
CIVIL CASES					
PERSONAL INJURY/PROPERTY DAMAGE					
Cases Filed:	6	29	22	38	28
Cases Terminated:	13	27	26	33	39
CONTRACTS					
Cases Filed:	1,116	1,607	1,573	1,573	1,764
Cases Terminated:	1,350	1,405	1,644	1,544	2,062
F.E.D. (Forcible Entry & Detainer)					
Cases Filed:	445	430	570	527	536
Cases Terminated:	415	502	551	567	607
OTHER CIVIL					
Cases Filed:	818	780	958	1,223	1,534
Cases Terminated:	760	914	980	1,380	1,759
SMALL CLAIMS					
Cases Filed:	274	299	290	358	346
Cases Terminated:	273	314	301	323	381
TOTAL FILED:	12,763	12,819	13,507	14,326	16,504
TOTAL TERMINATED:	12,777	12,708	13,554	14,281	17,275

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

Agency	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Brunswick Hills Twp.	362	400	731	882	1,065
Brunswick City	429	550	512	512	551
Bureau of Criminal Investigation	1	0	0	0	0
Chippewa Lake	0	0	0	0	0
Division of Wildlife	17	45	10	31	43
Hinckley Twp.	414	558	625	715	554
Lafayette Twp.	7	31	52	15	40
Litchfield Twp.	19	35	45	30	60
Liverpool Twp.	18	20	21	16	17
Medina City Bldg. Dept.	5	22	40	10	10
Medina County Parks	10	5	7	3	6
Medina Co. Drug Task Force	70	23	46	21	7
Medina Dog Warden	2	1	4	9	15
Medina City Police	1,777	1,485	2,037	2,027	2,893
Medina City Fire Dept.	0	0	0	0	0
Medina City Water Dept.	0	0	0	0	0
Medina City Zoning	3	2	4	17	9
Medina Sanitation Dept.	0	0	0	0	0
Medina Township Police	1,168	945	689	861	841
Medway Enforcement Group	1	0	2	0	0
Metro Parks	30	76	77	57	63
Montville Township Police	1,032	687	791	970	988
North Royalton	3	3	3	2	3
Ohio Bureau Workers' Comp	0	0	1	0	0
Ohio Investigative Unit	5	8	22	7	8
Dept. of Agriculture	0	1	0	0	0
Ohio Dept. Liquor Control	0	0	0	0	0
Ohio State Patrol	3,744	3,612	3,184	3,070	3,444
Private Citizens	4	18	28	35	28
Sheriff Dept.	595	673	595	620	756
S.P.C.A.	10	3	7	6	4
Spencer Village	92	186	194	309	343
State of Ohio	1	3	2	1	4
Strongsville	2	3	0	0	1
Zoning Violations	0	0	2	0	3
Chippewa Lake - Zoning	2	4	5	8	0
Division of Watercraft Safety	2	3	0	0	0
Chippewa Village Constable	0	0	3	2	0
Granger Township Constable	1	0	0	0	0
Lodi	0	0	0	1	0
Medina Township - Zoning	0	0	0	1	0
Ohio Dept of Transportation	<u>8</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
Total	9,834	9,402	9,741	10,240	11,757
Reactivated Cases	<u>270</u>	<u>272</u>	<u>353</u>	<u>367</u>	<u>539</u>
Total	10,104	9,674	10,094	10,607	12,296

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

Agency	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Brunswick Hills Twp.	13	23	29	23	38
Brunswick City	53	68	63	88	87
Chippewa Lake	0	0	0	0	0
Hinckley Twp.	39	41	39	31	31
Lafayette Twp.	0	1	2	2	7
Liverpool Twp.	0	2	0	0	0
Medina City	89	96	137	101	137
Medina County Parks	0	0	0	0	0
Medina Twp.	70	31	22	34	54
Metro Parks	0	1	1	0	1
Montville Twp.	91	43	34	41	51
North Royalton	0	1	2	1	1
Ohio State Patrol	171	163	157	160	168
Sheriff Dept.	33	38	38	46	57
Spencer Village	<u>3</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>
Total	562	519	531	533	636
Reactivated Cases	<u>13</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>28</u>
Total	575	536	544	558	664

CASE LOAD COMPARISON BY ARRESTING AGENCIES
TOTAL OTHER TRAFFIC CASES

Agency	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Brunswick Hills Twp.	279	302	616	756	914
Brunswick City	214	262	257	227	265
Chippewa Lake	0	0	0	0	0
Division of Wildlife	0	0	0	0	0
Hinckley Twp.	322	449	518	611	488
Lafayette Twp.	7	30	50	13	24
Litchfield Twp.	19	35	45	30	60
Liverpool Twp.	18	18	21	16	17
Medina City	953	722	1,072	1,263	1,993
Medina County Parks	0	0	0	0	0
Medina Twp.	843	743	544	695	664
Metro Parks	11	18	15	21	12
Montville Twp.	721	527	671	821	822
North Royalton	3	1	0	1	2
Ohio State Patrol	3,474	3,373	2,950	2,829	3,207
Sheriff Dept.	385	397	361	360	464
Spencer Village	72	143	160	283	326
State of Ohio	1	2	0	0	0
Chippewa Lake Constable	0	0	2	0	0
Granger Township Constable	1	0	0	0	0
Strongsville	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Total	7,325	7,025	7,282	7,927	9,259
Reactivated Cases	<u>178</u>	<u>175</u>	<u>268</u>	<u>266</u>	<u>419</u>
Total	7,503	7,200	7,550	8,193	9,678

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

CASE TYPE	CASES FILED	CASES TRANSFERRED TO MEDINA MUNICIPAL COURT
Traffic	3,475	131
OVI	176	7
Criminal	808	78
Other	61	4
TOTAL	4,520	220

**CLERK OF COURT
NANCY L. ABBOTT**

The following is a Statement of Receipts and Disbursements of the Medina Municipal Court for the period January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013.

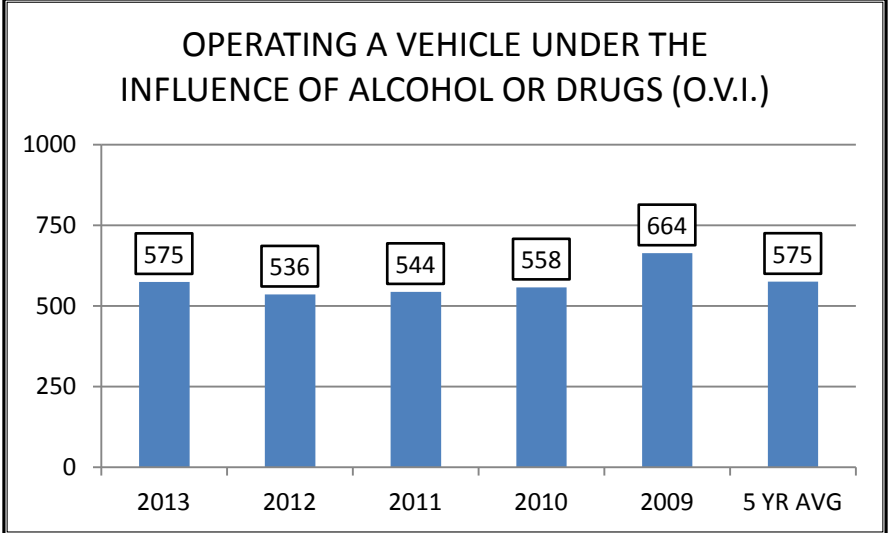
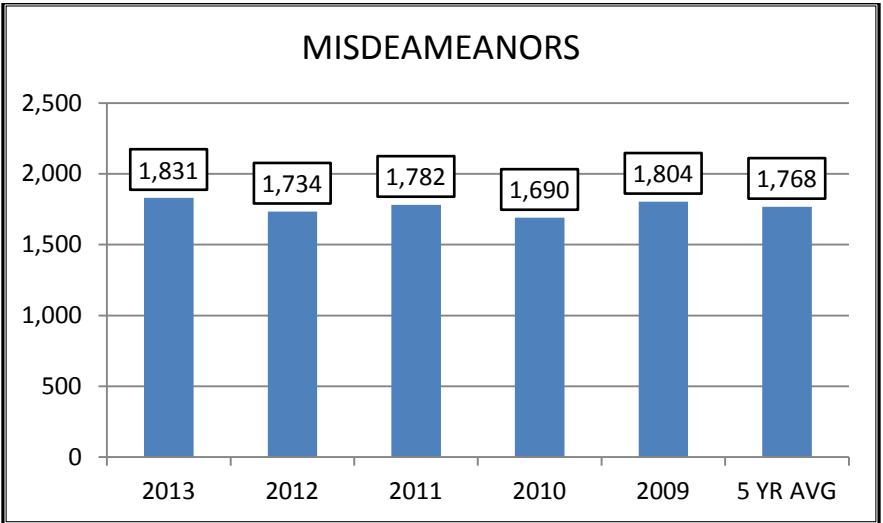
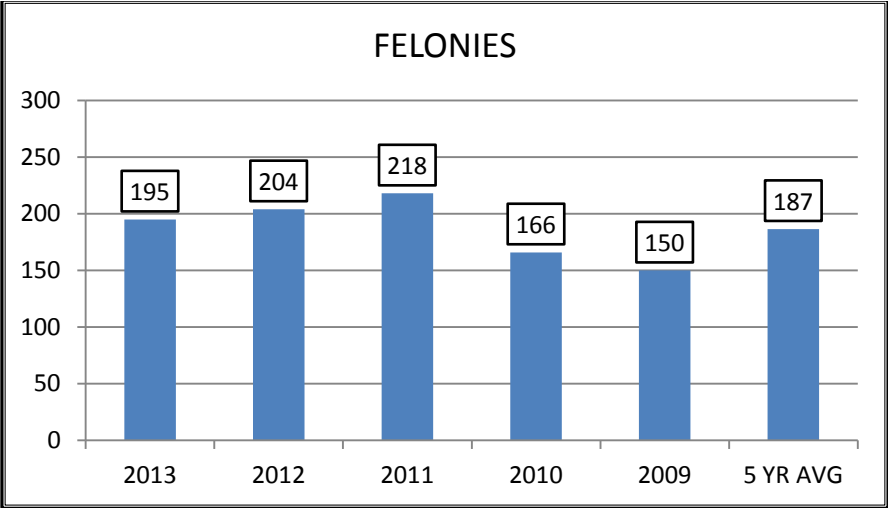
BOND ACCOUNT		
Cash Receipts:		
Balance as of January 1, 2013		70,783.50
Total receipts for 2013		454,386.97
Disbursements:		
Total disbursements for 2013		446,409.47
IDSF		8,975.00
Balance as of December 31, 2013		69,786.00
CIVIL / LANDLORD-TENANT / TRUSTEE DIVISION		
Cash Receipts:		
Balance as of January 1, 2013		74,287.39
Cash Receipts		1,634,477.90
Adjustments		0.00
Disbursements:		
City of Medina		
Bailiff Fees		9,665.00
Bank Processing Fee		5,224.00
Case Management		7,846.00
Computer Legal Service Fee		7,876.00
Computer Capital Improvement Fund		26,220.00
Court Administrative Fee		639.67
Court Costs		258,467.25
Special Project Fund		52,440.00
State of Ohio		63,353.33
Miscellaneous		
Foreign Sheriff Fees		0.00
Witness Fees		1,558.04
Judgments		1,217,858.80
Miscellaneous Payout		162.55
Adjustments (voided checks, voided receipts, etc.)		<u>-3,059.55</u>
Total Civil Disbursements		1,651,310.64
Balance as of December 31, 2013		57,454.65
CRIMINAL/TRAFFIC ACCOUNT		
Cash Receipts:		
Balance as of January 1, 2013		0.00
Total CR/TR Receipts for 2013		2,231,726.44

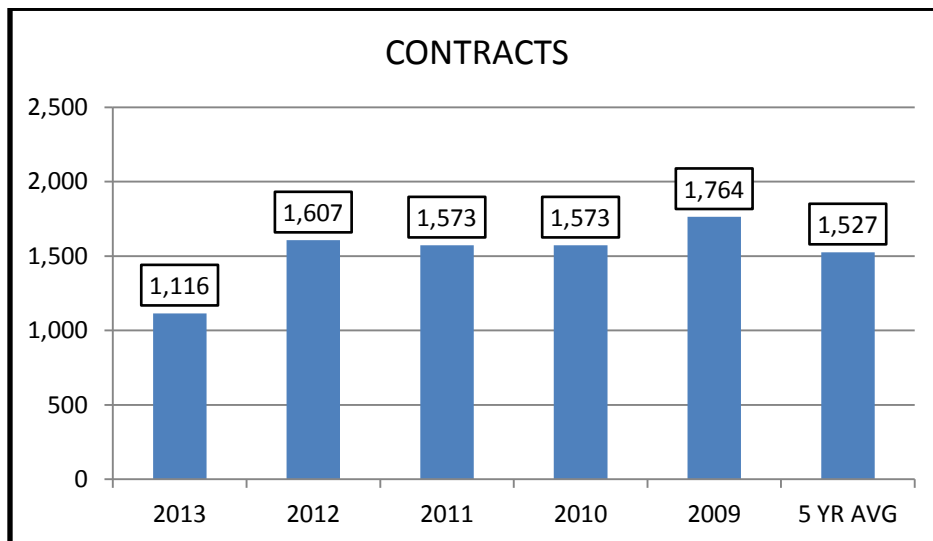
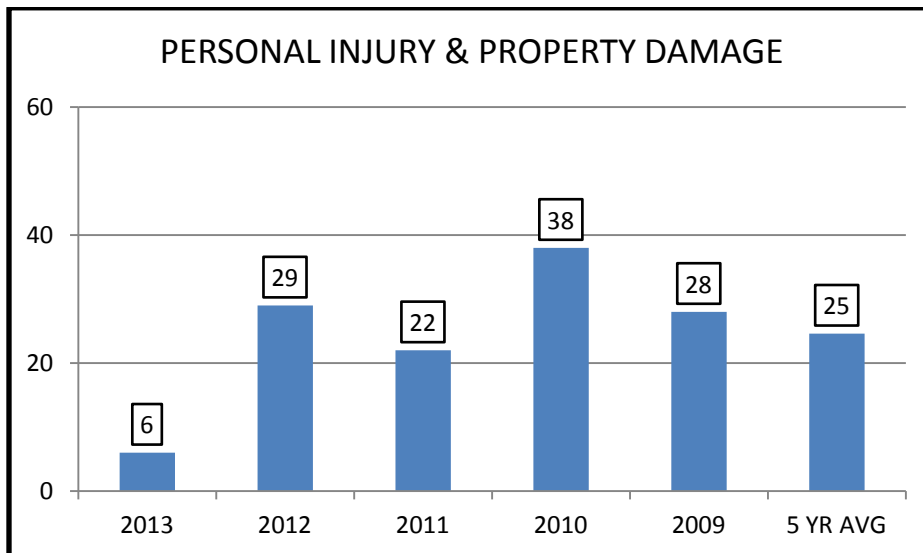
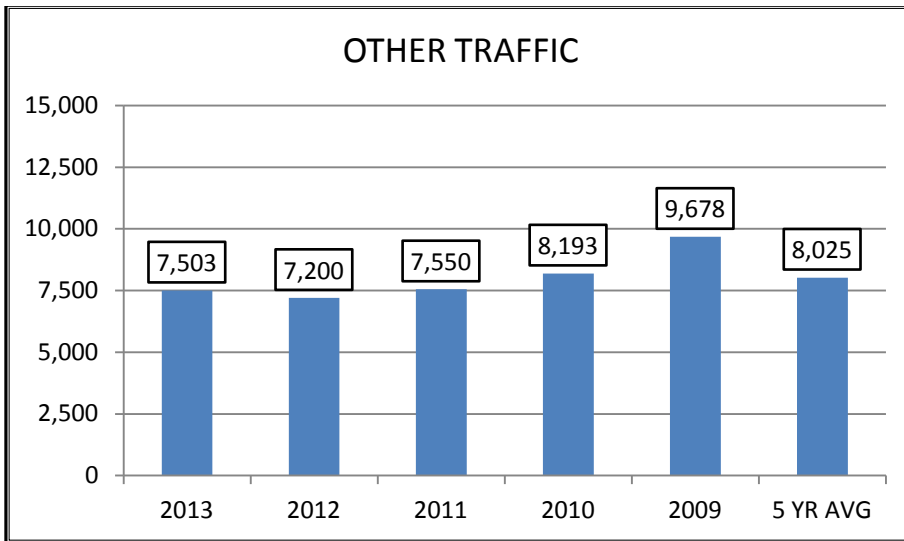
City Disbursements: City of Medina Finance Director	
City Police Fines	41,435.25
State Highway Patrol Fines	97,870.37
Building Code Fines	600.00
Case Management Fund	23,891.00
Medina Street Maintenance	4,375.00
Reimbursed Jury & Witness Fees	2,772.50
Expungement Fees	0.00
Court Costs	466,671.87
Court Reporter Costs	33,371.79
Indigent Drivers Alcohol Treatment Act	23,844.00
Computer Legal Service Fund	25,568.00
Medina City DUI Enforcement Act	1,891.50
Medina City Drug Enforcement Act	0.00
Probation Service Fund	122,182.35
Computer Capital Improvement Fund	85,188.50
Special Projects Fund	196,413.00
Bank Processing Fee	16,951.50
Zoning Fines	250.00
Indigent Interlock Fund	<u>20,018.00</u>
Total Criminal Disbursements to Medina City	1,163,294.63

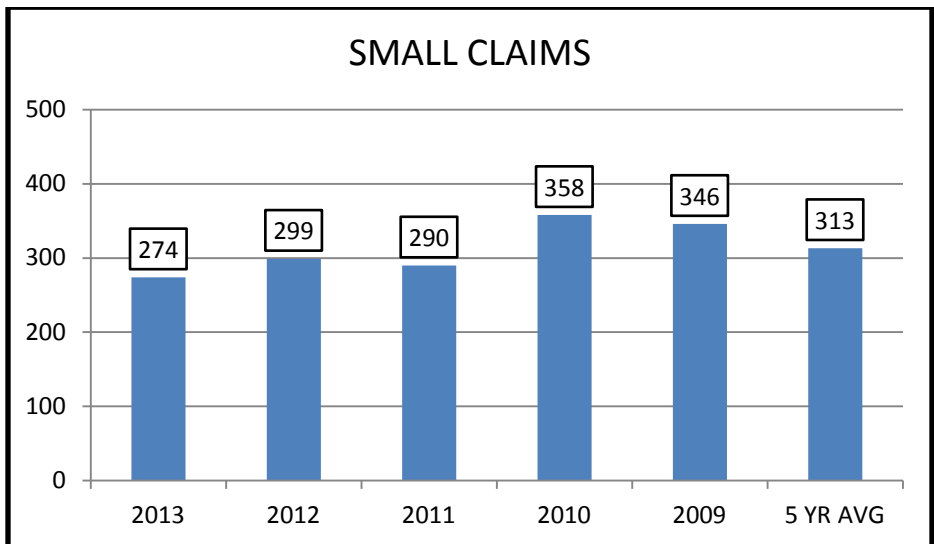
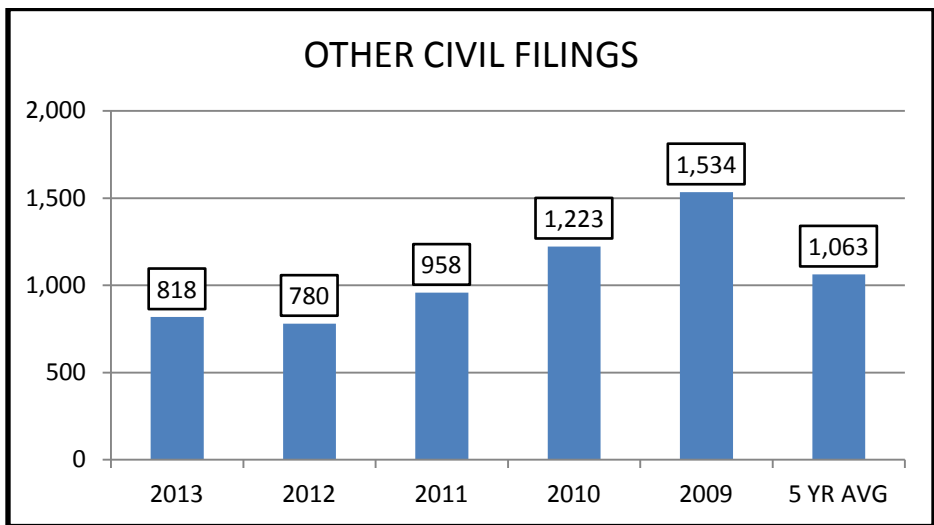
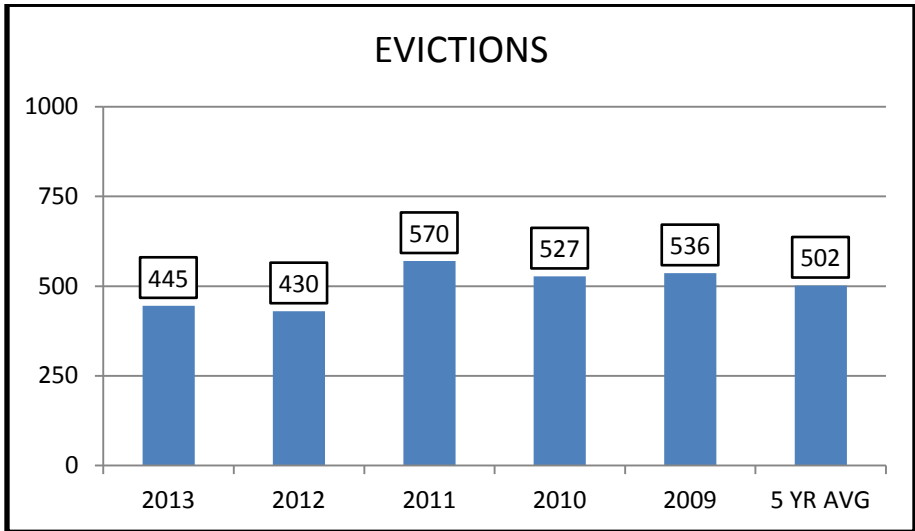
County Disbursements: Treasurer - County of Medina	
Brunswick City Fines:	
4511-4513 Sections	9,503.00
All Other Sections	6,210.50
Aud. Cir. 81-5	6,261.68
Medina City Police Fines - State Code:	
4511-4513 Sections	26,100.00
All Other Sections	40,792.99
Aud. Cir. 81-5	12,472.00
10% Ohio State Patrol Fines	
4511-4513 Sections	22,484.78
All Other Sections	212.00
Aud. Cir. 81-5	1,677.30
Brunswick Hills Police Fines:	
4511-4513 Sections	13,600.00
All Other Sections	5,626.00
Aud. Cir. 81-5	6,749.20
Spencer Township Fines:	
4511-4513 Sections	0.00
All Other Sections	50.00
Aud. Cir. 81-5	0.00
Cleveland Metro Parks:	
4511-4513 Sections	0.00
All Other Sections	0.00
Aud. Cir. 81-5	0.00
Hinckley Police Fines:	
4511-4513 Sections	34,960.50
All Other Sections	5,093.50
Aud. Cir. 81-5	3,428.00

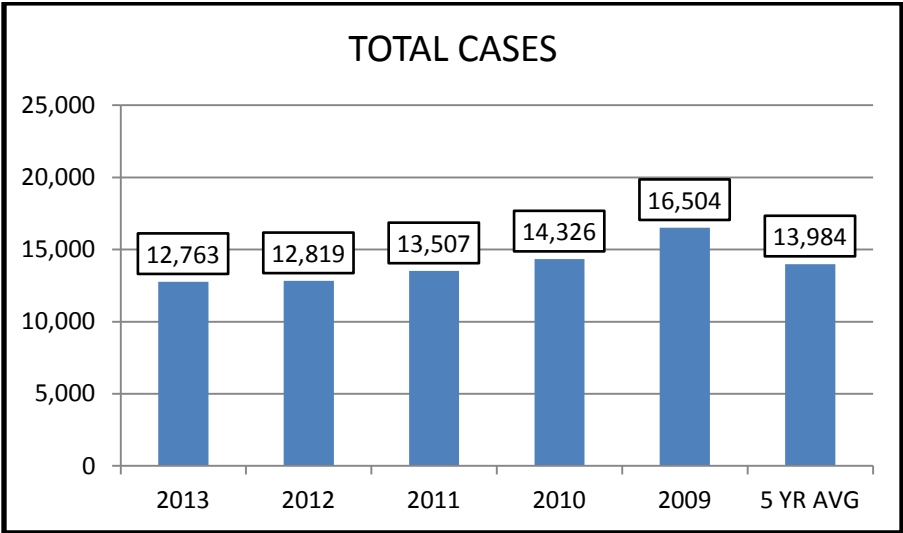
Lafayette Police & Constable Fines:		
	4511-4513 Sections	700.00
	All Other Sections	250.00
	Aud. Cir. 81-5	50.00
Litchfield Police & Constable Fines:		
	4511-4513 Sections	1,225.00
	All Other Sections	0.00
	Aud. Cir. 81-5	450.00
Liverpool Township & Constable Fines:		
	4511-4513 Sections	1,366.00
	All Other Sections	0.00
	Aud. Cir. 81-5	350.00
Medina Township Fines		
	4511-4513 Sections	52,503.00
	All Other Sections	9,798.50
	Aud. Cir. 81-5	26,266.70
Montville Township Fines:		
	4511-4513 Sections	59,842.50
	All Other Sections	7,269.00
	Aud. Cir. 81-5	14,390.50
Spencer Village Fines:		
	4511-4513 Sections	2,250.00
	All Other Sections	417.00
	Aud. Cir. 81-5	2,050.00
Chippewa Lake Fines:		
	4511-4513 Sections	0.00
	All Other Sections	50.00
	Aud. Cir. 81-5	0.00
Expungements:		2,060.00
Indigent Application Fee:		14,175.00
Medina County Dog Warden Fines:		189.00
Highway Maintenance Fund:		4,917.00
Jury & Witness Fees:		2,252.00
Medina County Park Fines:		390.00
Medina County Liquor Fines:		450.00
Medina County Sheriff Fines		49,917.00
Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation:		200.00
York Township Fines:		150.00
Strongsville Fines:		80.00
Lafayette Township Fines:		200.00
STATE DISBURSEMENTS:		
Treasurer, State of Ohio:		
	OSP Fines	122,171.34
	Victimes of Crime	66,995.20
	State Highway Safety Fund	81.50
	Expungements	3,240.00
	Seat Belt Fines	21,223.67
	Liquor Fines	350.00
	Justice Program Service Fund	0.00
	Child Safety Act	640.00
	Drug Law Enforcement Fund	26,272.25
	Indigent Driver Interlock Fund	0.00
	Indigent Defense Support Fund	<u>236,599.25</u>
Total State Distributions		477,573.21

Neil Hassinger, Medina County Sheriff - Fees:	8,134.10
Medina County - Sheriff DUI Enforcement:	1,106.00
Medina County DUI Jail Costs:	27,930.55
Brunswick City Clerk - Fines & Costs:	44,985.15
Brunswick City Clerk - DUI Enforcement:	1,043.00
Cleveland Metro Parks - Fines:	1,925.00
Cleveland Metro Parks - DUI Enforcement:	0.00
Liverpool DUI Enforcement:	0.00
Lafayette DUI Enforcement:	0.00
Spencer Village Fines:	4,574.00
Spencer Village DUI Enforcement:	200.00
Hinckley Police Fines:	1,805.00
Hinckley DUI Enforcement:	846.00
Hinckley Resolution Fines	0.00
Brunswick Hills Police Fees:	1,668.50
Brunswick Hills DUI Enforcement:	588.00
Montville Twp. Police Fees:	3,915.00
Montville Twp. DUI Enforcement:	1,430.00
Montville Twp. Resolutions Fines:	100.00
Medina Twp. Police Fees:	4,678.00
Medina Twp. DUI Enforcement:	1,148.00
Medina Twp. Resolution Fines:	0.00
North Royalton Fines and Fees:	75.00
Chippewa Lake Village Fines:	0.00
Ohio State Patrol DUI Enforcement:	3,662.66
Ohio State Patrol Drug Enforcement:	0.00
Medina County Treasurer - Law Library:	7,000.00
Ohio Department of Natural Resources:	991.00
Ohio Board of Pharmacy:	15,198.40
Ohio Department of Agriculture:	0.00
Capital Recovery Collections:	5,574.40
Ohio BMV Fees:	15.00
SPCA Fines:	2,086.00
Cuyahoga County Sheriff:	75.45
Franklin County Sheriff:	0.00
Lorain County Sheriff:	365.84
Summit County Sheriff:	0.00
Wayne County Sheriff:	127.90
Portage County Sheriff:	181.00
TOTAL CRIMINAL & TRAFFIC DISBURSEMENTS:	\$2,231,726.44









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 probation officer, a full time chief probation officer and three part time clerical staff. A grant from the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction funds the positions of the ISP officer and one of the part time clerical staff. The ISP program serves both the Medina and Wadsworth Municipal Courts.

The department received 1,095 referrals for presentence investigation as well as 148 sealing of records investigations. Additionally, 594 traffic cases were reviewed and prepared for sentencing, and 315 victim impact statements were processed.

Four hundred forty- five new offenders were placed on probation. Of these, 57% were convicted of an OVI or closely related offense, 13% were convicted of a theft offense, 11% were convicted of domestic violence/threatening domestic violence/ a reduced charge which originated as domestic violence, 5% were convicted of underage alcohol violations, 3% were convicted of assault/ a reduced charge which originated as assault and 3% were convicted of criminal damaging and/or criminal mischief. The remaining 8% were assigned to supervision for a broad range of other criminal convictions ranging from vehicular manslaughter to animal cruelty.

The department conducted 2,320 reporting appointments, and required 1,177 drug tests. The probation department also supervised persons assigned to bond reporting, electronically monitored house arrest and/or transdermal alcohol monitoring, intervention in lieu of conviction, and community service assignments.

Eighty- seven individuals were formally charged with violating conditions of probation.

ALCOHOL TREATMENT FUNDS AND JAIL COSTS

The Court collected \$39,968.37 for the Indigent Drivers Alcohol Treatment Act (IDATA) in 2013. These funds can be used to pay for treatment of indigent defendants. The Court collected \$27,930.55 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 \$10,023.66 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 2013, the Bailiff's Office supervised 135 evictions, a 19.5% increase compared to 2012. See Table #1

The Bailiff's Office maintains and operates the Court's Law Enforcement Automated Data System (LEADS), and 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 2013, The Court's bailiffs physically arrested 94 defendants and cleared a total of 601 warrants by all means. (See Table #2) The enforcement of warrants for fines and costs due the Court, resulted in collections of \$80,450.30. 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 2013.

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 2013, the Court maintained 419 entries in NCIC.

During 2013, the Court recorded 135 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	
EVICTION ACTIVITY	
(FORCIBLE ENTRY AND LOCK CHANGE)	
YEAR	NUMBER OF EVICTIONS
2009	130
2010	139
2011	166
2012	113
2013	135

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

TABLE #2	
TOTAL NUMBER OF WARRANTS RESOLVED:	601
TOTAL NUMBER OF DEFENDANTS:	561
WARRANTS RESOLVED BY ACTION TAKEN:	
Executed By Arrest:	94
Came to Court After Home Visit:	115
Came to Court After Phone Contact:	234
Came to Court After Warrant Block Letter:	152
Resolved Via Most Wanted Poster Program	6
NUMBER OF HOME VISITS MADE:	616

TABLE #3	
WARRANTS ON HAND	
NUMBER OF FAILURE TO APPEAR WARRANTS:	491
NUMBER OF CIVIL SHOW CAUSE WARRANTS:	7
NUMBER OF FINE & COSTS DUE WARRANTS:	0
UNRESOLVED FINES:	\$0.00
AVERAGE UNRESOLVED FINE:	\$0.00
(Note: All fine & cost warrants were recalled at the end of 2013)	
TOTAL WARRANTS ON HAND:	498

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 2013 – Association of Municipal/County Court Judges of Ohio 2013 Winter Conference.
- September 2013 – National Center for State Courts Technology 2013 Conference.
- September 2013 – American Judges Association 53rd Annual Education 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."

In 2013, Magistrate Lawrie was appointed to serve on the Court Technology Committee of the Ohio Judicial Conference (www.ohiojudges.org). The committee "explores new development in court technology and policies related to it, and serves as a resource to help Ohio judges effectively use technology."

Chief Magistrate Lawrie attended the following association meetings and seminars:

- April 2013 – Ohio Association of Magistrates 2013 Spring Conference – *Hearsay; Exercising Judicial Discretion: A Study in Ethics, Professionalism, and Substance Abuse; The Role of Interpreters in Legal Proceedings.*
- October 2013 – Ohio Association of Magistrates 2013 Fall Conference – *The Nuts and Bolts of Being a Magistrate; Significant Supreme Court of Ohio Cases the Past Year; Ohio Courts Update; Mediation Track: Using Mediation Skills from the Bench; Ethics, Professionalism, and Substance Abuse.*

Chief Magistrate Lawrie presented the following Judicial College seminars:

- June 2013 – *Personal Technology*
- August 2013 – *Electronic Legal Research*

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Magistrate Leggett attended the following association meetings and seminars:

- April 2013 – Ohio Association of Magistrates 2013 Spring Conference – *The Nuts and Bolts of Being a Magistrate; Significant Supreme Court of Ohio Cases the Past Year; Ohio Courts Update; Landlord/Tenant: Security Deposits, Damages, Escrow, Residential Evictions, Bed Bugs, Commercial Evictions, Rule 53 as It Applies to Magistrates; Ethics, Professionalism, and Substance Abuse.*

Magistrate Dougherty attended the following association meetings and seminar:

- October 2013 – Ohio Association of Magistrates 2013 Fall Conference – *Hearsay; Exercising Judicial Discretion: A Study in Ethics, Professionalism, and Substance Abuse; Mental Health Issues in the Courts; The Role of Interpreters in Legal Proceedings.*

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, 50 desktop and 4 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 transitioned to the Civil Case Management software from Civica Systems of Englewood, Ohio. The software is continually upgraded throughout the year. The software was upgraded for the Criminal/Traffic Division, Probation and document scanning. The Court records are backed up daily to an IBM Ultrium tape drive daily and stored off site. The Friday tapes are stored at the Gateway facility for additional safety.

The audio is recorded in both courtrooms by software from FTR systems and stored on multiple computers. Backups are made for each courtroom and stored offsite and on multiple pc's within the building allowing quick recovery for court staff, attorneys and clients. The technical staff attends various meetings throughout the year to keep current on changes to the case management system as well as new trends in hardware and software development. The staff went attended the NCSC bi-annual technology conference in Baltimore this year to view and learn about the latest advances in court technology and techniques.

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.

A new DVD player was added to the Jury Room for use by the jurors during deliberation. The unit has a remote control and is encased in a steel security box. The unit will allow the jurors to review video testimony used during court proceedings.

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.

The camera and entry security systems were upgraded with new equipment and the support for them was consolidated locally.

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 36 weddings in 2013.

Respectfully submitted:

MEDINA MUNICIPAL COURT

MARCH 31, 2014

DALE H. CHASE, JUDGE

NANCY L. ABBOTT, CLERK