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Joint Municipal Court Administrative Report 2017 (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 2017. The primary objectives of court operations include:

- 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. Security

We still are, by this report, requesting that the City and the Village look at some form of plan to have a police officer serve as bailiff and security for arraignments on Thursdays at 5 pm to 5:30 p.m. or 6 pm. This would amount to three hours per month. We suggest that this would be an efficient use of police and court resources, and frankly, is becoming a necessity. We have had numerous dangerous felons and other obviously dangerous individuals appear. Presently, there is no such security and it is clear that court personnel and even city personnel are in a vulnerable status. I would be glad to participate in formal or informal discussions on this issue. Importantly, our comparable neighbors for the Cities of Wausau and Wisconsin Rapids have officers present. This has been discussed at previous meetings. The authorization of a part-time bailiff will help but is not a solution to the security needs.

III. Timeline

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.

Citation Totals by Offense

IV. Current Status and Statistics

It is suggested that operationally, the Court has been set up and it continues to operate very efficiently. The latest chart and projections through 2017 follows. For comparison, Wisconsin Rapids processes about 3,000 citations annually and Wausau, about 5,000. The 2017 numbers are within 2% of the 2015 numbers but slightly down from 2016.

	Citations to 10/31/2017	Projected # 12/31/2017
Plover	785	942
Plover Juvenile	14	17
Stevens Point	3065	3678
S.P. Juveniles	93	112
Totals	3957	4749

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 remain as challenges, it has been shown to be fully functional, readily accessible and recognizable by the public and an overall professional atmosphere.

Again, 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.

V. 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, fair, and 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. Juvenile cases and the ongoing community service program continue to be handled in a professional and prompt manner.

We need however, as set forth above, to address the continued need for security and establish a plan to do so. We continue to need the presence of an officer for arraignment times.

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. We look forward with working with our municipal partners on their new plans for the future.

Michael J. McKenna
Municipal Court Judge

All Departments

Violation Date: 01/01/2017 through 10/31/2017

Court	Agency	Offense Code	Offense Description	Total
PPD	Adult	496-7	Abandoned Vehicles	1
		346.14(1)	Automobile Following Too Closely	7
		940.19(1)	Battery	2
		948.45(1)	Contributing To Truancy	1
		947.01(1)	Crimes Against Public Peace Order & Other	16
		943.01(1)	Criminal Damage To Property	1
		346.13(3)	Deviation From Designated Lane	2
		496-8(b)	Disorderly Conduct With A Motor Vehicle	4
		341.61(2)	Display Unauth. Veh. Registration Plate	5
		346.935(1)	Drink Open Intoxicants In Mv	3
		961.573(1)	Drug Paraphernalia Possession, Manufacture, Delivery	8
		346.04(1)	Fail/Obey Traffic Officer Sign/Signal	1
		346.04(2)	Fail/Obey Traffic Officer-Work Area	2
		346.46(1)	Fail/Stop At Stop Sign	8
		346.18(3)	Fail/Yield Right/Way From Stop Sign	7
		346.18(4)	Fail/Yield When Emerging From Alley	4
		346.18(2)	Fail/Yield While Making Left Turn	6
		346.47(1)	Fail/Yield/Stop/Emerging From Alley	1
		346.70(2)	Failure To File Accident Report	1
		346.57(2)	Failure To Keep Vehicle Under Control	9
		346.70(1)	Failure To Notify Police Of Accident	1
		346.32	Failure To Yield Right Of Way	1
		943.21(1m)(d)	Fraud On Gas Station	2
		346.68	Hit And Run-Unattended Vehicle	2
		341.15(3)(a)	Improper Display/Plates (No Plates)	2
		346.89(1)	Inattentive Driving	10
		343.43(1)(d)	Lic Restriction Violation-Class D/M Vehicle	3
		406-9(a)	Loud Disturbing And Unnecessary Noise Prohibited	2
		347.13(1)	No Tail Lamp/Defective Tail Lamp-Night	1
		341.04(1)	Non-Registration Of Auto^ Etc	8
		341.03(1)	Operate After Rev/Susp Of Registration	11
		344.62(1)	Operate Motor Vehicle W/O Insurance	332
		344.62(2)	Operate Motor Vehicle W/O Proof Of Insurance	2
		343.05(3)(b)	Operate Motorcycle W/O Valid License	4
		343.07(1g)(a)3	Operate Mtr Veh By Permittee W/O Auth Person	1
		347.14(1)	Operate Vehicle W/O Stopping Lights	1
		343.05(3)(a)	Operate W/O Valid License	20
		346.63(1)(am)	Operate With Control Substance	1
		343.44(1)(a)	Operating After Suspension	105
		346.63(1)(b)	Operating W/Pac	5
		346.63(1)(a)	Operating While Intox.	8
		343.44(1)(b)	Operating While Revoked	5
		347.48(2m)(c)	Operator Fail/Have Passenger/Seatbelted	9
		388-6(d1)	Permit Storage Of Unlicensed Vehicles	2
		346.935(2)	Possess Open Intoxicants In Mv	2
		961.41(3g)(e)	Possession Of The	12
		346.62(2)	Reckless Driving-Endanger Safety	1
		946.41(1)	Resist Or Obstruct An Officer	3
		943.50(1m)(b)	Retail Theft Value Of Merch Does Not Exceed \$500.00	1
		943.50(1m)(b)	Retail Theft-Intentionally Take(<=\$2500)	15
		347.48(2m)(d)	Ride In Vehicle W/O Wearing Seat Belt	4

Citation Totals by Offense

All Departments

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PPD				
	Adult			
		125.07(1)(a)1	Sell Alcohol To Underage Person	1
		346.57(4)(b)3	Speed-School Cross.-Sign	1
		346.89(3)(a)	Texting While Driving	1
		943.20(1)(a)	Theft-Movable Property<=\$2500	5
		346.14(2)(a)	Truck Following Too Closely	1
		125.07(4)(b)	Underage Drinking-Possess	2
		125.07(4)(a)2	Underage Drinking-Procures	3
		947.012(1)a	Unlawful Use Of Telephone	2
		346.87	Unsafe Backing Of Vehicle	1
		347.48(2m)(b)	Vehicle Operator Fail/Wear Seat Belt	22
		346.675(1)	Vehicle Owner'S Liability For Fsa	2
		TR305.32(4)(b)2	Vent/Side Window Excessive Tinting	3
		347.48(4)(am)	Viol Of Child Safety Restraint	1
		346.37(1)(c)1	Violate Red Traffic Signal	8
		346.57(5)	Zone And Posted Limits	67
			Adult Grand Total	785

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All Departments

Violation Date: 01/01/2017 through 10/31/2017

Court	Agency	Offense Code	Offense Description	Total
PPD				
	Juvenile			
		947.01(1)	Crimes Against Public Peace Order & Other	4
		369-1(a)	Curfew Violation Under 17 YOA	1
		943.50(1m)(b)	Retail Theft-Intentionally Take(<=\$2500)	9
			Juvenile Grand Total	14

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Court	Agency	Offense Code	Offense Description	Total
SPPD				
	Adult			
		21.03(9)	Accumulation of Rubbish - Exterior	1
		174.042(1)(a)	Allow Dog To Run At Large	1
		125.07(3)	Allow Underage On Licensed Premises	1
		346.14(1)	Automobile Following Too Closely	28
		940.19(1)	Battery	2
		346.803(2)	Bike/Epamd Fail/Ride/Right Side/Bike Way	1
		6.07(1)	Burning Permit Violation	1
		941.2965(2)	Carry Or Display Facsimile Firearm	1
		TR305.34(3)	Cracked/Damaged Vehicle Windshield	1
		943.01(1)	Criminal Damage To Property	9
		943.14	Criminal Trespass To Dwelling	1
		346.34(1)(a)3	Deviating From Lane Of Traffic	3
		346.13(3)	Deviation From Designated Lane	6
		947.01	Disorderly Conduct	82
		24.01(3)	Disorderly Conduct With A Motor Vehicle	29
		341.62	Display False Vehicle Registration Plate	3
		341.61(2)	Display Unauth. Veh. Registration Plate	4
		346.935(1)	Drink Open Intoxicants In Mv	3
		346.04(2)	Driving Against Traffic (One Way Street)	26
		346.44(2)	Driving Through/Around RR Crossing Gate	1
		346.57(3)	Driving Too Fast For Conditions	6
		347.39(2)	Equip Motor Vehicle With Illegal Muffler	1
		347.25(4)	Equip Nonpolice Veh. W/ Blue Lights	1
		346.31(1)	Fail To Follow Indicated Turn	1
		341.15(1)	Fail/Display Vehicle License Plates	3
		346.04(1)	Fail/Obey Traffic Officer Sign/Signal	4
		TR305.20(1)	Fail/Properly Maintain Exhaust System	1
		TR305.15(2)	Fail/Properly Maintain Stop Lamps	1
		346.455(2)	Fail/Remain Stopped For Fire Truck	1
		346.46(1)	Fail/Stop At Stop Sign	39
		346.39(1)	Fail/Stop For Flashing Red Signal	25
		346.18(3)	Fail/Yield Right/Way From Stop Sign	37
		346.18(5)	Fail/Yield Rt/Way From Parked Position	3
		346.19(1)	Fail/Yield To Stop For Emergency Vehicle	2
		346.18(4)	Fail/Yield When Emerging From Alley	5
		346.18(2)	Fail/Yield While Making Left Turn	46
		346.70(2)	Failure To File Accident Report	1
		346.57(2)	Failure To Keep Vehicle Under Control	26
		346.70(1)	Failure To Notify Police Of Accident	9
		346.37(1)(c)3	Failure To Obey Sign Or Signal	6
		346.48(1)	Failure To Stop For School Bus	1
		342.15(5)	Failure To Transfer Vehicle Title	2
		346.37(1)(d)1	Failure To Yield Right Of Way	8
		346.07(3)	Failure To Yield To Passing Vehicle	2
		6.06(1)	False Fire Alarm / Meddling	1
		346.24(1)	Fyr To Pedestrian^ Bicyclist^ Or Epamd	2
		346.18(7)(a)	Fyr-Entering Alley/Driveway From Hwy	1
		7.06(4)	Garbage Ordinance Violation / Illegal Dumping	5
		24.34	Harassment	4
		346.69	Hit And Run-Property Adjacent To Highway	9
		346.68	Hit And Run-Unattended Vehicle	20

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SPPD				
Adult				
		125.085(3)(b)1	Id Card Violations	1
		125.085(3)(b)	Id Card Violations-14-16	3
		346.595(3)	Illegal Passenger Riding On Motorcycle	1
		346.94(16)	Illegal Use Of Radio^ Etc.	1
		346.59(1)	Impeding Traffic By Slow Speed	1
		341.15(3)(a)	Improper Display/Plates (No Plates)	1
		346.31(3)(a)	Improper Left Turn/Approach	2
		346.31(3)(b)	Improper Left Turn/Intersection	2
		346.31(2)	Improper Right Turn	5
		346.89(1)	Inattentive Driving	70
		346.935(3)	Keep Open Intoxicants In Mv	3
		343.43(1)(d)	Lic Restriction Violation-Class D/M Vehicle	18
		24.06	Littering	2
		254.92(2)	Minor Possesses Or Purchases Tobacco	2
		12.16	Mobile Home Ordinance Violation	4
		23.02(1)(e)	More than 2 Non-Family Persons Reside at Single Fam Dwelling	1
		346.88(4)	Mv Windows Not Reasonably Clean	1
		341.04(1)	Non-Registration Of Auto^ Etc	117
		21.03(14)	Occupant Permitting Excessive Noise	23
		24.03	Open Intoxicant On Public Way	25
		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	63
		347.489(1)	Operate Cycle W/O Lights/Reflectors	1
		347.39(1)	Operate Motor Veh. W/O Adequate Muffler	1
		347.09(1)(a)	Operate Motor Vehicle W/O 2 Headlights	1
		347.35(1)	Operate Motor Vehicle W/O Capable Brakes	1
		344.62(1)	Operate Motor Vehicle W/O Insurance	228
		344.62(2)	Operate Motor Vehicle W/O Proof Of Insurance	162
		343.05(3)(b)	Operate Motorcycle W/O Valid License	4
		343.07(1g)(a)3	Operate Mtr Veh By Permittee W/O Auth Person	4
		343.07(1g)(a)1	Operate Mtr Veh By Permittee W/O Instructor	1
		348.10(2)	Operate Veh./Fail/Prevent Leaking Load	1
		347.14(1)	Operate Vehicle W/O Stopping Lights	1
		343.18(1)	Operate W/O Carrying License	6
		343.05(3)(a)	Operate W/O Valid License	64
		346.63(1)(am)	Operate With Control Substance	5
		343.44(1)(a)	Operating After Suspension	252
		346.05(1)	Operating Left Of Center Line	6
		346.63(1)(b)	Operating W/Pac	60
		346.63(1)(a)	Operating While Intox.	107
		343.44(1)(b)	Operating While Revoked	21
		347.06(1)	Operation W/O Required Lamps Lighted	14
		347.48(2m)(c)	Operator Fail/Have Passenger/Seatbelted	6
		21.03(8)	Owner Responsibility/Maintain Pestproof Premises	1
		23.01(14)(i)(e)	Parking on Non-Approved Surface	2
		346.53(6)	Parking/Standing Where Prohibited	1
		346.09(3)	Passing In No-Passing Zone	2
		346.23(1)	Pedestrian^ Bicyclist^ Or Epamd Fyr	1
		343.07(4)(b)2	Perm Oper Type 1 Cycle At Dark W/O Qual Per	1
		961.573(1)	Possess Drug Paraphernalia	52

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SPPD				
Adult				
		346.935(2)	Possess Open Intoxicants In Mv	10
		346.94(2)	Racing On Highway	2
		175.25(1)	Real Estate Storage Of Junked Cars	1
		946.41(1)	Resist Or Obstruct An Officer	20
		943.50(1m)(b)	Retail Theft-Intentionally Take(<=\$2500)	53
		347.48(2m)(d)	Ride In Vehicle W/O Wearing Seat Belt	15
		125.04(1)	Sale of Alcohol Without License/Permit	1
		125.07(1)(a)1	Sell Alcohol To Underage Person	2
		125.68(2)	Service/Liquor w/o Licensee Present	4
		24.54	Sexting Prohibited	1
		346.57(4)(b)	Speeding At School Crossing	3
		346.57(4)(f)	Speeding In Outlying District	76
		346.57(4)(a)	Speeding In School Zones	15
		346.57(4)(e)	Speeding On City Highway	606
		346.57(4)(g)	Speeding On Semiurban Highway	1
		346.57(4)(b)1	Speed-School Cross.-Child	7
		346.57(4)(b)2	Speed-School Cross.-Guard	2
		346.29(2)	Standing On Roadway	1
		943.20(1)(a)	Theft-Movable Property<=\$2500	13
		943.13(1m)(a)	Trespass To Land	10
		943.13(1m)(f)	Trespass To Land-Private Land/Govt	1
		948.45(1)	Truancy, Parent-Guardian Responsibility	4
		346.14(2)(a)	Truck Following Too Closely	2
		125.07(4)(a)3	Underage Drinking-Loiter	1
		125.07(4)(b)	Underage Drinking-Possess	84
		125.07(4)(a)2	Underage Drinking-Procures	17
		346.93(1)	Underage Person Transport Intoxicants In Mv	1
		947.03(3)	Unlawful Assembly	1
		346.33(1)(a)	Unlawful U/Y Turn-Control.Intersection	1
		346.33(1)(f)	Unlawful U/Y Turn-Unsafe or Interfere w/Traffic	1
		947.012(1)a	Unlawful Use Of Telephone	5
		TR101.02(2)(j)	Unnecessary Acceleration	4
		346.57(2)	Unreasonable and Imprudent Speed	5
		346.87	Unsafe Backing Of Vehicle	19
		346.07(2)	Unsafe Cutting In When Passing	1
		346.13(1)	Unsafe Lane Deviation	21
		346.08	Unsafe Passing On Right	1
		346.34(1)(a)2	Unsafe Turn-Enter Driveway/Private Rd	1
		24.35	Urinating / Defecating On Public/Private Prop	19
		961.14(4)	Use or Possession of Marijuana - Less Than 5 Grams	47
		347.48(2m)(b)	Vehicle Operator Fail/Wear Seat Belt	83
		346.675(1)	Vehicle Owner'S Liability For Fsa	1
		347.48(4)(am)	Viol Of Child Safety Restraint	2
		346.63(2m)	Violate Absolute Sobriety Law	1
		346.37(1)(a)1	Violate Green Traffic Signal	2
		346.37(1)(c)1	Violate Red Traffic Signal	53
		346.37(1)(b)	Violate Yellow Signal	1
		125.32(3)	Violation Of Closing Hours	1
		24.15	Violation Of Fireworks Regulations	5
		9.07	Weigh Limit Violation	1
		346.57(5)	Zone And Posted Limits	5

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SPPD				
			Adult Grand Total	<u>3,065</u>

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SPPD				
	Juvenile			
		24.25(2)	Curfew Violation By Minor^ Age Under 16	3
		947.01	Disorderly Conduct	34
		24.01(3)	Disorderly Conduct With A Motor Vehicle	6
		10.05	In City Park During Closed Hours	4
		343.43(1)(d)	Lic Restriction Violation-Class D/M Vehicle	1
		254.92(2)	Minor Possesses Or Purchases Tobacco	10
		343.05(3)(a)	Operate W/O Valid License	7
		961.573(1)	Possess Drug Paraphernalia	3
		943.50(1m)(b)	Retail Theft-Intentionally Take(<=\$2500)	6
		24.54	Sexting Prohibited	2
		943.20(1)(a)	Theft-Movable Property<=\$2500	6
		125.07(4)(b)	Underage Drinking-Possess	7
		961.14(4)	Use or Possession of Marijuana - Less Than 5 Grams	4
			Juvenile Grand Total	93