

**SOUTH EUCLID MUNICIPAL COURT
CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO**

2015 ANNUAL REPORT



THE HONORABLE JUDGE GAYLE F. WILLIAMS-BYERS
Administrative and Presiding Judge

South Euclid Municipal Court 2015
Annual Report
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SOUTH EUCLID MUNICIPAL COURT



JUDGE
Gayle Williams-Byers

CLERK OF COURT
CHARDALE P. SUMPTER

March 17, 2016

Mayor Georgine Welo
Members of the South Euclid City Council
Cuyahoga County Executive and Council Members

The Annual Report for the South Euclid Municipal Court for the year ending December 31, 2015 is hereby submitted which summarizes the court's finances and caseload as required by Ohio Revised Code Section 1901.14 (A) (4). This report describes the daily operations of Clerk of Court which includes the civil, criminal/traffic and probation divisions. Revenue from the court is generated by fines and court costs assessed and distributed to the State of Ohio, Cuyahoga County, City of South Euclid and Cleveland Metropolitan Park District. Additional disbursements include bond refunds, restitution, rent escrow receipts and miscellaneous refunds for overpayments of fines and costs.

The year 2015 brought many exciting changes to the South Euclid Municipal Court. The Court is still one of only a handful of municipal courts in Northeast Ohio to become "paperless" or to primarily utilize technology to store and retrieve case-related information. The scheduling of traffic, criminal, or civil cases for court appearances continue to be sent by electronic mail "email" to the party's attorney of record and prosecuting or opposing attorney. This rule limits the use of U.S. postage while insuring notice to interested parties. The rule does not however apply to self-represented litigants.

The court also expanded its Mental Health Docket, becoming the first and only suburban municipal court in Cuyahoga County to receive final certification from the Ohio Supreme Court for this specialized docket. The South Euclid Municipal Court's F.R.E.E. (Fighting Recidivism by Elevating Excellence) Mental Health Docket is making considerable strides in addressing the needs of litigants struggling with severe and persistent mental health challenges who come to the court. To buttress this important service, the South Euclid Municipal Court was the recipient of a grant from the Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services board grant to support court personnel in this important area.

In the area of technology, the South Euclid Municipal Court continues to be an avant-guard court with regard to innovation. This court received a grant from the Ohio Supreme Court's technology fund. These monies were used to improve the livestreaming capabilities of the court along with upgrades to the microphone system, camera and computer. With these

improvements, South Euclid City Council, which also uses the courtroom for hearings, was able to benefit with improved livestreaming access.

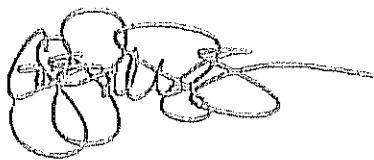
Further, the continues its several outreach efforts with the Democracy Day program designed to provide a special learning experience to students, schools, community groups and local athletic teams. In this program, groups are invited to spend a day at the court to witness, firsthand the important role the court plays in our system of democracy.

The court's total receipts for the year ending December 31, 2015 were **\$744,310.96**. Operating costs of the court paid through the City of South Euclid's General Fund totaled **\$607,346.92** the breakdown is as follows:

City of South Euclid	\$504,020.32
Clerk of Court Computer Fund	35,889.00
Court Computer Fund	10,787.00
Special Projects Fund	53,620.10
OVI-Indigent Alc. Treatment Program	00.00
IATC-Indigent Alc. Treatment Fund	2,980.50
IND Driver Int/Alc Fund – IDIAM	50.00

Funds from the Courts Computer Fund and Special Project Funds were used as in previous years to pay the salaries of the court magistrate, security bailiffs, and IT Administrator as well as educational workshops, training, democracy days for students and technological upgrades.

Respectfully submitted,



Gayle Williams-Byers
Administrative & Presiding Judge

The Honorable Judge Gayle F. Williams-Byers

Judge Gayle F. Williams-Byers was elected in November 2011 to the South Euclid Bench. She is a native Clevelander and is a graduate of Shaw High School in East Cleveland, Ohio. Judge Byers earned her Bachelors in Political Science and Sociology with a minor in Economics as well as her Master's Degree in Nonprofit Organization and Juris Doctorate from Case Western University.

Judge Byer's professional experience includes being the Manager of State Affairs for Advocates Highway and Auto Safety where she worked on safety legislation related to DUI, distracted driving and safety belts as primary offenses. She served as a Legislative Aide on the United States Senate Clean Air Sub-Committee with a focus on energy, environment and transportation legislation.

Prior to ascending to the bench, Judge Byers served as a supervisor in the office of the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor serving both the Grand Jury and General Divisions where her responsibilities included oversight of all felony indictments in Cuyahoga County as well as training and supervision of litigation attorneys on a daily basis. Judge Byers was also an adjunct faculty member at Cuyahoga Community College in the Department of Law enforcement where she taught subjects in Criminal Law, Constitutional Law, Search & Seizure and Juvenile Law.

In 2012, Judge Byers delivered the Fall Commencement address at ITT Technical College, in Warrensville Heights, Ohio. Further, she earned a coveted scholarship to attend a conference at the University of Mississippi on the Topic of Electronic Search and Seizure and was invited as part of a small group of state wide Judges to attend a training conference sponsored by the FBI in Clarksburg, West Virginia.

Separate and apart from the court, Judge Byers is committed to the South Euclid community and beyond. This commitment is demonstrated by her work and volunteerism with the Cleveland Food Bank and sponsorship of S.E.Y.S.B.A., little league baseball team.

Judge Byers is happily married to Gregory D. Byers, Jr. and are the proud parents of Gregory W. Byers, age 16.

Dean Valore - Magistrate

Dean Valore is a former Assistant United States Attorney for the Department of Justice. While a federal prosecutor, he focused on complex domestic and international organized crime prosecutions, federal corruption cases, and criminal civil rights violations. In 2010, Mr. Valore received an award from the director of the FBI for his work as a federal prosecutor. He is now managing partner of the law firm Valore & Gordillo, LLP in Cleveland and is also an Adjunct Professor of Law at the Cleveland- Marshall College of Law at Cleveland State University. Mr. Valore holds a Bachelor's Degree in Finance from Miami University and a Juris Doctorate from Cleveland –Marshall of Law. Mr. Valore is married to the former Ann Ferguson and they are the proud parents of Gabriel and Camila ages nine and four.

SOUTH EUCLID MUNICIPAL COURT

**THE HONORABLE GAYLE F. WILLIAMS-BYERS
ADMINISTRATIVE AND PRESIDING JUDGE**

**DEAN VALORE
MAGISTRATE**

**CHARDALE P. SUMPTER
CLERK OF COURT**

**ISAIAH SIMMONS
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE BALIFF**

**AVERY MCCAULEY
CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK**

**GARY PATRICK
CHIEF BALIFF
SECURITY**

**RAY ADORNETTO
BAILIFF/SECURITY**

**PATTI OVERBERGER
CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK CIVIL**

**JENNIFER MCCOWN
CIVIL DEPUTY CLERK/ASSISTANT
NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR**

**CHERYL MARTIN
CHIEF PROBATION
OFFICER/BALIFF**

**MARYANN ZAKY
TRAFFIC/CRIMINAL DEPUTY CLERK**

**EVAN SZIRONY
CIVIL DEPUTY CLERK**

**ANTON MCCLLOUGH
NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR/DEPUTY
CLERK**

SOUTH EUCLID MUNICIPAL COURT

2015 JUDICIAL AND STAFF ASSOCIATIONS

American Judges Association

Association of Municipal County Judges of Ohio, Inc.

Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association

Norman S. Bar Association

Northern Ohio Municipal Judges Association

Ohio Association of Magistrates

Ohio Association Municipal County Court Clerks

COURT STATISTICS

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End of Year Report (January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015)
CRIMINAL/TRAFFIC DISBURSEMENTS

DISBURSEMENTS

CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID

Criminal/Traffic Division

Fines	\$ 207,072.51
Local Costs	\$ 175,124.06
Clerk of Court Computer Fund (Criminal)	\$ 34,196.00
Special Project Fund (Criminal)	\$ 39,220.10
OVI-Enforcemet & Education	\$ 123.00
Indigent Driver Interlock/AIC Fund	\$ 50.00
Indigent Driver Alcohol Treatment	\$ 2,980.50
Expungement Fee -City	\$ 120.00
Bond Forfeitures	\$ 5,689.00
Mis. Costs Collected	\$ 8,037.50
Jury Fees	\$ 600.00
Minus Bank Fees	-8841.87
	<u>\$ 464,370.80</u>

Cuyahoga County Treasurer

State Fines	\$ 45,784.41
Bond Forfeitures	\$ 19,124.00
Expungement Fee's	\$ 120.00
Cris Fees	\$ 9,330.00
Public Defender Fee's	\$ 1,725.00
Crime Stoppers	\$ 237.00
DUI-Housing	\$ 177.00
	<u>\$ 76,497.41</u>

Cleveland Metro Parks Fines	<u>\$ 10,740.00</u>
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CRIMINAL/TRAFFIC DISBURSEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Treasurer State of Ohio

Legal Aid	\$	18,146.70
Seat Belt Fines & Highway Patrol	\$	13,426.00
Child Restraint Fines	\$	1,346.00
Expungment Fee's	\$	360.00
Victims of Crime	\$	20,728.00
Indigent Defense Support Fund	\$	59,158.40
Indigent Defense Support Fund-Bond	\$	10,399.00
Drug Enforcement Fund	\$	6,755.80
Justice Program Services Fund	\$	196.30
Liquor Fines	\$	200.00
	\$	<u>130,716.20</u>
Board of Pharmacy	\$	<u>320.00</u>
Bond Refunds	\$	14,260.00
Overpayments- (refunded)	\$	205.00
Restitution Payments	\$	2,034.53
	\$	<u>16,499.53</u>
TOTAL CRIMINAL/ TRAFFIC DISBURSEMENTS	\$	<u>699,143.94</u>

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CRIMINAL/TRAFFIC RECEIPTS

Balance on Hand January 1, 2015	\$ 126,393.39
Receipts	<u>\$ 603,623.18</u>
	<u><u>\$ 730,016.57</u></u>

RECEIPTS

Criminal/Traffic Fines & Costs	\$ 382,196.57
Cuyahoga County	\$ 76,497.41
Cleveland Metro Parks	\$ 10,740.00
Treasurer, State of Ohio	\$ 130,716.20
Ohio Board of Pharmacy	<u>\$ 320.00</u>
	<u><u>\$ 600,470.18</u></u>

ADDITIONAL RECEIPTS

Indigent Driver Interlock & Alcohol Monitoring	\$ 50.00
Progressive Data Services	.
CBC Companies	
Genuine Data Services	
Ohio Department of Alcohol & Drug Addiction Services	<u>\$ 3,103.00</u>
	<u><u>\$ 3,153.00</u></u>

TOTAL REVENUE COLLECTED	
JANUARY 1, 2015 - DECEMBER 31, 2015	<u><u>\$ 603,623.18</u></u>

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 CIVIL/SMALL CLAIMS RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS

Balance on Hand January 1, 2015	\$	18,041.68
Receipts (Minus % Legal Aid Fees - 167.68)	\$	142,792.82
		160,834.50

CIVIL SMALL CLAIMS-CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Civil Fees (General Fund)	\$	116,643.44
Clerk of Court Computer Fund	\$	9,600.00
Court Computer Fund	\$	2,880.00
Special Project Fund	\$	14,400.00
1% Legal Aid	\$	183.30
Minus Fees Charged by Bank	\$	(730.62)
Civil Judgment Fee's	\$	-
Received on Garn's (General Fund)	\$	142,976.12

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 JANUARY 1, 2015 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2015
 REVENUES COLLECTED FROM S.E.M.C. /DISBURSMENTS TO THE CITY

CLERK OF COURT COMPUTER FUND

Balance on Hand January 1, 2015	\$ 103,093.40
Expenses Incurred by the Court	\$ (55,076.22)
Revenue Disbursed to the City of South Euclid	\$ 26,289.00
Fund Balance December 31, 2015	<u>\$ 74,306.18</u>

MUNICIPAL COURT COMPUTER FUND

Balance on Hand January 1, 2015	\$ 92,554.21
Expenses Incurred by the Court	\$ (27,432.17)
Revenue Disbursed to the City of South Euclid	\$ 7,907.00
Fund Balance December 31, 2015	<u>\$ 73,029.04</u>

SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND

Balance on Hand January 1, 2015	\$ 64,941.13
Expenses Incurred by the Court	\$ (69,920.15)
Revenue Disbursed to the City of South Euclid	\$ 39,220.10
Fund Balance December 31, 2015	<u>\$ 34,241.08</u>

I.D.I.A.M. FUND

Balance on Hand January 1, 2015	\$ 14,470.95
Expenses Incurred by the Court	\$ (5,960.55)
Revenue Disbursed to the City of South Euclid	\$ 50.00
Fund Balance December 31, 2015	<u>\$ 8,560.40</u>

INDIGENT TREATMENT PROGRAM

Balance on Hand January 1, 2015	\$ 32,739.20
Expenses Incurred by the Court	\$ (5,960.55)
Revenue Disbursed to the City of South Euclid	\$ 2,980.50
Fund Balance December 31, 2015	<u>\$ 29,759.15</u>

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CIVIL STATS REPORT

Small Claim Garnishments	57
Civil Garnishments	113
Bank Garnishments	0

GRAND TOTAL	170
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DEBTOR'S EXAMS FILED	0
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WEDDING REPORT

TOTAL WEDDINGS PERFORMED	10
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AMOUNT RECEIVED	400.00
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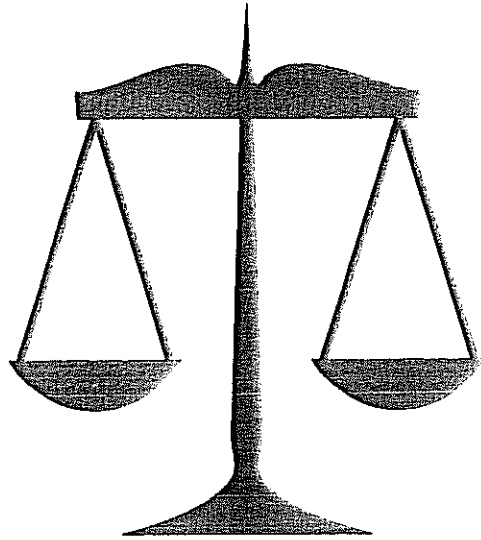
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CASE FILINGS

Year 2015

		CRA	CRB	TRC	TRD	CVE	CVF	CVG	CVH	CVI
JAN	New Cases	4	58	2	195	0	36	9	0	61
	Reactivated	1	37	0	21	0	0	0	0	0
FEB	New Cases	1	58	4	209	0	19	13	1	36
	Reactivated	4	30	0	42	0	0	0	0	0
MAR	New Cases	3	46	5	287	0	43	11	1	21
	Reactivated	4	23	1	38	0	1	0	0	0
APR	New Cases	12	44	1	195	2	17	9	3	29
	Reactivated	6	23	0	32	0	1	0	0	1
MAY	New Cases	8	95	7	305	1	24	18	1	35
	Reactivated	4	32	0	30	0	4	0	0	1
JUN	New Cases	1	70	7	301	1	16	25	0	31
	Reactivated	2	36	0	33	0	0	0	0	0
JUL	New Cases	4	89	1	283	2	12	27	4	38
	Reactivated	6	30	0	23	0	0	1	0	0
AUG	New Cases	7	64	3	304	1	33	17	2	36
	Reactivated	3	30	1	33	0	0	0	0	1
SEP	New Cases	6	64	3	232	1	24	21	1	43
	Reactivated	8	38	0	21	0	5	0	0	2
OCT	New Cases	7	69	2	321	1	22	15	1	41
	Reactivated	6	27	1	29	0	0	1	0	2
NOV	New Cases	3	64	3	310	2	31	14	2	43
	Reactivated	4	33	0	38	0	0	0	0	0
DEC	New Cases	17	44	1	216	0	25	16	1	40
	Reactivated	15	25	0	29	0	3	1	0	1
T O T A L	New Cases	73	765	39	3158	11	302	195	17	454
	Reactivated	63	364	3	369	0	14	3	0	8
	GRAND TOTAL	136	1129	42	3527	11	316	198	17	462

PROBATION STATISTICS



The Court's pledge is to dispense justice fairly and uphold the tenants of the United States and Ohio Constitutions. We work diligently to respond to all inquiries and concerns in an efficient, professional manner while treating all who interact with our court with respect and courtesy.

The South Euclid Municipal Court is the community's court, belonging to no one man or woman, but rather making everyone equal under the law. It is our duty and honor to serve all who appear before the court and our obligation to ensure that each person's rights are preserved during the judicial process.

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South Euclid Municipal Court

Probation Department's

2015 Statistical Report

On July 24, 2015, the South Euclid Municipal Court received formal notification from the Supreme Court of Ohio which is the initial certification of the specialized docket at the City Of South Euclid Municipal Court pursuant to rule 36.24 of the Rules of Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio.

Our court's "FREE" (Fighting Recidivism by Elevating Excellence Program) is the name given to the South Euclid Municipal Court Mental Health docket. The mental health docket is not a separate court, but rather a specialized program that works within the framework of the existing municipal court. Persons who qualify for FREE, plead guilty to the offense, and the jail time on the sentence is suspended, and the defendant is placed on twelve months of community control, which could be extended to 18 months to ensure compliance. During community control, the defendant is supervised by a Mental Health Probation Officer.

South Euclid Municipal Court FREE Mental Health Advisory Team:

Judge Gayle Williams-Byers, South Euclid Municipal Court

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FREE DOCKET REPORTING PERIOD

July 1, 2015 to Dec 31, 2015

Number of clients who were admitted during the reporting period

17

Number of clients maintained in the program and will be carried over to the next reporting period

17

Number of clients referred to mental health services and counseling

17

Number of clients who tested positive for the presence of illegal drug/substance

4

Number of clients referred for substance abuse treatment

2

Number of clients who had their probation revoked

3

Number of clients who were remanded as a result of being deemed a violator

2

Number of client's who were being supervised by another agency

1

Number of client's who were sent back to prison (1)

Number of client's who had a capias issued for their arrest (1)

Number of clients recommended for graduation for 2016 (8...and counting)

South Euclid Municipal Court Probation Department

Alternative Sentencing Program

The South Euclid Municipal Court utilizes several alternative sentencing programs when appropriate for the defendants who have the following violations: Operating Vehicle under the Influence, Domestic Violence, Theft, Child Endangering, drug, and theft offenses. The following are listing of programs and interventions utilized by the South Euclid Municipal Court Probation Department:

Drivers Intervention Program

A defendant convicted of Operating a Vehicle under the Influence of Alcohol or Drugs (OVI) on a first offense when appropriate, is generally ordered to complete a 72 hour residential driver intervention program (DIP) as an alternative to serving a mandatory three day jail sentence. Defendants who attend the (DIP) program receive intervention by participating in educational lectures, group counseling, and individualized screening. Upon the completion of the program, the Court is provided with recommendation for further referral services if needed, such as a full drug and alcohol assessment, AA/NA/CA meetings, and residential outpatient treatment. The ultimate goal of (DIP) is to help offender's recognize the seriousness of their behavior as they drink and drive while reducing the likelihood of repeat offense. The South Euclid Municipal Court utilizes four driver's intervention programs: Assessment Consultants, Interchange, Safety through Education and the Steven's Center. The general cost for the attendant is between \$350-\$500.

Defendants convicted of other drug or alcohol related driving offense such as physical control is typically referred to attend driver awareness sessions sponsored by Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD). This alcohol intervention program consists of five one hour sessions with guest speakers whom focus on the dangers and tragic consequences of drinking and driving. MADD sessions are hosted in thirteen different counts including Cuyahoga, Lake, and Lorain County. Classes are usually held once a month at a cost of \$25.00 per class.

SEMC-ALTERNATIVE DETENTION/IMMOBILIZATION

<i>GPS</i>	<i>01/22/2015</i>
<i>House Arrest</i>	<i>02/03/2015</i>
<i>House Arrest</i>	<i>04/24/2015</i>
<i>CAM Transdermal - Alcohol Mon</i>	<i>05/05/2015</i>
<i>House Arrest</i>	<i>05/21/2015</i>
<i>House Arrest</i>	<i>06/08/2015</i>
<i>Interlock/Immobilization</i>	<i>06/25/2015</i>
<i>House Arrest</i>	<i>07/30/2015</i>
<i>House Arrest</i>	<i>07/30/2015</i>
<i>House Arrest</i>	<i>07/30/2015</i>
<i>House Arrest</i>	<i>08/20/2015</i>
<i>House Arrest</i>	<i>08/20/2015</i>
<i>House Arrest</i>	<i>09/10/2015</i>
<i>CAM - Transdermal - Alcohol Mon</i>	<i>09/17/2015</i>
<i>House Arrest</i>	<i>10/14/2015</i>
<i>House Arrest</i>	<i>10/29/2015</i>
<i>GPS</i>	<i>11/05/2015</i>
<i>House Arrest</i>	<i>12/09/2015</i>

Number of defendants on GPS: 2

Number of defendants on House Arrest: 13

Number of defendants on CAM-Transdermal Alcohol Monitor 2

Number of clients with Interlock/Immobilization Device 1

Domestic Violence and Anger Management Programs

Defendants convicted of domestic violence, child endangerment, and/or disorderly conduct offenses are often ordered to attend family violence intervention programs. These programs are designed to educate perpetrators of the above listed crimes. Defendants participate in group counseling sessions, and participants focus on their abusive behavior, triggers, anger and control issues, and how their behavior impacts their family and others. Anger Management and Domestic Intervention Program are designed to educate defendants of appropriate ways to express anger, and aggression. It teaches defendants to identify triggers and how to manage stress.

The South Euclid Municipal Court utilizes the Cleveland Municipal Court Domestic Intervention Educational Program (DIET) which is a sixteen week course. The cost for the defendant to participate in the program is \$99.

Additionally, clients are referred to Blaney Training Group Professional Consulting for Anger Management. The program lasts for 8 weeks and the cost is \$100.00.

Non Violent First Offender Program

Non-violent first offenders with no prior criminal record are eligible for consideration in the Court's First Offender Program. A defendant convicted of offenses such as petty theft, child endangering, underage drinking and minor drug offenses are often placed in the Court's First Offender Program. The defendant is required to pay a program fee and perform community service hours. The defendant must complete one or more of the following programs: substance abuse educational program, life skills, theft deterrent program and or parenting.

Theft Deterrent:

The Theft Intervention Program seeks to assist individuals using an interactive approach to learning. Participants are encouraged to abandon thinking errors that lead to poor decisions and impulses by replacing with appropriate decision making skills.

The following topics are covered through a variety of methods including lecture, role play and worksheets.

- 1. Learning to distinguish between needs and wants*
- 2. Heightening awareness of the societal impacts of theft*
- 3. Examining emotional and legal cost of court involvement*
- 4. Dealing with defenses, rationalizations, minimizations, blaming and denial*
- 5. Identification of values and morals*
- 6. Learning to accept responsibility through self-evaluation*
- 7. In depth look at personal attitudes and beliefs*
- 8. Learning how to prioritize problems and develop solutions*

The course is facilitated by a licensed social worker with more than 15 years employment experience in the criminal justice field. The class meets at the court house in a private room set up in a roundtable format.

South Euclid Municipal Court Adopt-a-Block Program

The Adopt-a-Block Program is an initiative by the South Euclid Municipal Court to reduce litter with the promise to make South Euclid a more beautiful place to live, work and attend school. Clients who have been placed on probation for misdemeanor offenses with the South Euclid Municipal Court are given an opportunity to participate in the Adopt-a-Block program for community service hours. They are given strict instructions to clean the curb side of pre-assigned streets and/or blocks. This initiative was created by the Court to help clients understand that here in the City of South Euclid; we have pledged to keep our community safe and clean. Our goal is to assist the City of South Euclid Service Department in the revitalization of our community by making an effort to keep South Euclid clean on an on-going basis.

The Probation Department is responsible for providing each court community service worker with a highlighter vest which identifies that they are a South Euclid Municipal Court volunteer. Each participant is also provided supplies which include garbage bags, and gloves to pick up and dispose of rubbish.

After clients have completed their assigned task, they report to the probation department with the rubbish that they have collected. The rubbish is disposed, and the client returns the court's volunteer vest.

Adopt-a-Block empowers clients/defendants to learn the importance of respecting all communities. Defendants have cleaned the following streets:

Street Assignments

Wrenford, Miramar, Colony, Eastway, Wyncote, Stonehaven, Verona, Bayard, Warrensville Center Road, Cedar Road, Grosvenor, Bexley Park, Bexley Park Boulevard, Prasse, Quarry Park, Hinsdale, Belvoir, Mayfield, Monticello, Bluestone, Argonne, Winston, Plainfield, Victory Drive, Argonne, Avondale, Hinsdale, Winston, Princeton, Ardmore, Lilac, Laurel, Anderson, Sherwood, Greenwold, College Drive, Birchwald, Rainbow, Mackall, Norma, Tamalga, Lucille, Adrian (etc).

Backpack Bash-Free School Supply Drive

The South Euclid Municipal Court sponsored a free book bag giveaway on August 17, 2015. We were able to give away 200 backpacks/school supply items to students to assist them with preparing for their first day of school. Giant Eagle made it possible for us to provide each child a scoop of ice-cream. Flu shots were donated by Walgreens. Additionally, local hair salons and barber shops donated free hairstyles and/or cuts at a reduced price to help children get ready for school. The Cleveland Metro Parks Nature Tracks Operation contributed pencils and a magnifying bookmark/and rulers. Councilman Ed Ilove and his wife, Mary Ilove donated hotdogs, and potato chips for the event. Pictures were taken of all participants.

Heroin Forum (June -September 2015)

The South Euclid Municipal Court presented four forums on heroin addiction from June to September of 2015. Due to the increase of possession of drug cases along with drug paraphernalia cases, and drug overdose, the Court found it necessary to conduct forums to educate the community on the heroin epidemic in the city of South Euclid along with surrounding communities. Our heroin forum concentrated on the following topics: Recovery, A Practical Approach, Accountability: A Community Response and Community Resources. Panelist included area treatment and recovery agencies that addressed attendees and shared their insight about the available treatment options for addiction. A sampling of invited panelist included the Alcohol and Drug Addiction Board, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board of Cuyahoga County, Northern Ohio Recovery Agency, Community Assessment and Treatment Services, Murtis H. Taylor, Salvation Army, Connections and representatives from the South Euclid Police Department. After the forum, participants struggling with heroin addiction and/or family members of heroin addicts were able to have a one on one discussion privately with treatment providers.

Driving Privileges on Bureau of Motor Vehicle Suspensions

Pursuant to legislation effective January 1, 2004, the Court may in certain circumstances grant limited driving privileges to defendant's who are currently under suspensions imposed by the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles such as 12 point suspensions, failure to pay reinstatement fees, and suspension for driving without insurance. The court has developed a program through the Probation Department to review and determine eligibility for this type of driving permit. The Probation Department meets with the applicant and outlines the requirements to obtain a limited driving permit. Upon recommendation of the Probation Officer, the Court will generally grant a limited driving permit to applicants who demonstrated the need and ability to comply with insurance laws and other Bureau of Motor Vehicle requirements.

During 2015, approximately 15 clients were granted driving privileges from the South Euclid Municipal Court.

SOUTH EUCLID MUNICIPAL COURT

2015 STATISCAL REPORT

On 12/31/2015, the total adult probation population was 225.

Gender:

Males (118)

Females (107)

Race:

African American (150)

White (46)

Two or more races (25)

Hispanic Latino (3)

Native Hawaiian/Pacific (1)

Offenses:

Misdemeanor (225)

Domestic Violence (5)

Sexual Offense (1)

Violent Offense (14)

Property (145)

Drug Law Violations (5)

Driving While Intoxicated (17)

Traffic Offense (31)

Not known (6)

Clients who were on parole supervision (10)

Clients who were in local jails (30)

Clients who were in state or a federal prison (5)

Clients who were in a community based correctional facility (5)

Direct sentence to probation (185)

Split sentence (Incarceration combined with probation (38)

Residential Treatment (12)

Inactive Probationers (25)

Absconders (11)

Warrant Status (11)

Active Probation without incarceration 165

Probation with incarceration 37

Inactive Probation 25

Discharged completions (46)

Discharged due to receiving a new sentence (8)

Discharged with revocation without new sentence (3)

Discharged to receive treatment (12)

Discharged for parole violations (3)

Discharged for absconding (8)

Unsatisfactory discharge (3)

Total discharge (113)

Life skills Referrals March 2015-December 2015

Clients that completed their court requirements 84

Clients that did not return for similar offenses 84

Theft Deterrent Referrals

Clients that completed their court requirements 90

Clients that did not return for a similar offense 90

Specialized Program Referrals

Anger Management 15

Behavioral Awareness Program Referrals 5

Drug Assessment 20