

Luzerne County District Attorney's Office

2018 ANNUAL REPORT

New Cases Opened

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

Total New Cases for 2018 = 4,436

Total # of Cases Disposed of in 2018 = 4,826

Cases Called for Trial by Judge

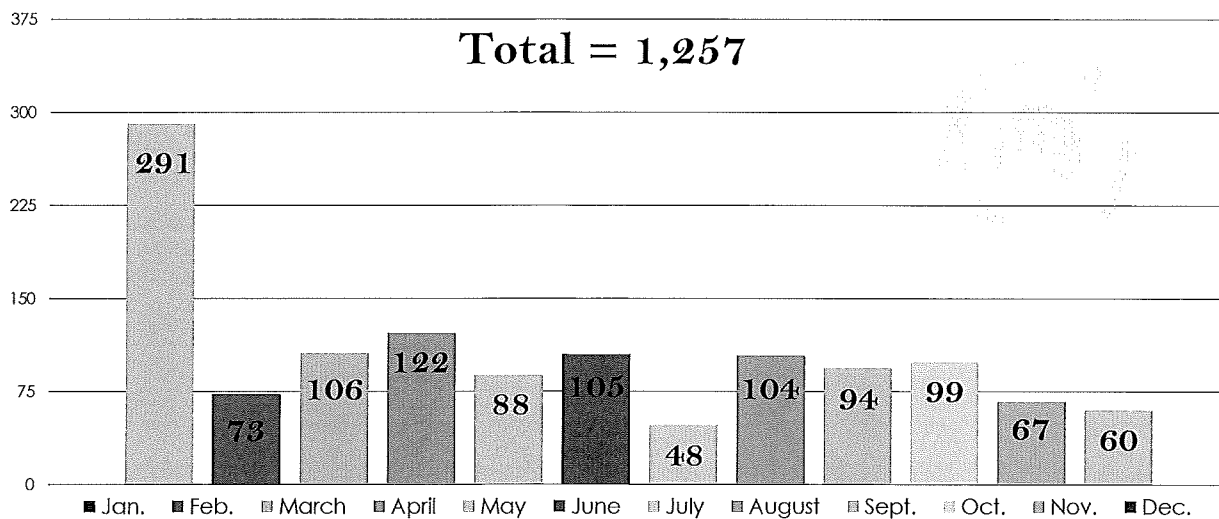
- ▶ Judge Augello – 492
- ▶ Judge Gartley – 3
- ▶ Judge Hughes – 4
- ▶ Judge Pierantoni – 4 (does not include juvenile cases)
- ▶ Judge Lupas – 1,199
- ▶ Judge Sklarosky – 1,458
- ▶ Judge Vough – 1,890

Total Cases Called for Trial in 2018 = 5,050

(Cases Called in 2017 - 2,062)

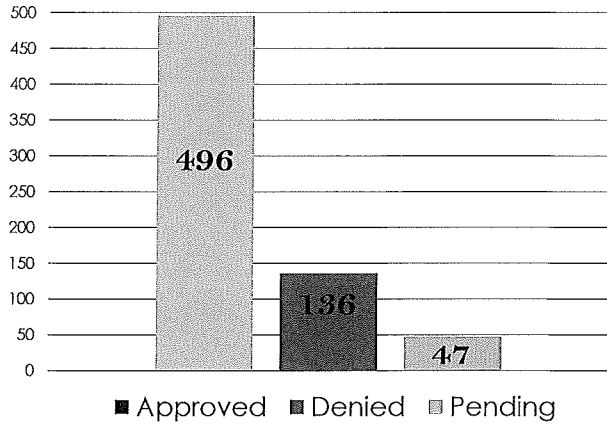
DUI Cases

This does not include DUI cases with additional charges.



ARDs

(Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition)

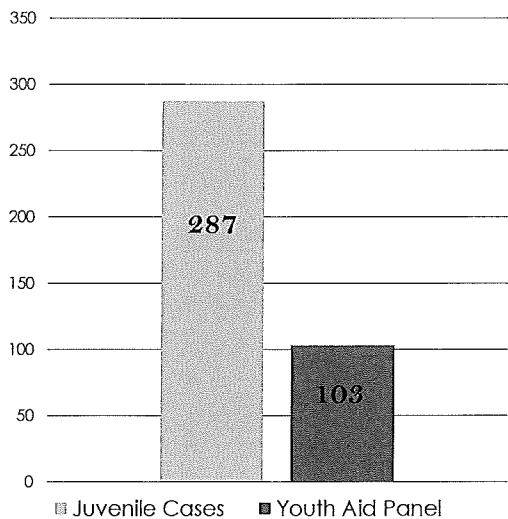


Total = 679

The number of defendants applying has increased by 60.

This increased our expected 2018 revenue by **\$52,309**.

Juvenile Cases



Juvenile Unit

- Does not include cases that receive informal adjustments; or warned counsel (does not appear before a judge)
- We are seeing more direct file cases or seriously considering direct file

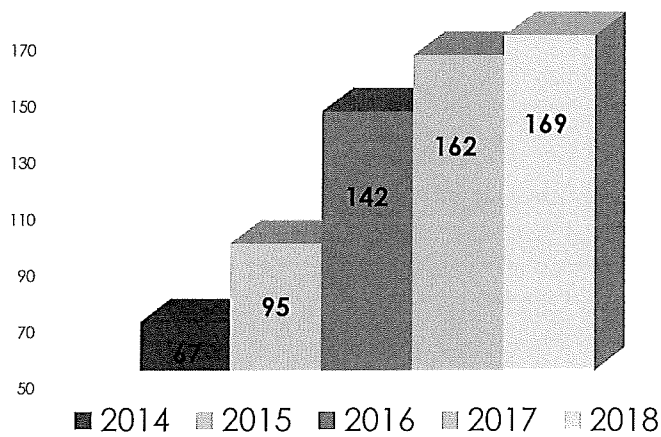
Youth Aid Panel

- 66 juveniles met with a Panel and were given a contract
 - o 46 successfully completed
 - o 6 failed
 - o 11 pending
 - o 2 were referred back as they needed more intervention (counseling and/or drug & alcohol testing)
 - o 1 deceased

Opioid Epidemic



Luzerne County Overdose Deaths



Naloxone (NARCAN)

- 394 kits provided to 19 police departments, 4 EMS, 8 School Districts, 2 Colleges, the DRC & Luzerne County Prison
- 158 usages
- December 13th NARCAN Distribution Day
 - Dept. of Health – 94 kits
 - DA's Office – 96 kits

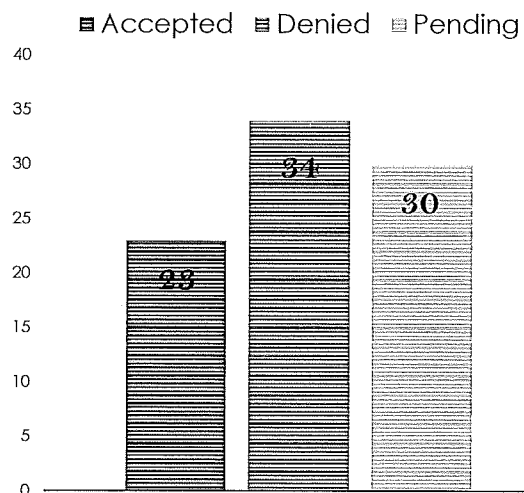
Pre-Arrest Diversion (PAD) Program

- Looking at alternative ways of keeping people out of the criminal justice system who are suffering from substance use disorder
- Pilot Program
 - October 2018 training of law enforcement began
- April 9th – Luzerne County will be recognized by the Addiction Policy Forum, a non-profit organization based in Washington, DC.
 - Innovation Now, showcases innovative programs and interventions from across the nation that are actively transforming the field of substance use disorder.



Treatment Court

- Program started January 4, 2006
- 212 Graduates
- 58 Current Participants
- Recidivism Rate:
 - 1st Year = 13%
 - 2nd Year = 6%
 - 3rd Year – 4%
- Primary Drug of Choice:
 - Heroin
 - Cocaine
 - Marijuana
- Approximate Savings per Participant: **\$41,332**



Luzerne County Drug Task Force

- ▶ Total Law Enforcement Agencies = 39 (255 members)
- ▶ Total Drug Task Force Arrests in 2018 = 134
- ▶ Weapons Seized = 24
- ▶ Drugs Seized
 - ▶ Marijuana = 31.6 pounds (18,711 grams)
 - ▶ Heroin/Fentanyl = 1,446.78 grams
 - ▶ Fentanyl = 5 kilos + 676.34 grams
 - ▶ Methamphetamine = 508.25 grams + 3 labs
 - ▶ Crack/Cocaine = 677.13 grams



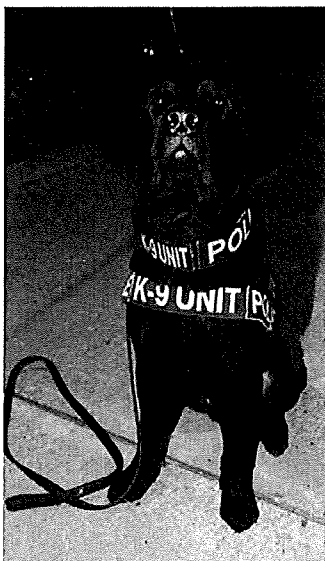
Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC)

We received 82 CyberTips from the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC).

- We executed 32 search warrants, assisted local police departments 40 times regarding cyber-crimes and made 24 arrest.

Public Awareness is Important – our office participated in 14 public events/speaking engagements specifically regarding Digital Technology (mostly school aged children). These presentations reached over 1,000 individuals.

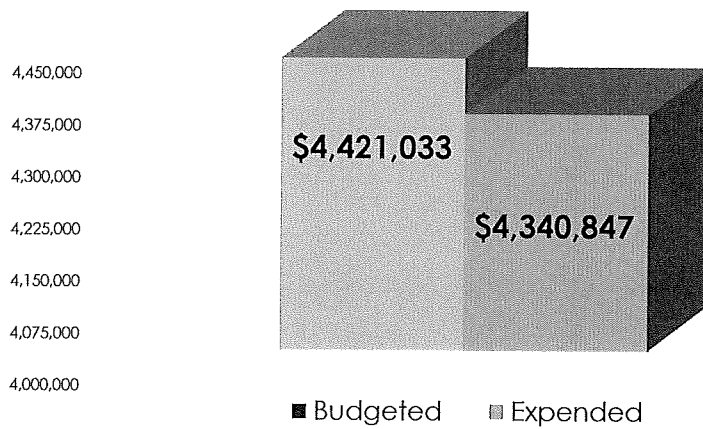
Spike – Electronic Detection K-9



- Graduated from K-9 school in November 2018.
- Spike was fully sponsored by Operation Underground Railroad (OUR).
- K-9 Spike conducted searches with Luzerne County Adult Probation & Parole and the Prison
- K-9 Spike has assisted in 11 search warrants with:
 - PA State Police NE Computer Crime Unit
 - Attorney General's Office – Child Predator Unit
 - Local Police

2018 Budget

Expenditures 2018 Budget Review



Expenditures 2018 Budget Review continued...

Total Savings = \$80,186

Revenue

2018 Budget Review continued...

- ▶ Grants: \$468,062
 - Federal (STOP, CAC) = \$220,777
 - State (RASA, VOJO) = \$247,285
- ▶ Expense Reimbursement: \$246,048
 - Includes: DA Salary, DTF Expenses, YAP, Mental Health
- ▶ ARD Fees = \$152,309
- ▶ Miscellaneous (RTK, Restitution, Expungements) = \$13,255

Total: \$879,674 (increase of \$37,021)