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Joint Municipal Court Administrative Report 2015 (Stevens Point-Plover Joint Municipal Court)

I. Introduction

The Municipal Court has encountered new and ongoing challenges in establishing and administering the caseload here in 2015. The City of Stevens Point and the Village of Plover set numerous goals for the Municipal Court including:

- Efficient processing of cases;
- Professional atmosphere;
- Accountability and responsibility;
- Fair and just resolution for each case; and
- Increased access to court.

This is an administrative report submitted in compliance with judicial regulations regarding the overall operation of the Court and not regarding individual cases.

II. Timelines

The Municipal Judge was appointed in 2014 and an office was established in the courthouse for the Court. Also in 2014, the Municipal Court Clerk was hired and the computer systems for the Court installed and made operational. The Municipal Court began operations with the first session held in July of 2014.

Generally, the Court, located in the City conference room, operates with initial appearances the first three Thursdays of every month at 5:00 p.m. The Court sets mandatory pretrial conferences concurrent with initial appearances for the City, and at a later date for the Village. Cases and hearings are set on a case-by-case basis.

2015 has seen a steady caseload and expanded programs and services for the Court. The Court has implemented a juvenile community service program which has required significant staff time to track and to monitor, fielding frequent questions from the parents, schools and the community as well as the juveniles themselves. I can report that this has been a significant success story for the Court.

III. Current Status and Statistics

It is suggested that operationally, the Court has been set up and continues to operate very efficiently. The latest chart and projections through 2015 follows. For comparison, Wisconsin Rapids processes about 3,000 citations annually and Wausau, about 6,000.

	Citations to 9/30/2015	Projected to 12/31/2015
Plover	752	936
Plover Juvenile	16	20
Stevens Point	2855	3568
S.P. Juveniles	136	170
Totals	3759	4694

Citation numbers of course are not the entire story of the Court, but they do illustrate the processing of a significant number for a newly created court system. The location of the office and the City conference room remain, overall, very positive. Early on, the Court's computer system is such that only one address was deemed optimal. While the lack of seating and size of the conference room are challenges, it has been shown to be fully functional, readily accessible and recognizable by the public and an overall professional atmosphere. The increased number of initial hearings and timing have proven to provide increased public access to the Court.

As reported earlier, our court clerk, Kari Jozwiak, deserves significant credit and praise for establishing a very efficient, very business-like and very fair and just system in a short period of time. These efforts contribute greatly to the public impression of the Court. We have also started the training of an on-call clerk which should enable continuous operations in the future.

IV. Conclusions and Future Challenges

The stated goals of establishing Municipal Court and operating in a fair and efficient manner continue to be met on a very solid basis. The Clerk and the Court are processing a significant number of cases in an efficient, cost-effective manner. The Court has increased access both as to location and time for the public. A professional atmosphere enhances justice for all parties and allows the Court to focus on results which enhance public safety while ensuring just results in individual cases.

It is hoped that this report will illustrate the administrative progress of the Court. Continuing future issues which will need to be addressed include court security, improvements in office spaces and functioning and future space needs. As Municipal Court Judge, I am committed to achieving the goals set forth and look forward to working with the City and Village to achieve them.

Michael J. McKenna
Municipal Court Judge

Citation Totals by Offense

All Departments

Violation Date: 01/01/2015 through 09/30/2015

Court	Agency	Offense Code	Offense Description	Total
PPD				
	Adult			
		346.14(1)	Automobile Following Too Closely	4
		948.45(1)	Contributing To Truancy	1
		TR305.16(4)	Covered/Obscured Tail Lamps/Reflectors	1
		946.41(1)	Crimes Against Government & Its Administration	3
		947.01(1)	Crimes Against Public Peace Order & Other	12
		943.01(1)	Criminal Damage To Property	2
		496-8(b)	Disorderly Conduct With A Motor Vehicle	2
		341.62	Display False Vehicle Registration Plate	1
		341.61(2)	Display Unauth. Veh. Registration Plate	8
		346.935(1)	Drink Open Intoxicants In Mv	2
		961.573(1)	Drug Paraphernalia Possession, Manufacture, Delivery	4
		347.39(2)	Equip Motor Vehicle With Illegal Muffler	1
		346.46(1)	Fail/Stop At Stop Sign	14
		346.18(3)	Fail/Yield Right/Way From Stop Sign	6
		346.19(1)	Fail/Yield To Stop For Emergency Vehicle	1
		346.18(2)	Fail/Yield While Making Left Turn	5
		346.57(2)	Failure To Keep Vehicle Under Control	1
		346.70(1)	Failure To Notify Police Of Accident	2
		342.05(4)	Failure To Obtain Vehicle Title	1
		342.15(5)	Failure To Transfer Vehicle Title	2
		943.21(1m)(d)	Fraud On Gas Station	2
		346.24(1)	Fyr To Pedestrian^ Bicyclist^ Or Epamd	1
		346.68	Hit And Run-Unattended Vehicle	3
		460-9	Illegal Dumping	1
		346.31(3)(b)	Improper Left Turn/Intersection	1
		346.89(1)	Inattentive Driving	4
		190-2	Keep Livestock/Poultry Outside of Agricultural District	1
		343.43(1)(d)	Lic Restriction Violation-Class D/M Vehicle	10
		341.04(1)	Non-Registration Of Auto^ Etc	14
		341.03(1)	Operate After Rev/Susp Of Registration	8
		347.39(1)	Operate Motor Veh. W/O Adequate Muffler	1
		344.62(1)	Operate Motor Vehicle W/O Insurance	232
		344.62(2)	Operate Motor Vehicle W/O Proof Of Insurance	13
		343.05(3)(b)	Operate Motorcycle W/O Valid License	3
		347.14(1)	Operate Vehicle W/O Stopping Lights	3
		343.05(3)(a)	Operate W/O Valid License	19
		346.63(1)(am)	Operate With Control Substance	3
		343.44(1)(a)	Operating After Suspension	97
		346.05(1)	Operating Left Of Center Line	1
		346.63(1)(b)	Operating W/Pac	12
		346.63(1)(a)	Operating While Intox.	14
		343.44(1)(b)	Operating While Revoked	9
		347.48(2m)(c)	Operator Fail/Have Passenger/Seatbelted	2
		943.50(1m)(b)	Party to Crime - Theft	1
		346.935(2)	Possess Open Intoxicants In Mv	1
		961.41(3g)(e)	Possession Of The	6
		346.62(2)	Reckless Driving-Endanger Safety	1
		943.50(1m)(b)	Retail Theft Value Of Merch Does Not Exceed \$500.00	1
		943.50(1m)(b)	Retail Theft-Intentionally Take(<=\$2500)	43
		347.48(2m)(d)	Ride In Vehicle W/O Wearing Seat Belt	4
		125.07(1)(a)1	Sell Alcohol To Underage Person	4

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PPD				
	Adult			
		346.57(4)(b)1	Speed-School Cross.-Child	1
		406-6(a1-7)	Synthetic Cannabinoid Poss/Purch/Sell/Give/Barter	1
		346.89(3)(a)	Texting While Driving	1
		943.20(1)(a)	Theft-Movable Property<=\$2500	5
		943.13(1m)(b)	Trespass To Land-Remain After Notice	2
		496-8(c)	Trespass With Motor Vehicle	2
		943.13(1m)(a)	Tresspass to Land	1
		347.06(3)	Unclean/Defective Lights Or Reflectors	1
		125.07(4)(b)	Underage Drinking-Possess	5
		125.07(4)(a)1	Underage Drinking-Procures	2
		346.93(1)	Underage Person Transport Intoxicants In Mv	1
		347.48(2m)(b)	Vehicle Operator Fail/Wear Seat Belt	35
		346.37(1)(c)1	Violate Red Traffic Signal	8
		346.37(1)(b)	Violate Yellow Signal	1
		346.57(5)	Zone And Posted Limits	98
			Adult Grand Total	752

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Court	Agency	Offense Code	Offense Description	Total
PPD				
	Juvenile			
		940.19(1)	Battery	1
		947.01(1)	Crimes Against Public Peace Order & Other	4
		943.01(1)	Criminal Damage To Property	1
		496-8(b)	Disorderly Conduct With A Motor Vehicle	1
		961.573(1)	Drug Paraphernalia Possession, Manufacture, Delivery	1
		961.41(3g)(e)	Possession Of The	3
		943.50(1m)(b)	Retail Theft-Intentionally Take(<=\$2500)	3
		943.20(1)(a)	Theft-Movable Property<=\$2500	1
		125.07(4)(b)	Underage Drinking-Possess	1
			Juvenile Grand Total	16

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Court	Agency	Offense Code	Offense Description	Total
SPPD				
Adult				
		125.07(3)	Allow Underage On Licensed Premises	2
		24.33(at)	Attempted Theft	2
		346.14(1)	Automobile Following Too Closely	5
		940.19(1)	Battery	1
		9.12(e)	Bicycle / Motor Bicycle Registration Tag Violation	1
		943.01(1)	Criminal Damage To Property	7
		943.14	Criminal Trespass To Dwelling	1
		346.34(1)(a)3	Deviating From Lane Of Traffic	2
		346.13(3)	Deviation From Designated Lane	7
		947.01	Disorderly Conduct	84
		24.01(3)	Disorderly Conduct With A Motor Vehicle	37
		341.61(2)	Display Unauth. Veh. Registration Plate	10
		346.935(1)	Drink Open Intoxicants In Mv	5
		346.94(1)	Driving On Sidewalk	2
		346.44(2)	Driving Through/Around RR Crossing Gate	1
		346.57(3)	Driving Too Fast For Conditions	2
		346.15	Driving Wrong Way On Divided Highway	1
		347.39(2)	Equip Motor Vehicle With Illegal Muffler	3
		346.34(1)(b)	Fail To Signal Turn	1
		343.22(2)(b)	Fail/Notify Address Change	1
		346.04(1)	Fail/Obey Traffic Officer Sign/Signal	1
		346.04(2)	Fail/Obey Traffic Sign/Signal	8
		346.46(1)	Fail/Stop At Stop Sign	45
		346.39(1)	Fail/Stop For Flashing Red Signal	14
		346.18(6)	Fail/Yield For Yield Sign	1
		346.18(3)	Fail/Yield Right/Way From Stop Sign	32
		346.18(5)	Fail/Yield Rt/Way From Parked Position	1
		346.38(1)	Fail/Yield To Pedestrian/Bicyclist	1
		346.19(1)	Fail/Yield To Stop For Emergency Vehicle	1
		346.18(4)	Fail/Yield When Emerging From Alley	3
		346.18(2)	Fail/Yield While Making Left Turn	28
		346.57(2)	Failure To Keep Vehicle Under Control	16
		346.70(1)	Failure To Notify Police Of Accident	3
		346.37(1)(c)3	Failure To Obey Sign Or Signal	4
		346.32	Failure To Yield Right Of Way	2
		6.07(2)	Fire Code Violation	1
		7.06(4)	Garbage Ordinance Violation / Illegal Dumping	2
		24.34	Harassment	5
		346.69	Hit And Run-Property Adjacent To Highway	2
		346.68	Hit And Run-Unattended Vehicle	6
		24.53(3)	Host/Allow Gathering With UA Possession/Consumption	8
		125.085(3)(b)1	Id Card Violations	1
		346.595(3)	Illegal Passenger Riding On Motorcycle	1
		346.94(16)	Illegal Use Of Radio^ Etc.	2
		346.31(3)(a)	Improper Left Turn/Approach	5
		346.31(3)(b)	Improper Left Turn/Intersection	2
		346.31(2)	Improper Right Turn	2
		346.46(2)(b)	Improper Stop/Stop Sign-No Stop Line	1
		346.46(2)(a)	Improper Stop/Stop Sign-Stop Line	3
		341.15(2)	Improperly Attached License Plates	4
		346.89(1)	Inattentive Driving	54

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SPPD				
Adult				
		343.43(1)(d)	Lic Restriction Violation-Class D/M Vehicle	16
		125.07(1)(a)2	Licensee Sell Alcohol/Underage Person	1
		24.06	Littering	1
		254.92(2)	Minor Possesses Or Purchases Tobacco	4
		12.16	Mobile Home Ordinance Violation	1
		346.88(4)	Mv Windows Not Reasonably Clean	1
		347.13(1)	No Tail Lamp/Defective Tail Lamp-Night	2
		125.32(2)	No Valid Bartender/Operator License Liquor	1
		341.04(1)	Non-Registration Of Auto^ Etc	104
		21.03(14)	Occupant Permitting Excessive Noise	16
		346.94(20)(a)	Open Car Door On Highway - Adult	1
		24.03	Open Intoxicant On Public Way	26
		343.07(1g)(d)2	Oper Mtr Veh By Permittee After Dark W/O Inst	1
		343.07(1g)(d)1	Oper Mtr Veh By Permittee After Dark W/O Per	1
		341.03(1)	Operate After Rev/Susp Of Registration	54
		347.485(1)(am)	Operate Cycle W/ Passenger W/O Headgear	1
		347.489(1)	Operate Cycle W/O Lights/Reflectors	1
		347.39(1)	Operate Motor Veh. W/O Adequate Muffler	2
		347.09(1)(a)	Operate Motor Vehicle W/O 2 Headlights	2
		344.62(1)	Operate Motor Vehicle W/O Insurance	154
		344.62(2)	Operate Motor Vehicle W/O Proof Of Insurance	237
		343.05(3)(b)	Operate Motorcycle W/O Valid License	2
		343.07(1g)(a)3	Operate Mtr Veh By Permittee W/O Auth Person	1
		343.07(1g)(a)1	Operate Mtr Veh By Permittee W/O Instructor	9
		347.14(1)	Operate Vehicle W/O Stopping Lights	1
		343.18(1)	Operate W/O Carrying License	1
		343.05(3)(a)	Operate W/O Valid License	61
		346.63(1)(am)	Operate With Control Substance	4
		343.44(1)(a)	Operating After Suspension	211
		346.05(1)	Operating Left Of Center Line	7
		346.63(1)(b)	Operating W/Pac	63
		346.63(1)(a)	Operating While Intox.	79
		343.44(1)(b)	Operating While Revoked	14
		347.06(1)	Operation W/O Required Lamps Lighted	6
		347.48(2m)(c)	Operator Fail/Have Passenger/Seatbelted	5
		12.14 4-10	Other Alcohol Beverage Violations 12.14(4-10)	1
		346.175(1)(a)	Owners Liability-Flee/Elude Officer	1
		346.09(4)	Passing Vehicle Indicating Left Turn	1
		346.23(1)	Pedestrian^ Bicyclist^ Or Epamd Fyr	2
		961.573(1)	Possess Drug Paraphernalia	31
		346.935(2)	Possess Open Intoxicants In Mv	7
		343.085(2m)(a)1	Prob Licensee Oper Cl D Veh W/Other Prn Veh	5
		343.085(2m)(a)2	Prob Licensee Oper Class D Veh - 12am And 5am	1
		346.94(2)	Racing On Highway	1
		346.62(2)	Reckless Driving-Endanger Safety	4
		946.41(1)	Resist Or Obstruct An Officer	13
		943.50(1m)(b)	Retail Theft-Intentionally Take(<=\$2500)	44
		347.48(2m)(d)	Ride In Vehicle W/O Wearing Seat Belt	6
		125.07(1)(a)1	Sell Alcohol To Underage Person	1
		346.57(4)(k)	Speed Rustic Road/45 Mph	1
		346.57(4)(b)	Speeding At School Crossing	9

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SPPD				
Adult				
		346.57(4)(d)	Speeding In Alley	1
		346.57(4)(f)	Speeding In Outlying District	34
		346.57(4)(a)	Speeding In School Zones	7
		346.57(4)(e)	Speeding On City Highway	830
		346.57(4)(g)	Speeding On Semiurban Highway	1
		346.57(4)(b)3	Speed-School Cross.-Sign	2
		943.20(1)(a)	Theft-Movable Property<=\$2500	22
		943.13(1m)(a)	Trespass To Land	7
		343.07(4)(b)1	Type 1 Cycle Permittee Oper Cycle W/Unqd Pass	1
		347.06(3)	Unclean/Defective Lights Or Reflectors	1
		125.07(4)(a)3	Underage Drinking-Loiter	6
		125.07(4)(b)	Underage Drinking-Possess	92
		125.07(4)(a)1	Underage Drinking-Procures	5
		947.012(1)a	Unlawful Use Of Telephone	2
		346.87	Unsafe Backing Of Vehicle	7
		346.13(1)	Unsafe Lane Deviation	18
		346.34(1)(a)1	Unsafe Turn-At Intersection	1
		24.35	Urinating / Defecating On Public/Private Prop	16
		961.14(4)	Use or Possession of Marijuana - Less Than 5 Grams	30
		347.48(2m)(b)	Vehicle Operator Fail/Wear Seat Belt	39
		346.675(1)	Vehicle Owner'S Liability For Fsa	3
		347.48(4)(am)	Viol Of Child Safety Restraint	3
		346.63(2m)	Violate Absolute Sobriety Law	2
		346.37(1)(c)1	Violate Red Traffic Signal	53
		346.37(1)(b)	Violate Yellow Signal	4
		125.32(3)	Violation Of Closing Hours	1
		346.57(5)	Zone And Posted Limits	14
Adult Grand Total				2,855

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SPPD				
	Juvenile			
		940.19(1)	Battery	1
		943.01(1)	Criminal Damage To Property	8
		24.25(2)	Curfew Violation By Minor^ Age Under 16	3
		947.01	Disorderly Conduct	63
		24.01(3)	Disorderly Conduct With A Motor Vehicle	8
		24.34	Harassment	2
		24.06	Littering	1
		24.02	Loitering On School Grounds	1
		254.92(2)	Minor Possesses Or Purchases Tobacco	13
		961.573(1)	Possess Drug Paraphernalia	3
		946.41(1)	Resist Or Obstruct An Officer	1
		943.50(1m)(b)	Retail Theft-Intentionally Take(<=\$2500)	9
		347.48(2m)(d)	Ride In Vehicle W/O Wearing Seat Belt	1
		125.09(2)	School/Possession/Alcohol	1
		943.20(1)(a)	Theft-Movable Property<=\$2500	10
		125.07(4)(b)	Underage Drinking-Possess	10
		961.14(4)	Use or Possession of Marijuana - Less Than 5 Grams	1
			Juvenile Grand Total	136