



# City of Santa Fe, New Mexico

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To: Mayor Gonzales  
City Councilors  
City Manager Brian Snyder

From: Ann Yalman  
Municipal Court Judge



Date: February 13, 2015

Re: State of the Municipal Court

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Thank you. I say this at a time when other courts are having to cut back on their programs.

- I. In particular, Drug Court and DUI Court: 14 graduates in 2014
  - A. 6 month program
  - B. Weekly group counseling
  - C. Random UAs/breath test 2-3 X/week
  - D. NAs/AAs: 2-3 X/week
  - E. Work closely with DUI/Drug Court Coordinator
  - F. Optional exercise counseling (1/2 hour per week)
  - G. Appear in Court 2 X/week
- II. Teen Court: 173 referrals in 2014
  - A. Only court sending traffic (under 18 years of age) to Teen Court.
  - B. Run by County; 4 jury trials, community service and classes,
- III. Mediation: Barking Dog cases

- A. So far we have voluntary mediators; all other providers the court is relying on are getting paid. 85% success rate in 2014 (20 cases referred to mediation; 17 cases mediated agreement)
- B. Will be seeking funds for mediators; can do and keep budget flat.

III. Enforcement issues:

- A. New Software allows us to run “overdue processing” monthly and to review probation violations.
- B. Also run failures to pay monthly.
- C. Bench Warrants: regularly
  - FTA: failure to appear
  - FTC: failure to comply
  - FTP: failure to pay

V. Imaging:

- A. Up to letter T in imaging bench warrant cases; open cases are all imaged.
- B. Seeking office aide as a temp position to image DUIs (25 year retention still need to image).
  - 1. Imaged through middle of January 1996 (contracted out in past)
  - 2. Since we have imaging on our case management system software, plan to image at courthouse.
  - 3. 2014 forward DUIs imaged as we handle cases.
  - 4. office aide will handle the imaging of DUIs from 1996-2013 cases.