

Memorandum



DATE: May 20, 2016

TO: Honorable Members of the Public Safety Committee:
Adam Medrano (Chair), B. Adam McGough (Vice Chair), Sandy Greyson, Tiffinni A. Young,
Jennifer S. Gates, Philip T. Kingston

SUBJECT: **Municipal Court Update Compliance and Enforcement**

On Monday, May 23, 2016, you will be briefed on the Municipal Court Update Compliance and Enforcement by Assistant Director Ryan Rogers and Deputy Chief City Marshal Paul Hansen of the Court & Detention Services Department.

The briefing materials are attached for your review.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.



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Assistant City Manager

[Attachment]

cc: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
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Municipal Court Update Compliance and Enforcement

Public Safety Committee

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Briefing Purpose

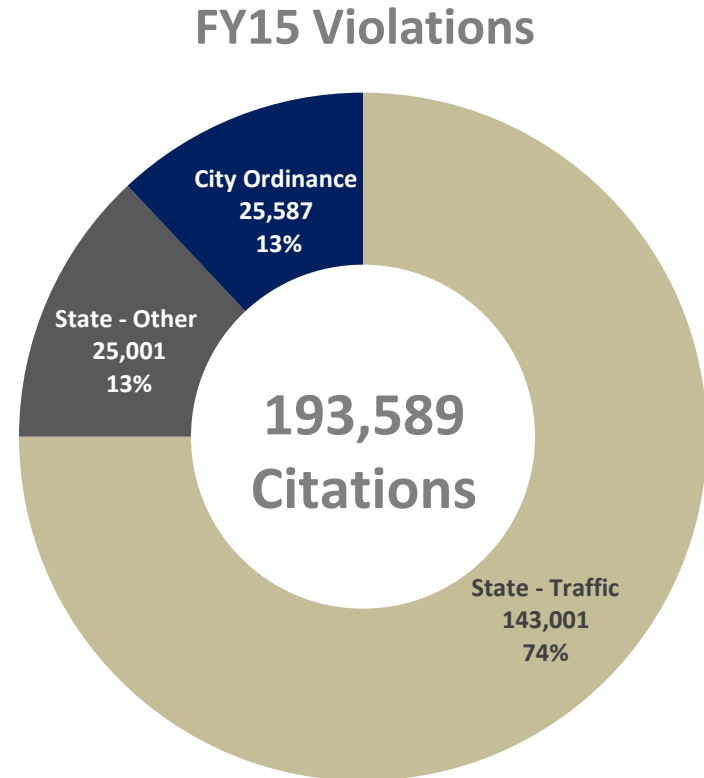
Review important measures in determining a Municipal Court's ability to drive compliance

- Municipal Court Responsibilities
- Measure #1 - Case Clearance
- Measure #2 - Dismissal Rates
- Other Enforcement Initiatives
- Future Efforts



Municipal Court Responsibilities




- Administer Class C citations and civil citations
 - Jurisdiction over 1,052 violation types
 - Receive approx. 200,000 citations annually



NOTE: Chart includes 3,132 "V" citations for Community Court



Municipal Court Responsibilities

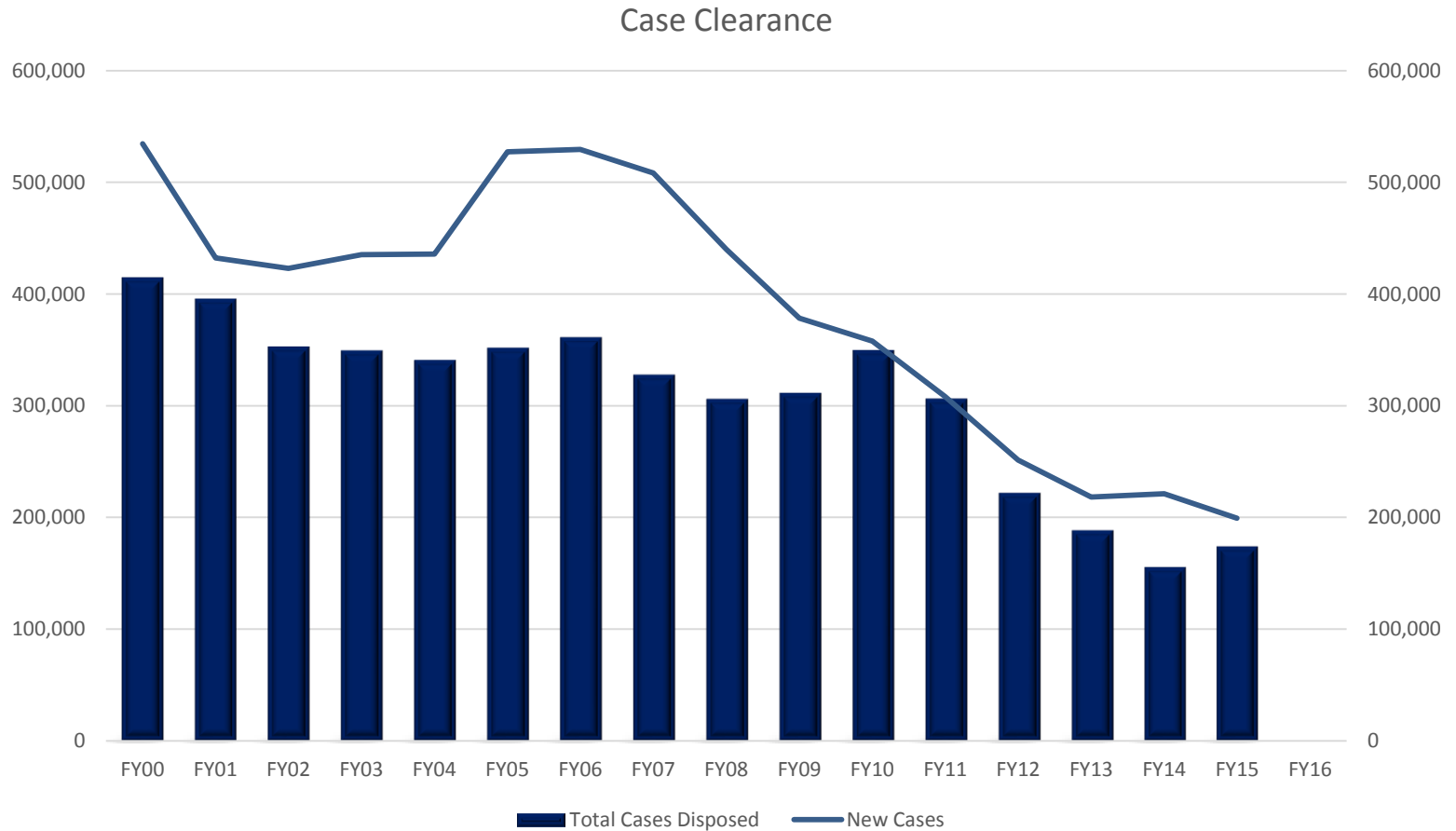
Group	Basic Functions	FTEs	Direct Report
Clerks / Marshals 	Update Cases & Records Collections & Accounting Enforce & Confirm Warrants Jail Contract Oversight	138	City Manager
Prosecutors 	Prosecute Cases & Defend Appeals Support Staff	26*	City Attorney
Judiciary / Bailiffs 	Adjudicate Cases Courtroom Security	39**	City Council

NOTES: Uses FY16 Budget numbers, *Includes 16 municipal court prosecutors and 3 office-wide support staff allocated to this unit, ** Includes 12 full-time Judges and 2.2 FTEs for Associates



Measure #1 - Case Clearance

Cases Resolved Needs to Match or Better New Cases Filed



Measure #1 - Case Clearance

Improving the Clearance Rates Through:



Reminder letters, postcards, and phone calls



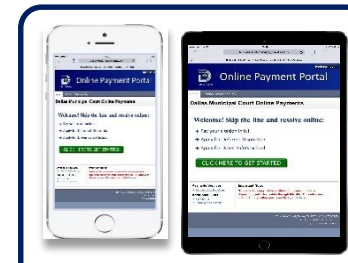
Renewed Focus on Warrants



12 New Marshals



New Collections Agency Contract

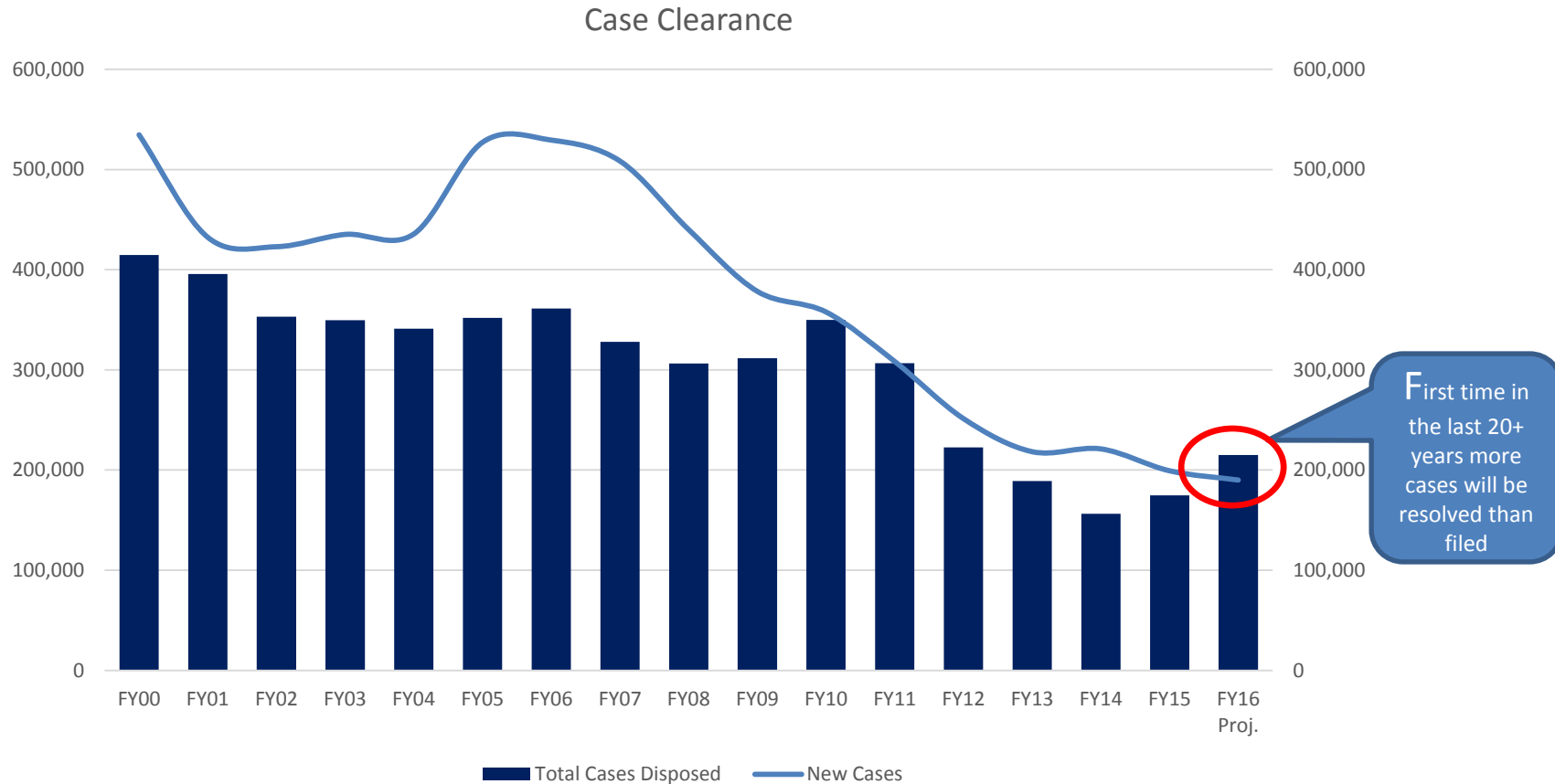


Increased Online Accessibility



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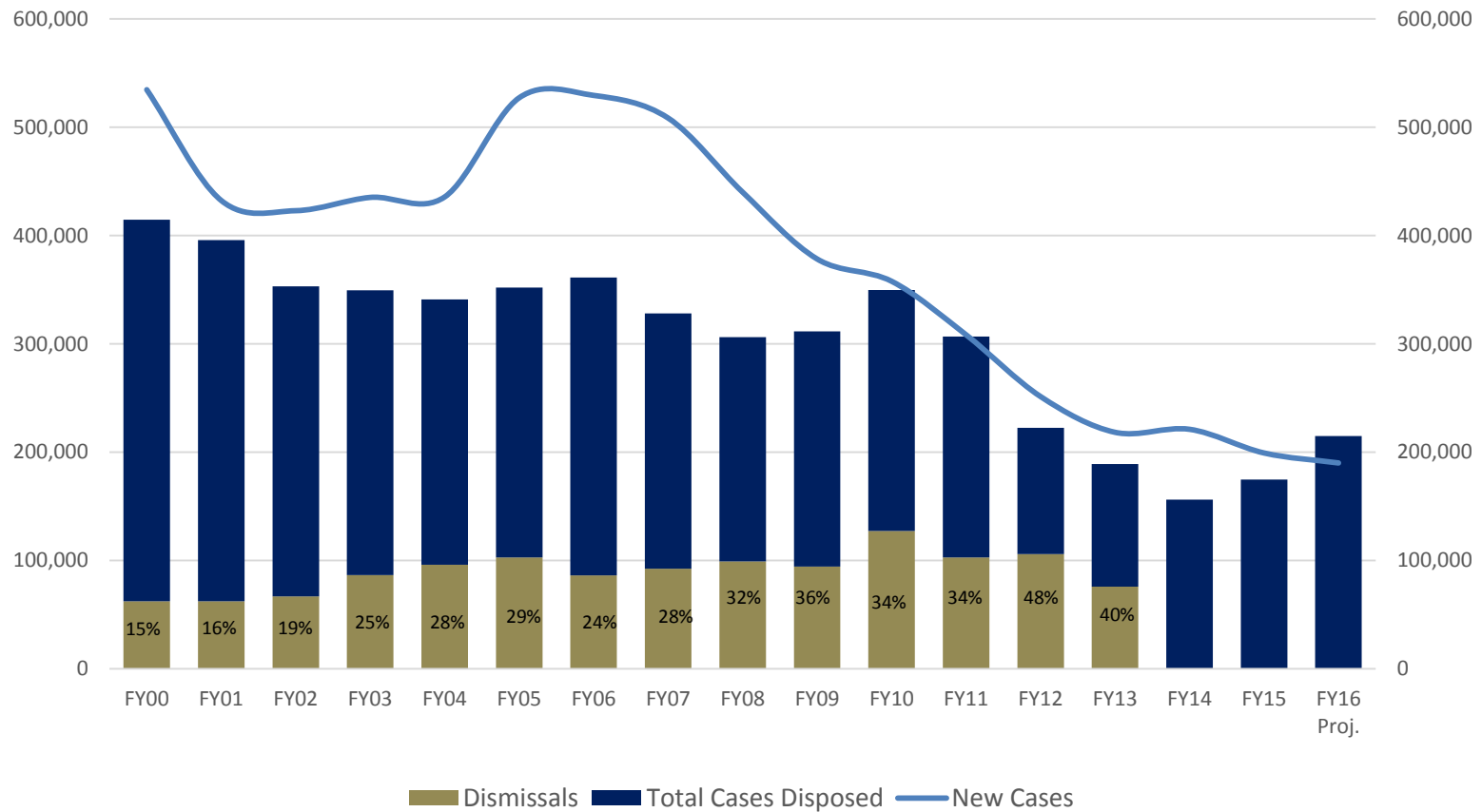
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Measure #2 - Lowering Dismissals

How Those Cases are Resolved Matters



Case Clearance & Dismissal Rates





Measure #2 - Lowering Dismissals




Pre-trial




E-Citation Devices




Video to Court



Lowering the Dismissal Rates:



Specialized Courtroom Dockets



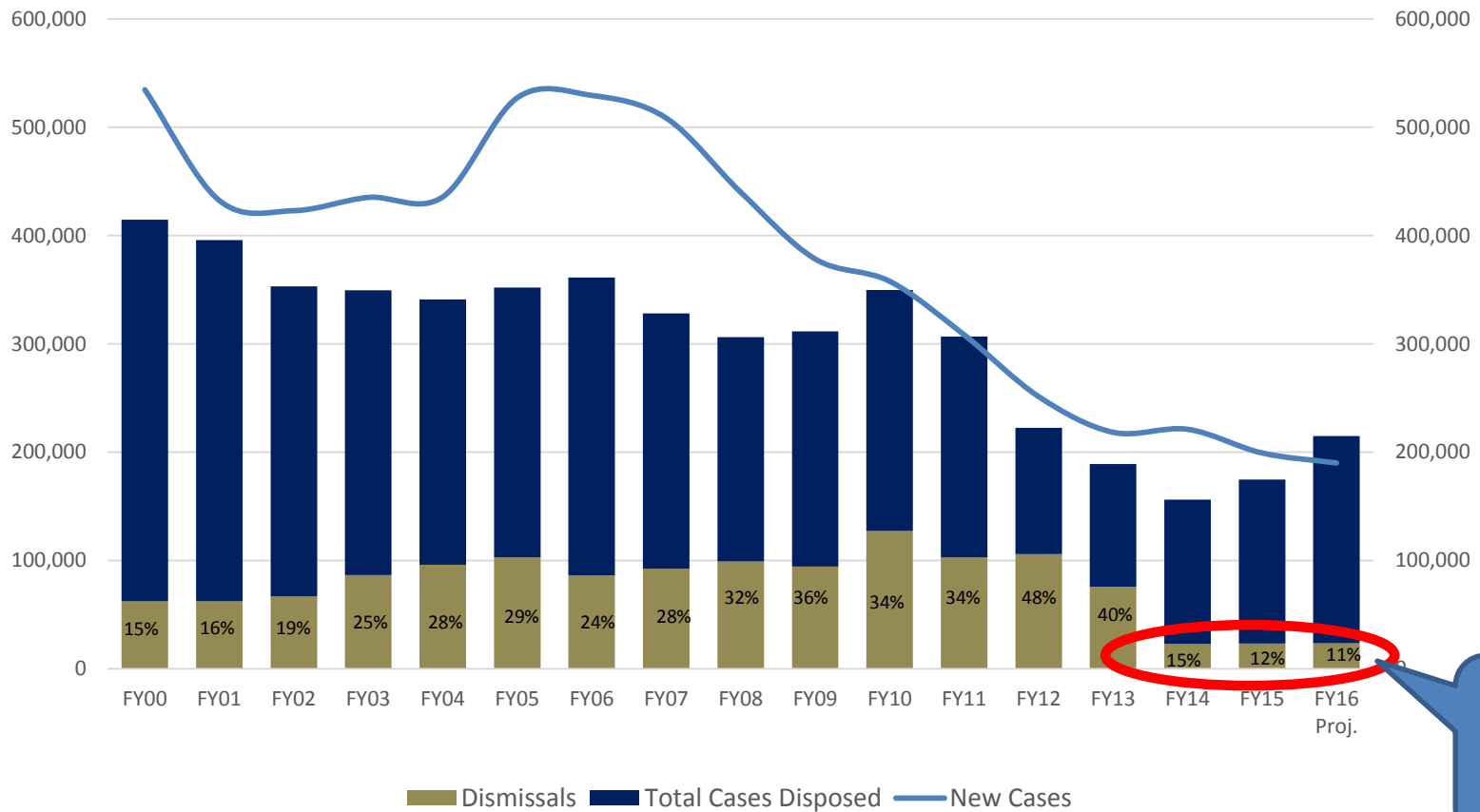
Increased Accessibility Online & In Person



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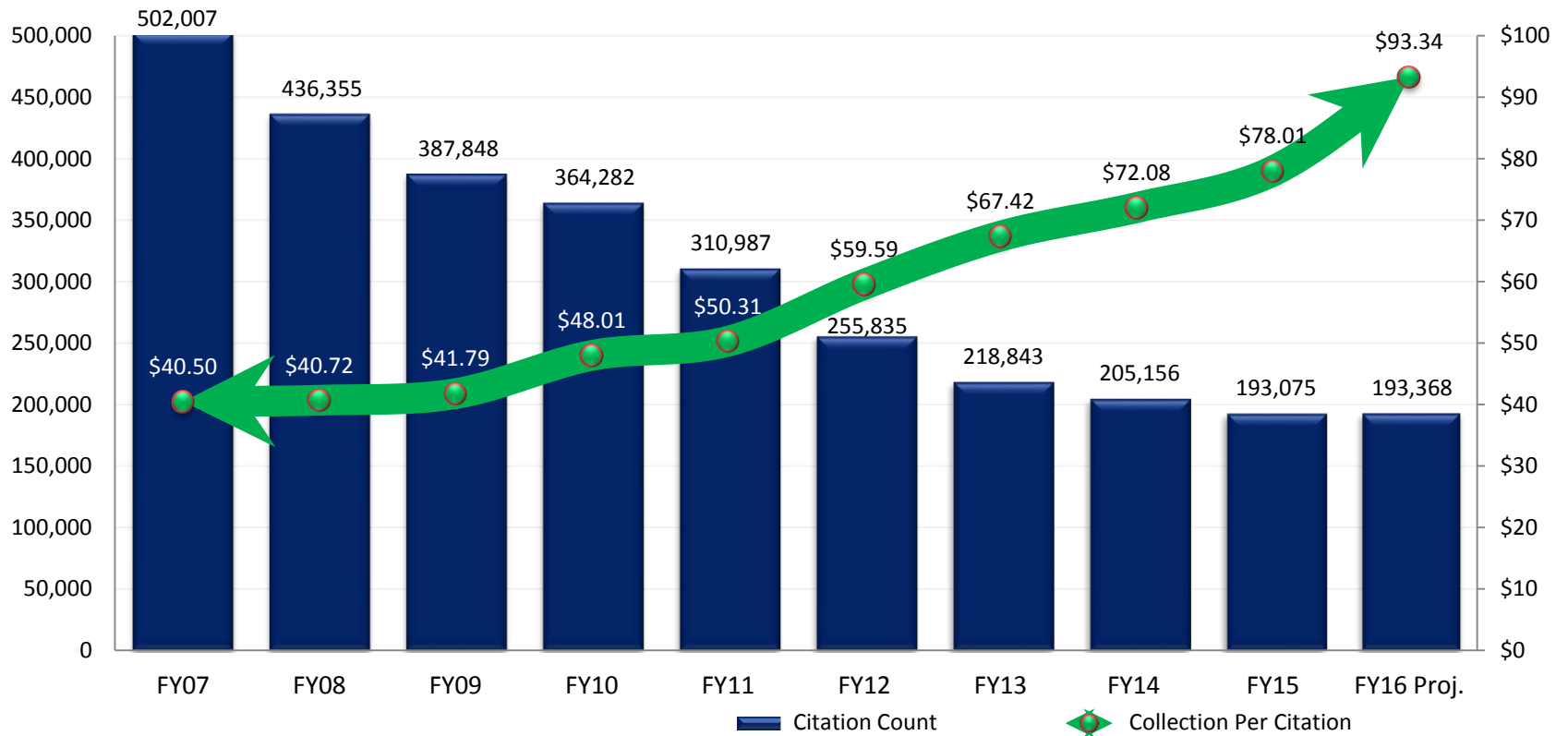


Significant
Decrease In
Dismissals



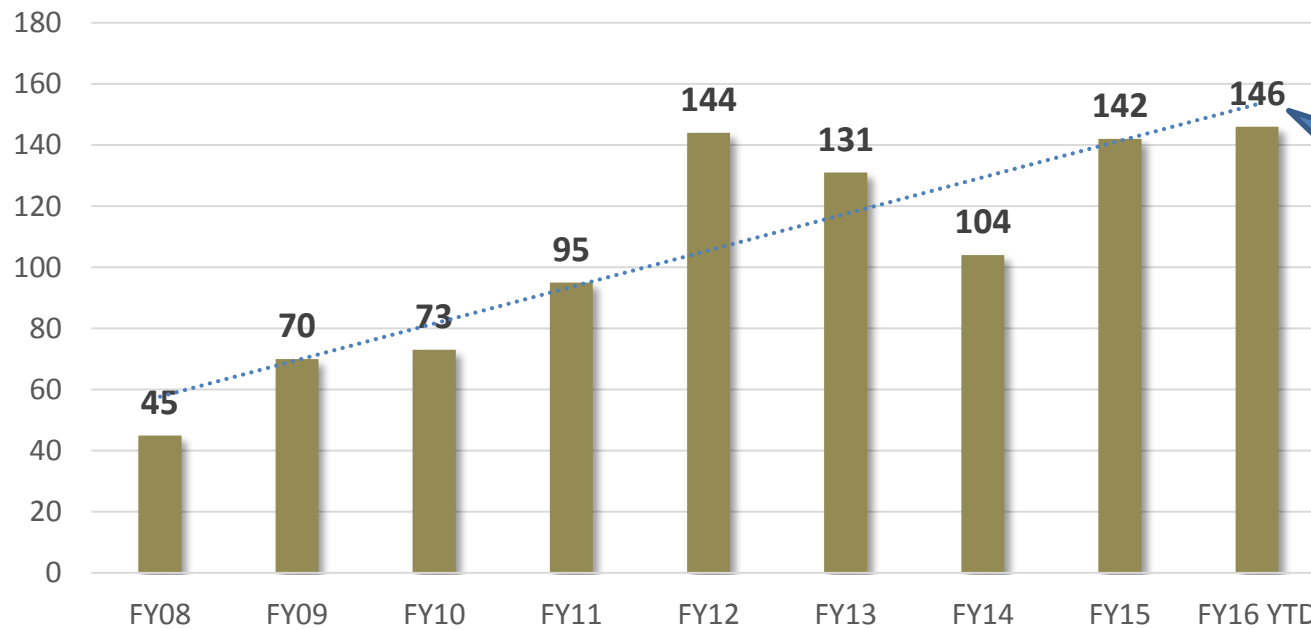
Increased Compliance

Citation Counts and Gen. Fund Collection Per Citation



Marshal's Environmental Enforcement

- Community engagement, prevention and arrest
- North Texas Crime Commission; reward program
- Use of rapid and fixed surveillance technology



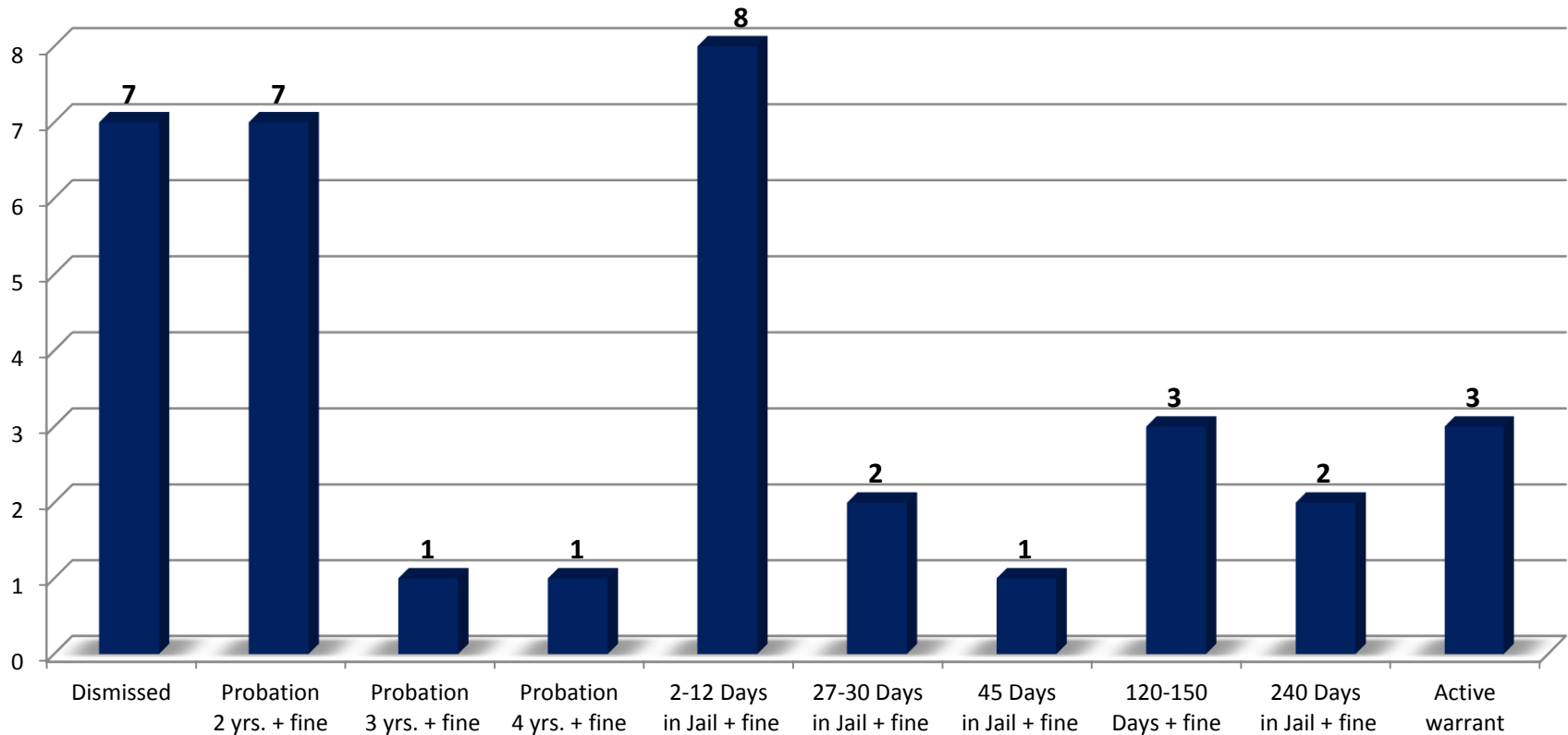
60 *Criminal
Illegal
Dumping
Cases from
Surveillance
Cameras



Marshal's Environmental Enforcement

■ Review of 135 criminal cases* from FY 14/15 to date (74% pending adjudication)

**all cases higher than a Misdemeanor "C" municipal violation*

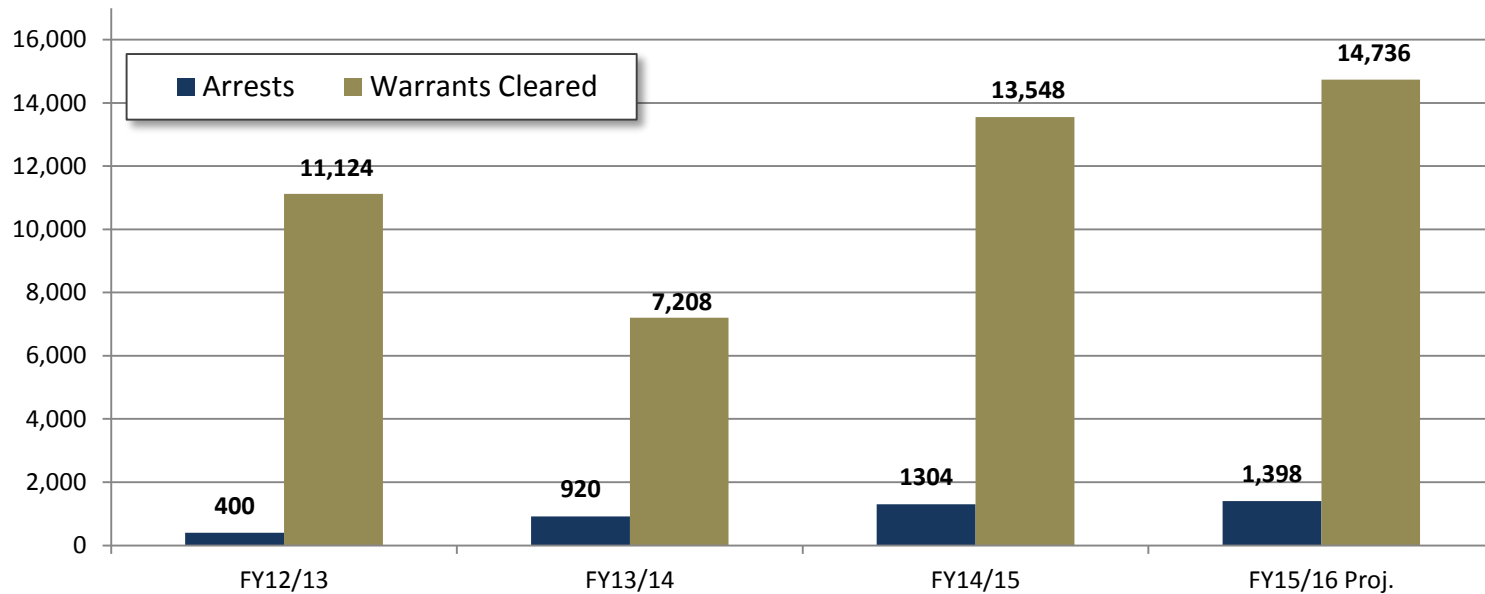


Marshal's Warrant Enforcement



■ Compliance Strategies:

- Focus on new warrants with contact details
- Phone, email and send postcard when warrant issued
- Pursue public databases and technology



Future Efforts

- **Further Expanding Online Options**
- **License Plate Readers and Cameras**
- **Indigency Process**
- **Police Liaison**



Questions?



Appendix



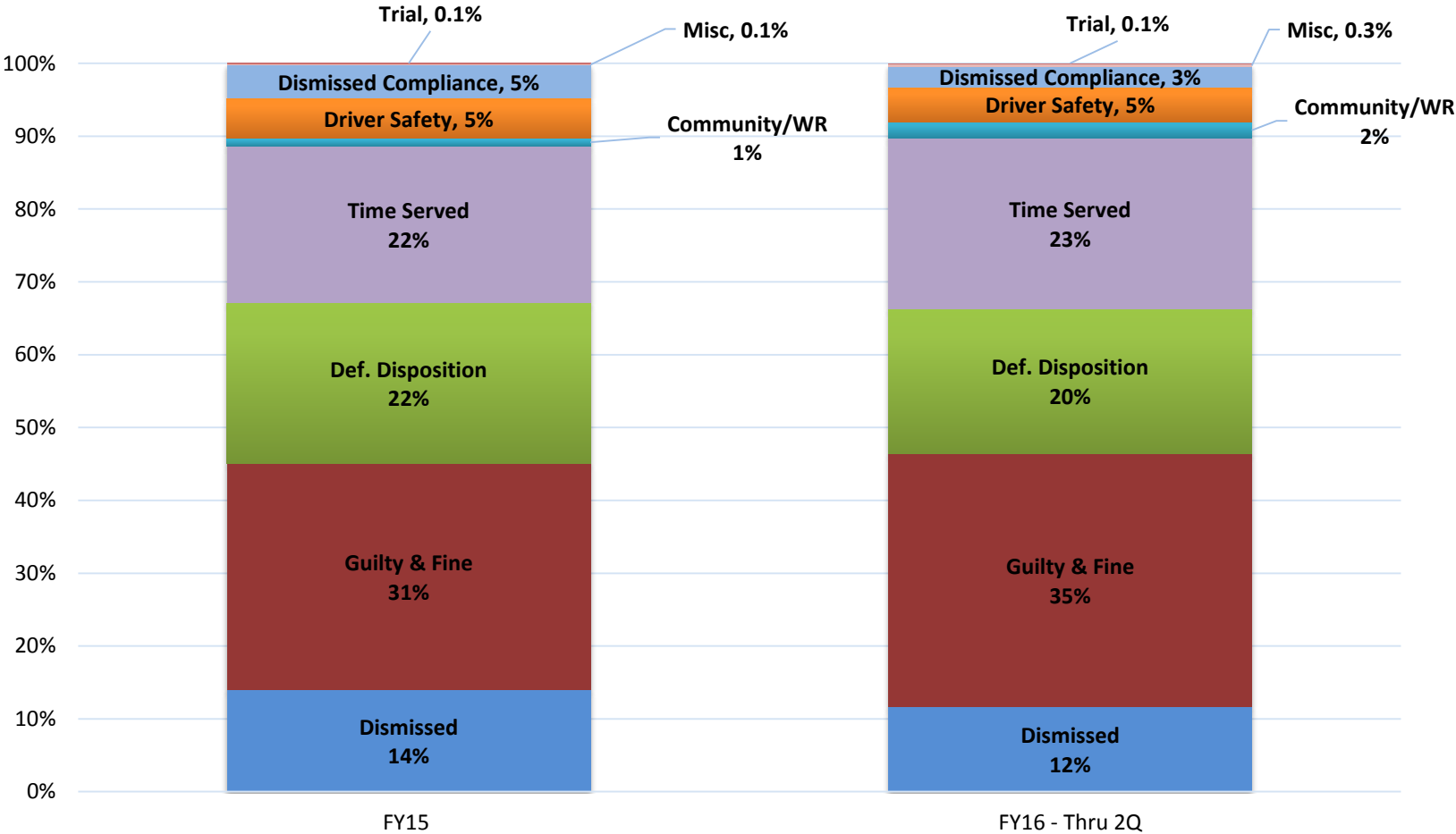
Low Sterrett Jail Contract Responsibilities

■ CTS' Oversight of the City's Jail Contract

- Original agreement signed in 1978; amended four times since then
- FY16's budget is \$7,557,391; FY17's proposed is \$7,812,862
- Brought before Council annually in September
- The City of Dallas is charged for three items
 - Prorated operational costs
 - Per prisoner intake costs *(Class C only and Class C with higher charges)*
 - Per prisoner housing costs *(Class C only)*



Total Courthouse Dispositions - Breakout



*Numbers might vary slightly from OCA data on page 10 due to the State's reporting process

