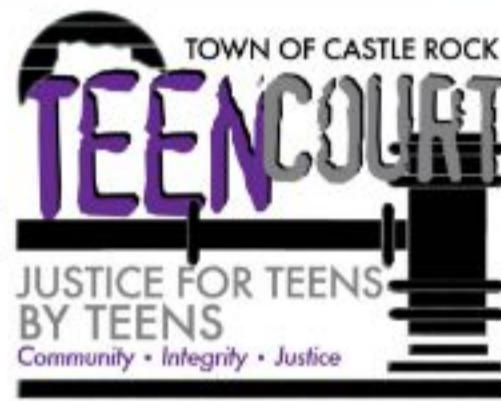


Castle Rock Municipal Court Monthly Report



About Teen Court

Teen Court is a diversion-like program, nested under the Municipal Court, based on restorative justice principles. It offers an alternative to the traditional juvenile justice system for low-risk, first-time misdemeanor offenders. Juveniles are offered a deferred prosecution plea agreement and appear before a jury of their peers, who decide on an appropriate sentence. Teen Court holds juveniles accountable for their delinquent behavior and uses positive peer pressure and creative alternative sentencing to promote long-term behavioral change. Youth volunteers, who are responsible for determining the sentences for their peers, are trained on how to perform questioning, utilize the principles of restorative justice, and develop a sentence that is best for each Teen Court respondent.



Save the Date: General Legal Training

This summer, Teen Court will be hosting General Legal Training for new youth volunteers from June 28-July 30. Interested participants can contact the Coordinator at 303-663-6136 or tcourt@crgov.com to learn more and sign-up to participate.

2017 Volunteer Statistics



Feedback from Respondents and Parents

Respondents

"Peer pressure comes around, but now it's super easy to say NO. I'm way happier & healthier when I'm sober."

"My employer has more faith in me because I showed that even though I made a mistake, I can still work hard & repair the damages. My family trusts me more because I showed them that I learned. "

"They [TC youth volunteers] were very supportive & open minded. They made some great [sentencing] choices. Hope they keep doing what they're doing!"



Parents of Respondents

"[I was] very impressed by it all and grateful for the opportunity for her [respondent] to learn & serve as opposed to just pay & be punished."

"It was good for him to hear from others how this impacts families. I think it was a very good thing that he [respondent] was caught, thankfully no long term harm was caused, but lessons learned."

2017 Sentencing Options Assigned



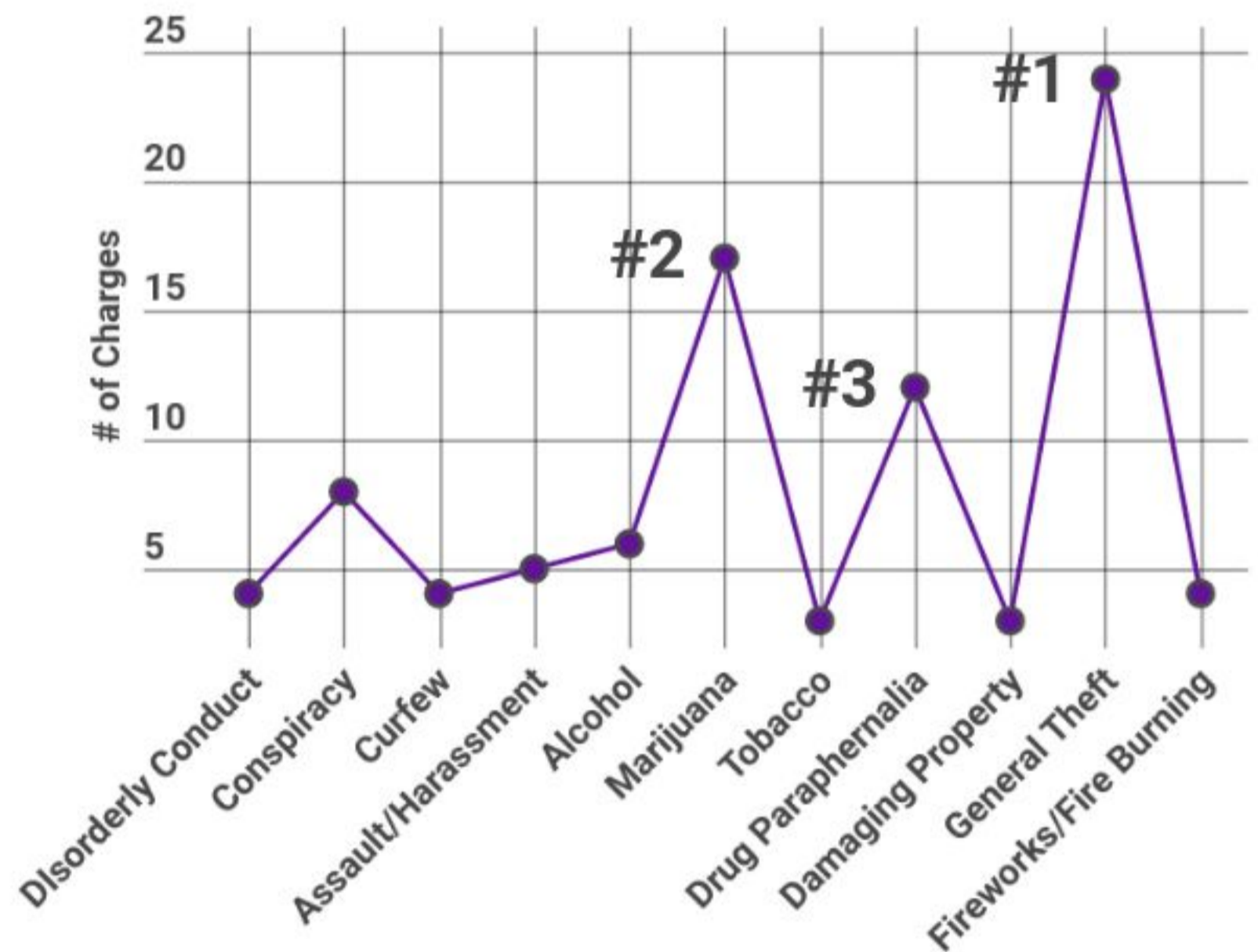
Teen Court's Non-Traditional Sentencing

This year, we saw an increase in non-traditional sentencing options assigned, compared to 2016. The Empowerment Class, Jury Duty and Letters of Apology requirements saw the biggest increase. We have received great feedback concerning those sanctioning options and their effectiveness with our respondents. In addition, we've seen many respondents come back to serve on the jury again, once their requirements are finished. They are invaluable to our program because of their personal experience and empathy for other respondents.

DC Substance Abuse Prevention

Our Teen Court recently had the opportunity to join a coalition of Douglas County schools, Tri-County Health members, hospital staff, Douglas County Sheriff's Office employees, and many more community members in an effort to reduce substance abuse by young people. As seen by the number of charges CR Teen Court saw last year, substance abuse is a serious issue within our community and is worth our effort to prevent and educate the community about. We look forward to how Teen Court can help support the mission of this coalition in the future, which is: "To empower Douglas County youth, families, and the community by implementing positive change strategies that prevent and reduce youth substance use."

2017 Types of Charges in Teen Court

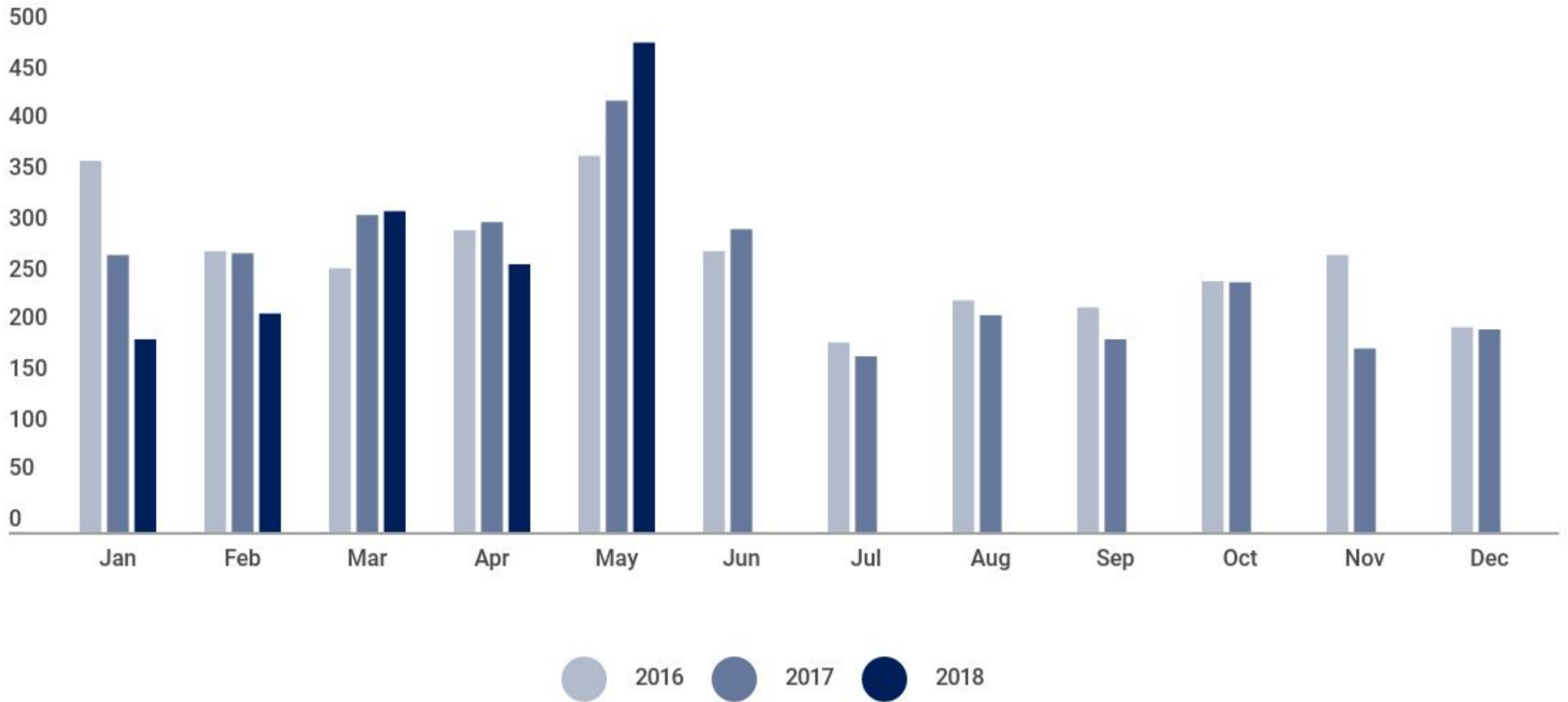


Honoring Deputy Zack Parrish

Deputy Parrish, a former CRPD Officer, had given up multiple evenings to come and participate in Teen Court hearings, which gave our defendants a positive learning experience and made an impact on creating positive change in their lives. The Teen Court volunteers wanted to be a part of honoring Zack after he was killed in the line of duty. CRPD asked the volunteers to help honor Zack by making over 20 decorated drop-boxes to be placed around Castle Rock. Members of the community were then able to drop letters into these boxes, which were later placed in a memorial time capsule in Zack's gear locker. It was amazing to see not only our volunteers, but their parents, siblings, and grandparents quickly join in on helping with the memorial.



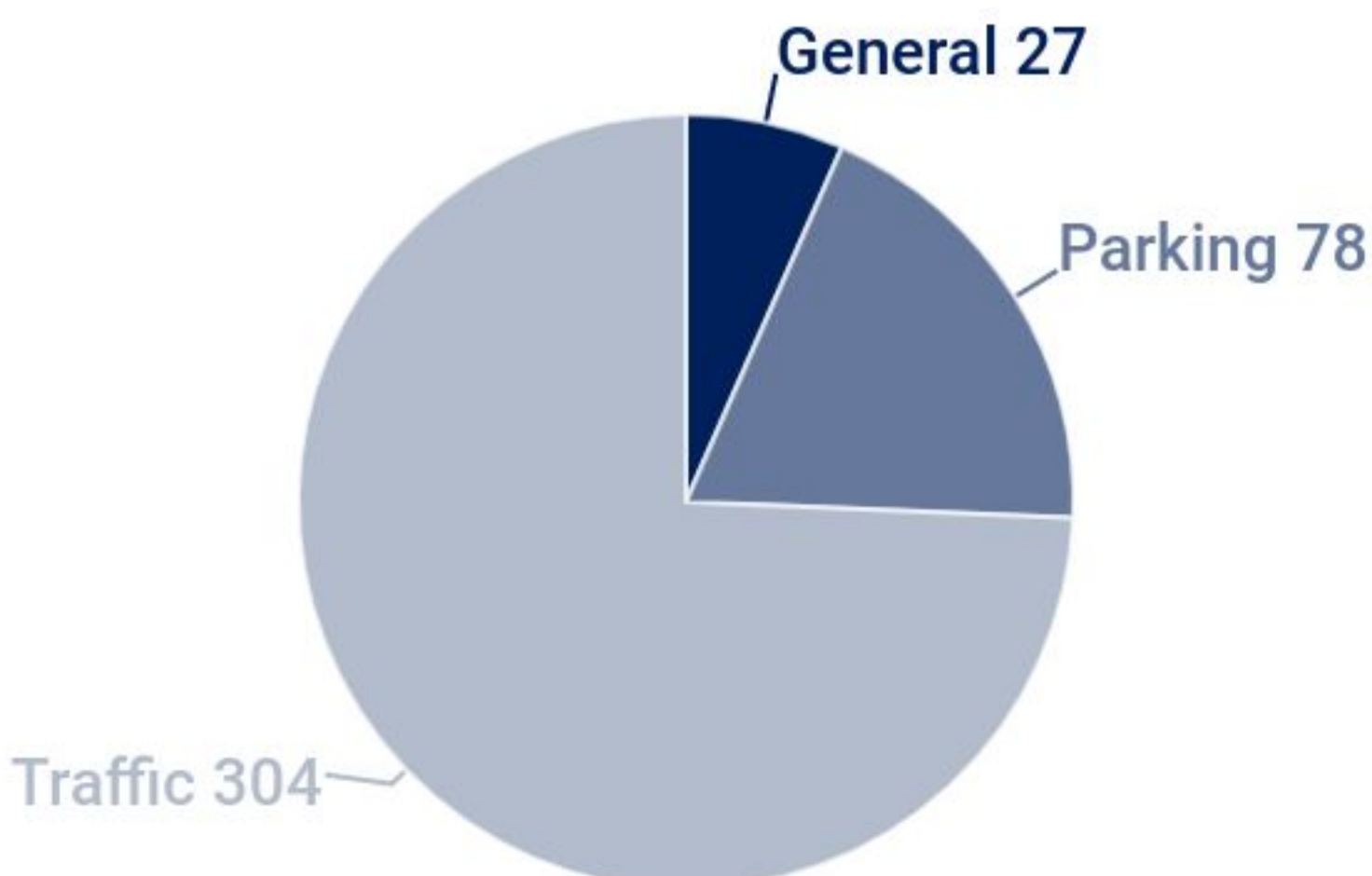
Total cases filed in Castle Rock Municipal Court: 2016-2018



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2016	370	280	263	301	375	280	189	231	224	250	276	204	3,243
2017	276	278	316	309	430	302	175	216	192	249	183	202	3,128
2018	192	218	320	267	488								

Total cases filed in Castle Rock Municipal Court by type: May 2017 vs. May 2018

May 2017



May 2018

