

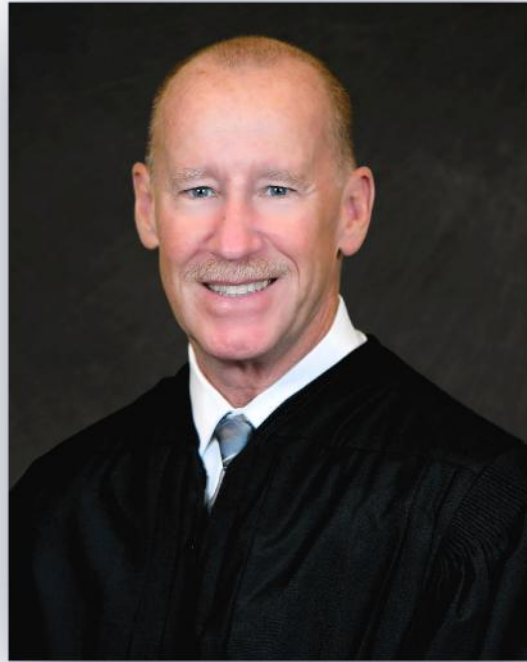


Franklin Municipal Court

Annual Report

2022

Judge Ronald W. Ruppert
1 Benjamin Franklin Way
Franklin, OH 45005



Ronald W. Ruppert was elected Judge of the Franklin Municipal Court and began serving his term on January 1, 2018.

Our Mission

The Mission of the Franklin Municipal Court is to provide fair and impartial justice, enforce the rule of law, ensure public safety, protect the rights of individuals and to provide the residents of Franklin, Franklin Township and Carlisle a forum to resolve matters fairly and impartially.

Highlights and Procedural Improvements

- Partnership with Warren County Veterans Court has allowed the opportunity for veteran's to participate in a veteran focused recovery program supervised by Judge Gary Loxley;
 - A recent participant successfully completed the program and was awarded the certificate of graduation in Warren County Veterans Court. He was then successfully terminated from Franklin Municipal Court's order of probation.
- Implementation of E-Citations beginning December 2021 and reaching full implementation in 2022;
- Improvements to Court's website providing accurate information and ease of e-payments for the public;
- The Court, in collaboration with the Franklin Police Department, streamlined and updated pickup radius criteria relating to warrants in the Ohio Law Enforcement Automated Data System (LEADS), the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) and taking custody of wanted individuals;
- Franklin Municipal Court was the first court to implement an electronic transfer of felony cases to Warren County Common Pleas Court. This pilot program was successful and paved the way for the use of electronic transfer of felony cases from all Municipal Courts in Warren County to the Warren County Common Pleas Court;
- Installation of new printing systems for Deputy Clerks to improve efficiency and service to the public;
- Addition of virtual server and server migration for added information security and capacity for the implementation of electronic filings in 2023;
- Implemented electronic filing in July of 2022 in accordance with rules of Superintendence of the Courts of Ohio;
- Improved case flow management by improving information transfer with the City of Franklin PD, Warren County Jail and Warren County Sheriff's Office through email transfer of documents compared with outdated methods such as fax, regular mail or hand delivery;
- Continued Court security improvements;
- The Court implemented a more extensive budget review process allowing for more strategic planning;
- Began discussions and planning regarding improvements to Court facilities;
- The Court's Intensive Supervised Probation docket received a commitment from Warren County Career Center and private individuals for full adult education scholarships as determined by the Court upon graduation for the Intensive Supervised Probation docket.

Foreword



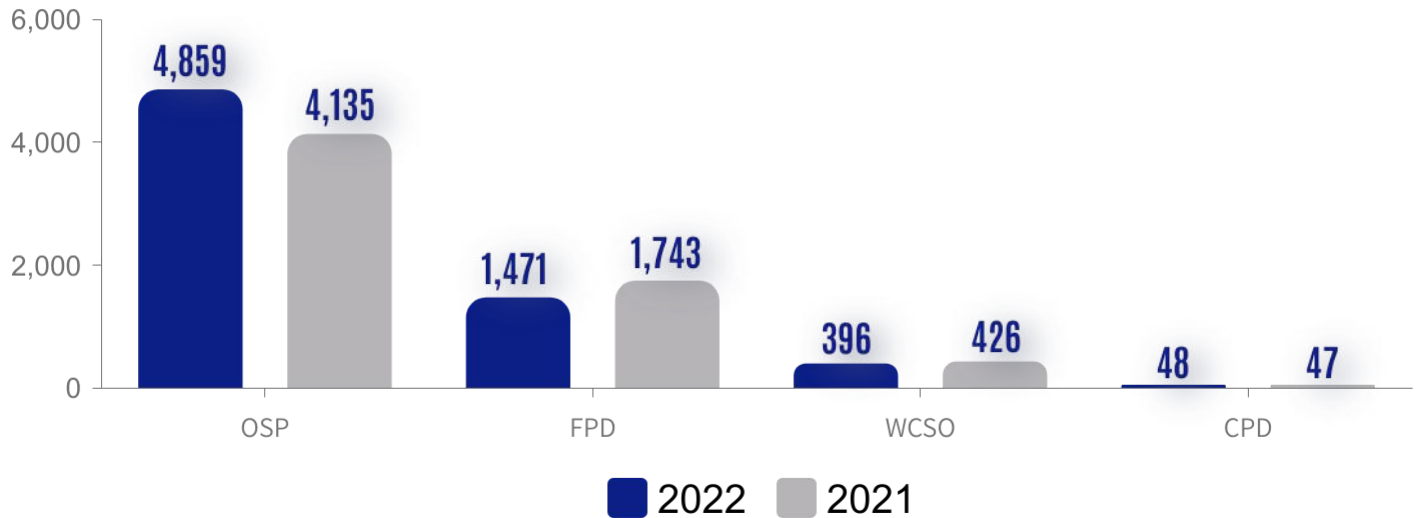
This report will summarize and highlight the operations of Franklin Municipal Court. The Court serves the communities of the City of Franklin, Franklin Township and the City of Carlisle. The Court employs a full-time Magistrate, full-time Clerk of Court, 6 Deputy Clerks of Court, 3 full-time Probation Officers, Chief Bailiff and Deputy Bailiff.

Beginning in 2021 and continuing throughout 2022, the Court updated equipment for Court staff, implemented new procedures, developed new processes to improve the working relationship between all Municipal Courts in Warren County and the Warren County Common Pleas Court and also implemented new procedures for communicating with law enforcement. In addition, 2022 saw the retirement of Clerk of Court, Sabrina Spence, the addition of Amanda Weist as Court Administrator and swearing in of Nikki Simpson as Clerk of Court.

Traffic and Criminal Statistics

Total Traffic and Criminal Cases by Agency 2022 - 2021

Total Cases Filed 2022-2021



Cases Filed by Agency 2022

Ohio State Patrol	4,859
Franklin Police Department	1,471
Warren County Sheriff	396
Carlisle Police Department	48

Total Cases Filed 6,447

Cases Filed by Agency 2021

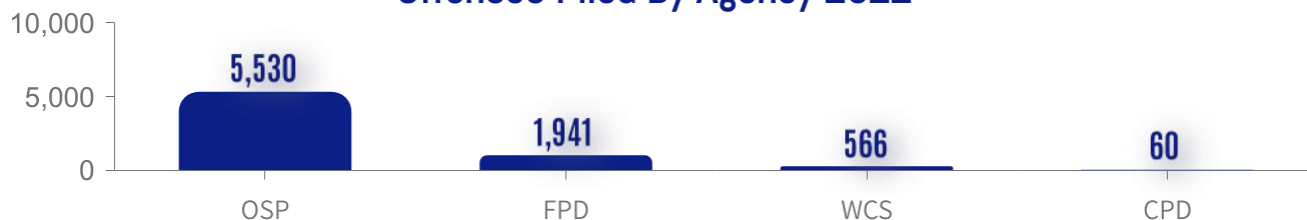
Ohio State Patrol	4,135
Franklin Police Department	1,743
Warren County Sheriff	426
Carlisle Police Department	47

Total Offenses Filed 6,351

Please note the differences in number of cases vs. offenses. Total cases filed per agency will be lower than total offenses filed per agency. Offenses are detailed on the next page.

Traffic and Criminal Statistics

Offenses Filed By Agency 2022



Ohio State Patrol

Offenses of Violence/Firearms	22
Offenses Involving Controlled Substance	142
OVI	368
Traffic	4952
Other	46

Total Offenses 5530

Franklin Police Department

Offenses of Violence/Firearms	177
Offenses Involving Controlled Substance	178
OVI	215
Traffic	782
Other	589

Total Offenses 1941

Warren County Sheriff

Offenses of Violence/Firearms	65
Offenses Involving Controlled Substance	72
OVI	35
Traffic	222
Other	172

Total Offenses 566

Carlisle Police Department

Offenses of Violence/Firearms	23
Offenses Involving Controlled Substance	4
OVI	4
Traffic	8
Other	21

Total Offenses 60

Civil Court

749 Total Civil Court Cases 2022

Civil, Insurance Claims and Damage Cases	460
Small Claims Cases	25
Eviction Cases	192
Driving Petition Filings	72

Magistrate Gregory Demos presides over the Civil Docket and hears cases involving contracts, property damage, landlord and tenant matters as well as many other types of claims.

Civil Court Comparison by Year

FILINGS

2022 - 2021



Community Control

749 Total Probation Cases 2022

New Probation Cases	259
Pre-Sentence Investigations	20
Sealings (Expungements)	43
Talbert House Referrals	81
Community Correction Referrals	235
PreTrial Services Referrals	72
SCRAM (Alcohol Monitor)	8
Restitution Collected	\$10,158.11

Intensive Supervised Probation Docket

Magistrate Gregory Demos presides over the Intensive Supervised Probation Docket.

The docket is designed to give criminal defendants with severe substance abuse disorders an opportunity to engage in drug and alcohol treatment while being closely monitored by the Probation Department and the Court. The goal is to have participants achieve long term sobriety; engage in employment and/or educational pursuits and become productive members of the community.

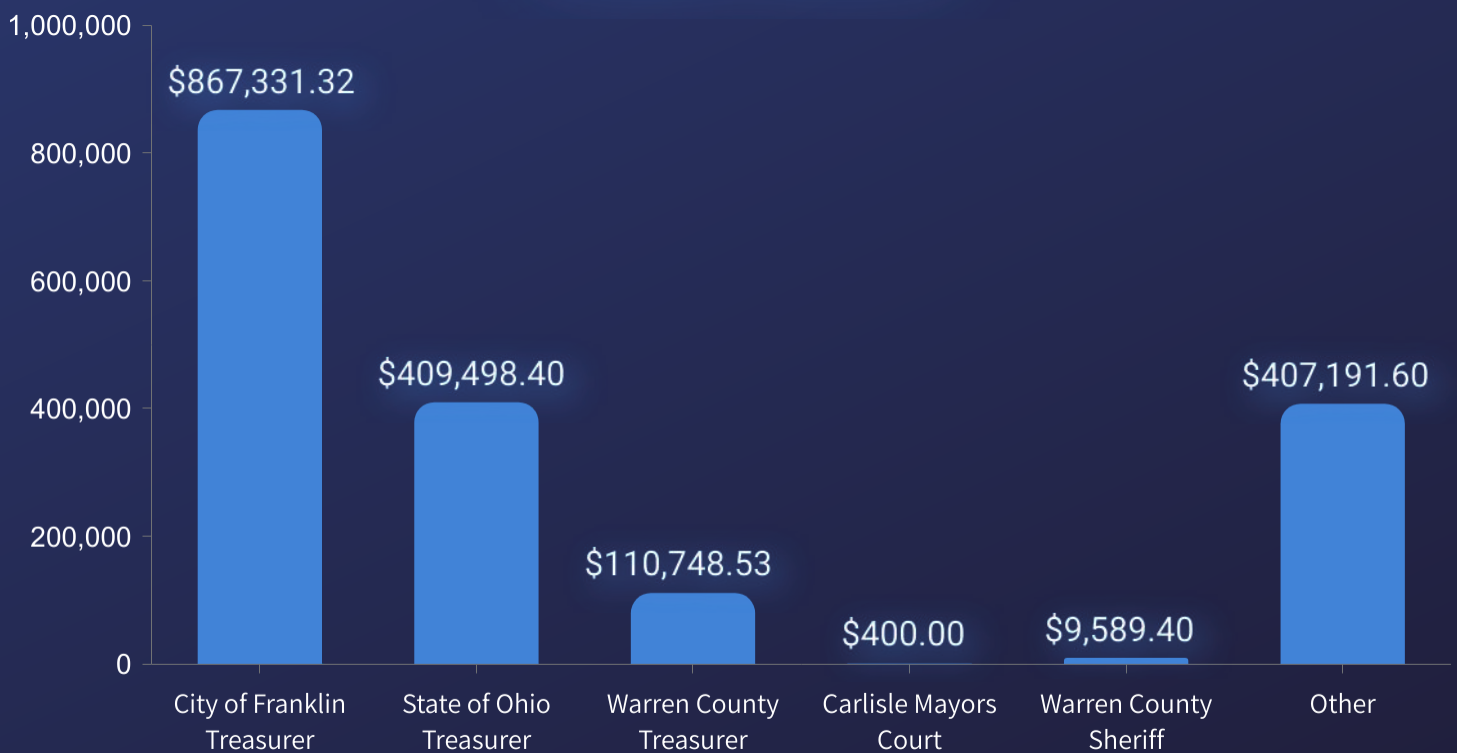
During the 2022 calendar year, 25 participants engaged in the Intensive Supervised Probation Docket known as Drug Court. 6 participants successfully completed the program and graduated. 7 participants were terminated from the program for non-compliance. 4 participants have absconded. The Probation Department has issued warrants and/or filed probation violations on those participants. 8 participants remain actively engaged in the program.

The Probation Department has issued warrants and/or filed probation violations for those that have absconded or were terminated from the program for non-compliance.

Total Fines, Cost and Fees

Franklin Municipal Court collects fines, court costs and fees. These funds offset operating costs and are distributed to the State of Ohio, Warren County, City of Franklin and Carlisle in accordance with state law. A small percentage of the collected funds are retained by the Court for funding special projects and other operational expenses.

Disbursements \$1,804,759.25





Mandy Weist

Franklin Municipal Court 2022 Personnel Changes

January 1, 2022 Amanda Weist named Court Administrator Franklin Municipal Court. She is the first person to hold the position of Court Administrator at Franklin Municipal Court.



Nikki Simpson

April 29, 2022 Nicki Simpson sworn in as Clerk of Courts following the retirement of Sabrina Spence.



Brooke Thornsburg

October 31, 2022 Brooke Thornsburg hired as Deputy Clerk, resulting from a vacancy created by the retirement of Sabrina Spence and promotion of Nikki Simpson.

2022

SWEARING IN

Matthew
Wilcher

Sworn in to City
Council January 1st,
2022.

Denny
Centers

Sworn in to City
Council January 1st,
2022.

Michael
Aldridge

Sworn in to City
Council January 1st,
2022.

FURY

Following the
retirement of K9 Colt,
K9 Fury was sworn in
January 1st, 2022 with
his handler Patrolman
Alex Butler.



5th GRADE



COMMUNITY DAY COURT TOUR & LUNCHEON

Every year, the Court hosts Anthony Wayne Elementary, recipients of the Ohio School Board Associations Innovative Program Award for Community Day.

On this day, Judge Ruppert educates students on the judicial branch of government and many processes of the Court.

Upon completion of the tour, students meet with a mentor from the Court, City, Franklin Police and Fire Departments along with elected officials to get to know one another and enjoy lunch.

The Court looks forward to Community Day each year.





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CHRISTMAS SPONSORSHIP

The Franklin Municipal Court participates in a yearly Christmas Sponsorship.

One family is adopted by the Court in cooperation with Franklin City Schools.

Throughout the year, the Court raises money to prepare for the assigned family's wish list provided by Franklin Schools.

In 2022, thanks to local attorneys, law enforcement, Court and City staff delivered Christmas joy to a family in the community with 3 children.

Court staff hopes to expand in 2023 to include a family in Carlisle.



Personnel

Judicial Staff

Municipal Court Judge
Magistrate
Court Administrator
Chief Bailiff

Ronald W. Ruppert
Greg Demos
Amanda Weist
Frank Hensley

Clerk of Courts

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Deputy Clerk
Deputy Clerk
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Nikki Simpson
Guene Bushong
Alicia Figliola
Lori Raleigh
Sophie Kirby
Ashley Blevins
Brooke Thornsburg

Probation

Chief Probation Officer
Probation Officer
Probation Officer

Katie Perdue
Heaven Hoff
Steven Badger

Prosecuting Attorney

City Of Franklin
Prosecuting Attorney

Max Kinman

Security Officers

Franklin Police Department
Franklin Police Department

Lt. Wayne Bowling
Det. Jeff Stewart

Court Appointed Counsel

Attorney

Cynthia Brandenburg

Conclusion

I look forward to another year of progress and service to our communities. In addition to continued improvements in internal procedures, plans for 2023 include implementation of an automated "check-in" procedure for our court, applying for a Supreme Court grant to move toward full electronic filing for civil, traffic and criminal matters, security updates as well as expansion of the availability of e-payments and integration with existing court software. Also for 2023, the Court will be promoting a "ride along" opportunity for Franklin, Franklin Township and Carlisle officials.



Ronald W. Ruppert
Judge, Franklin Municipal Court