



Luzerne County District Attorney's Office

2019 ANNUAL REPORT

New Cases Opened

(does not include juvenile cases, cases under investigation, PFA violations, etc.)

New Cases opened but resolved at District Court =
2,064

Total New CCP Cases for 2019 = 4,475

Total CCP Cases Disposed of in 2019 = 4,293

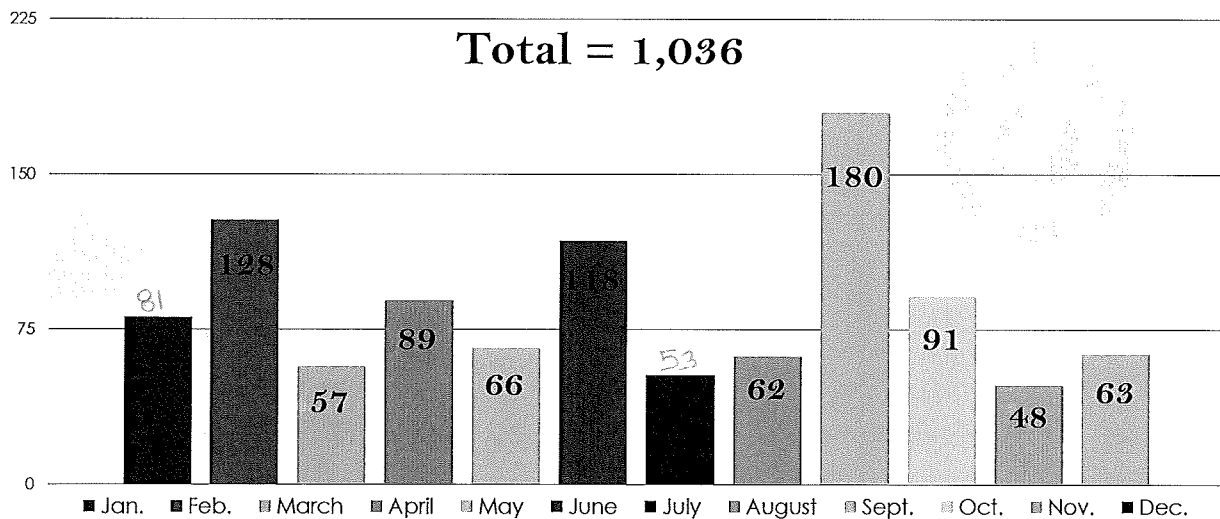
Cases Called for Trial by Judge

- ▶ Judge Augello – 195
- ▶ Judge Gartley – 3
- ▶ Judge Pierantoni – 3 (does not include juvenile cases)
- ▶ Judge Lupas – 810
- ▶ Judge Sklarosky – 845
- ▶ Judge Vough – 1,241

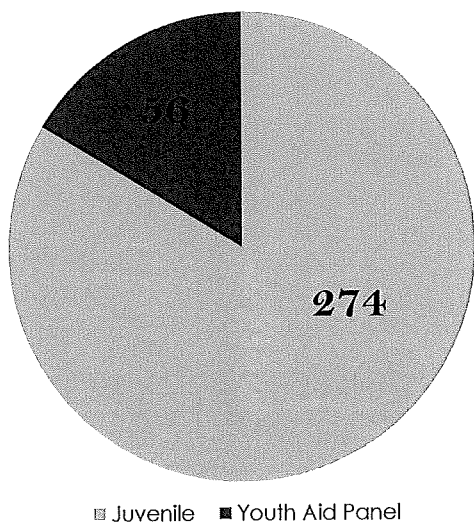
Total Cases Called for Trial in 2019 = 3,097

DUI Cases

This does not include DUI cases with additional charges.



Juvenile Cases



Juvenile Unit

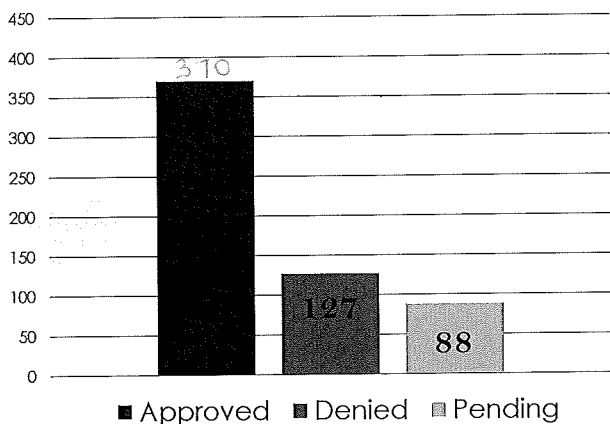
- Does not include cases that receive informal adjustments; or warned counsel (does not appear before a judge)
- 14 Direct File Cases Pending at year end

Youth Aid Panel

- 56 juveniles met with a Panel and were given a contract
 - o 36 successfully completed
 - o 7 failed
 - o 13 pending
- 15 juveniles were referred back
- 4 allegations were withdrawn/disapproved
- 12 are currently scheduled to meet with a Panel

ARDs

(Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition)

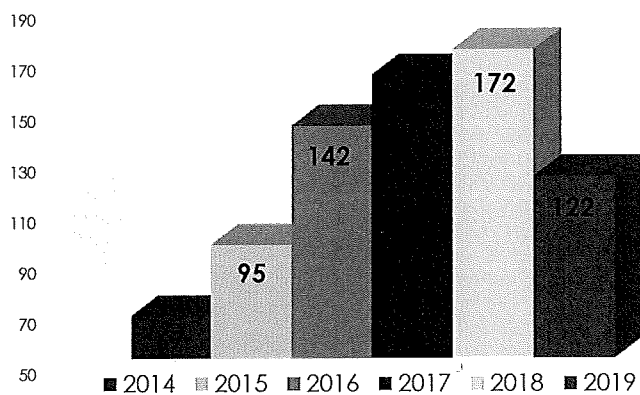


Total Applied = 585

Opioid Epidemic



Luzerne County Overdose Deaths



Naloxone (NARCAN)

- Distributed 436 Kits (each containing two 4mg doses)
 - 89 Uses – 85 were reversals
- Kits provided to 39 police departments; 10 EMS; 10 School Districts; 2 Colleges; the DRC; Probation; & Luzerne County Prison
- Provided 180 doses to WB Dept. of Health for public giveaway event

Pre-Arrest Diversion (PAD) Program

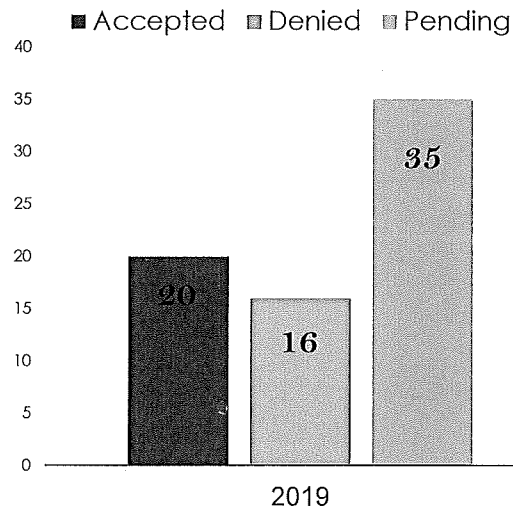
- Looking at alternative ways of keeping people out of the criminal justice system who are suffering from substance use disorder
- Pilot Program
 - Hanover Township PD
 - Kingston PD
 - Luzerne County Probation
- 16 completed in 90 days; 2 active
- 17 non-compliant



Treatment Court

To Date:

- 237 Graduates
- 51 Current Participants
- GEDs Earned = 71 (1 active client in college)
- Drug Free Babies = 24
- Recidivism Rate:
 - 1st Year = 12%
 - 2nd Year = 6%
 - 3rd Year = 4%
- Primary Drug of Choice:
 - Heroin & other Opiates
 - Methamphetamine
 - Marijuana
- Approximate Savings per Participant: **\$41,332**
(per day = \$12 v. LCCF = \$94)



Total prison cost savings = \$9,795,684

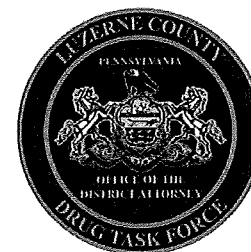
Luzerne County Drug Task Force

- ▶ Coordinator
- ▶ 4 PT Narcotics Agents (started in December)
- ▶ Total Law Enforcement Agencies = 39 (282 members)
- ▶ Trainings = 2 countywide trainings + funding of state and local law enforcement to attend relevant trainings throughout the year
- ▶ Equipment = support state and local law enforcement with equipment
- ▶ Now able to assist in drug related homicides, shootings and violent crimes



Luzerne County Drug Task Force

- ▶ Total Drug Task Force Arrests = 125 (138 cases initiated)
- ▶ Weapons Seized = 23
- ▶ Forfeitures = \$86,793
- ▶ Drugs Seized:
 - Marijuana = 43.1 pounds
 - Heroin/Fentanyl = 737.6 grams
 - Fentanyl = 1,064.65 grams
 - Methamphetamine = 11.75 grams + 1 lab
 - Cocaine = 506.53 grams
 - Crack = 475.8 grams



Luzerne County Drug Task Force

To Date:

- ▶ Total Drug Task Force Arrests (to date) = 33
- ▶ Weapons Seized (to date) = 6
- ▶ Forfeitures = \$76,908
- ▶ Drugs Seized
 - Marijuana = 12 pounds (5443 grams)
 - Heroin/Fentanyl = 11 grams
 - Fentanyl = 557.45 grams
 - Methamphetamine = 2662.8 grams
 - Cocaine = 620 grams
 - Crack = 3 grams



Luzerne County Drug Task Force

Drug Delivery Resulting in Death

- o 13 Total Cases
 - 3 Cases have been charged
 - 3 Cases were fully investigated and given to the US Attorney's Office to prosecute
 - 7 Cases are still under investigation



GUN VIOLENCE REDUCTION TASK FORCE

- Grant received end of November 2019 for 1 FT Agent and 1 PT Agent
- Opened 20 Gun-related cases this year
- 2 felony arrests (felon not to possess firearm)
 - ✓ Interviews with subjects revealed:
 - Potential arrest in unsolved homicide case
 - Confession of armed robbery in Plains Township; and
 - Possible federal indictments for sex and drug trafficking
- 5 misdemeanor arrests (unsworn falsification)

Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC)

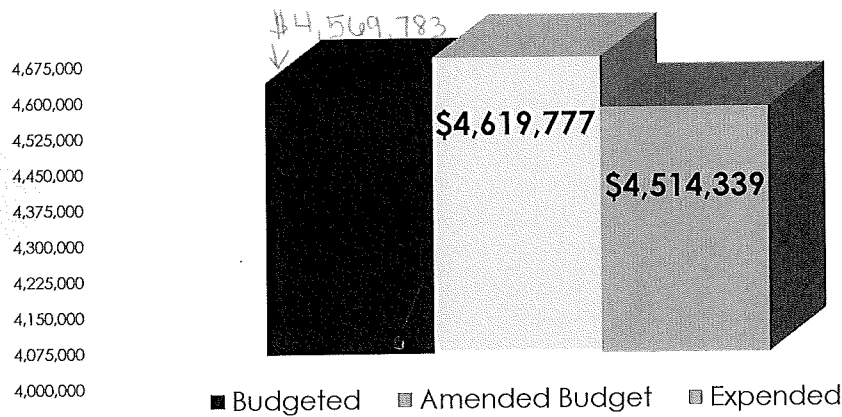
We received 76 CyberTips from the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC).

- We executed 33 search warrants and made 31 arrests.

Public Awareness is Important – our office participated in 17 public events/speaking engagements specifically regarding Digital Technology (mostly school aged children). These presentations reached over 1,000 individuals.

2019 Budget

Expenditures 2019 Budget Review



Expenditures

2019 Budget Review continued...

Total Savings = \$105,438

Revenue

2019 Budget Review continued...

- ▶ Grants: \$468,062
 - Federal (STOP, CAC) = \$263,651 (includes SWAT Grant)
 - State (RASA, VOJO) = \$268,403
- ▶ Expense Reimbursement: \$298,730
 - Includes: DA Salary, DTF Expenses, YAP, Mental Health
- ▶ ARD Fees = \$120,046
- ▶ Miscellaneous (RTK, Restitution, Expungements) = \$22,661

Total: \$973,493 (increase of \$81,985)

Total Savings over the Past 8 Years:

\$567,007