

April 2018

# Castle Rock Municipal Court Monthly Report

## Keepers of The Rock

Keepers of the Rock (KOR) is an all-volunteer group that adopted the Town's name-sake, Rock Park, on July 12, 2004, in hopes of making significant improvements to the area.

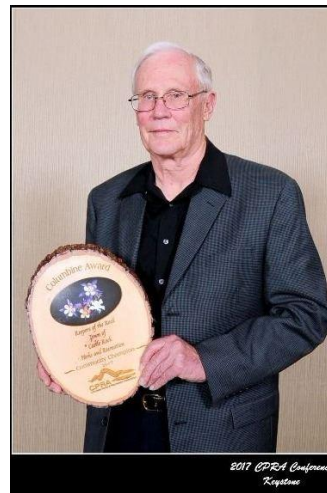


These volunteers are in-tune with Rock Park's environment and are committed to sustaining the park for the enjoyment of the people who use it. The group conducts monthly restoration outings or "work crews" from April through November in partnership with the Municipal Court's Teen Court program. When juvenile defendants go through the Teen Court program, they are required to attend at least one of these work crews.

The KOR's project manager, Dennis Carnahan, is at the Rock Monday through Friday, volunteering his own time working on the trails and preparing for the monthly work crew the defendants attend. At the work crew, Dennis leads the kids in various trail maintenance projects, teaches them all about trail restoration and preservation, and ends the day shaking each defendant's hand and thanking them for their hard work maintaining the Town's namesake.



## Keepers Leader Honored



In 2017, Dennis (pictured), was on hand to accept the **National Community Champion Award** on behalf of Keepers of the Rock and Teen Court at the Colorado Parks and Recreation Association's annual banquet. The award recipient is chosen based upon their significant effort to

influence and improve the quality of their community through parks, recreation, and community services. Denver's 7 News honored the KOR's leader as one of its "Everyday Heroes" in 2010! During his interview, Dennis commented on his passion for working with the kids who have received a criminal violation. He said, "I kind of like to be part of stuff that forgives people. Basically they've been caught doing something bad and when they work here they are caught doing something good".

## Defendant's Feedback on Work Crew

- "I started valuing more of everything in my surroundings"
- "I realized that working for the community is better than harming it".
- "the labor was not only fun, but gave a real goal that I could see".
- Another said work crew helped them the most in their Teen Court experience, "because it helped me to learn the value of service".

## Keepers of the Rock Statistics



# 781 Hours

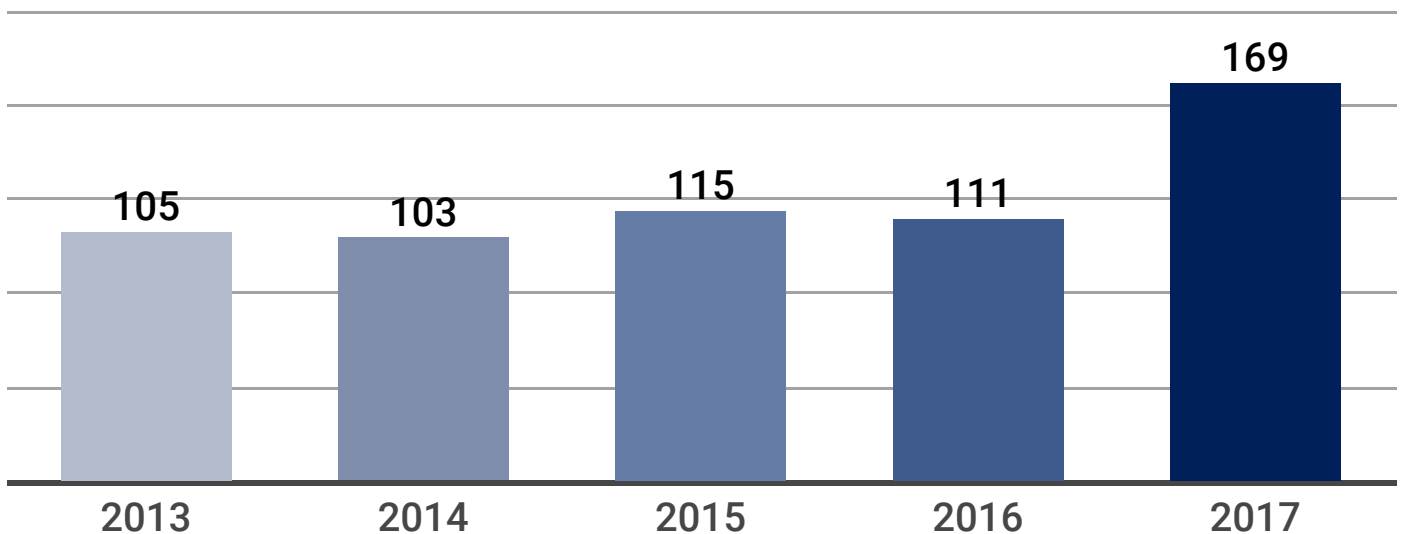
of community service contributed in 2017 during Work Crews.



# 12,624 Hours

of community service contributed from 2004 - 2017 during Work Crews.

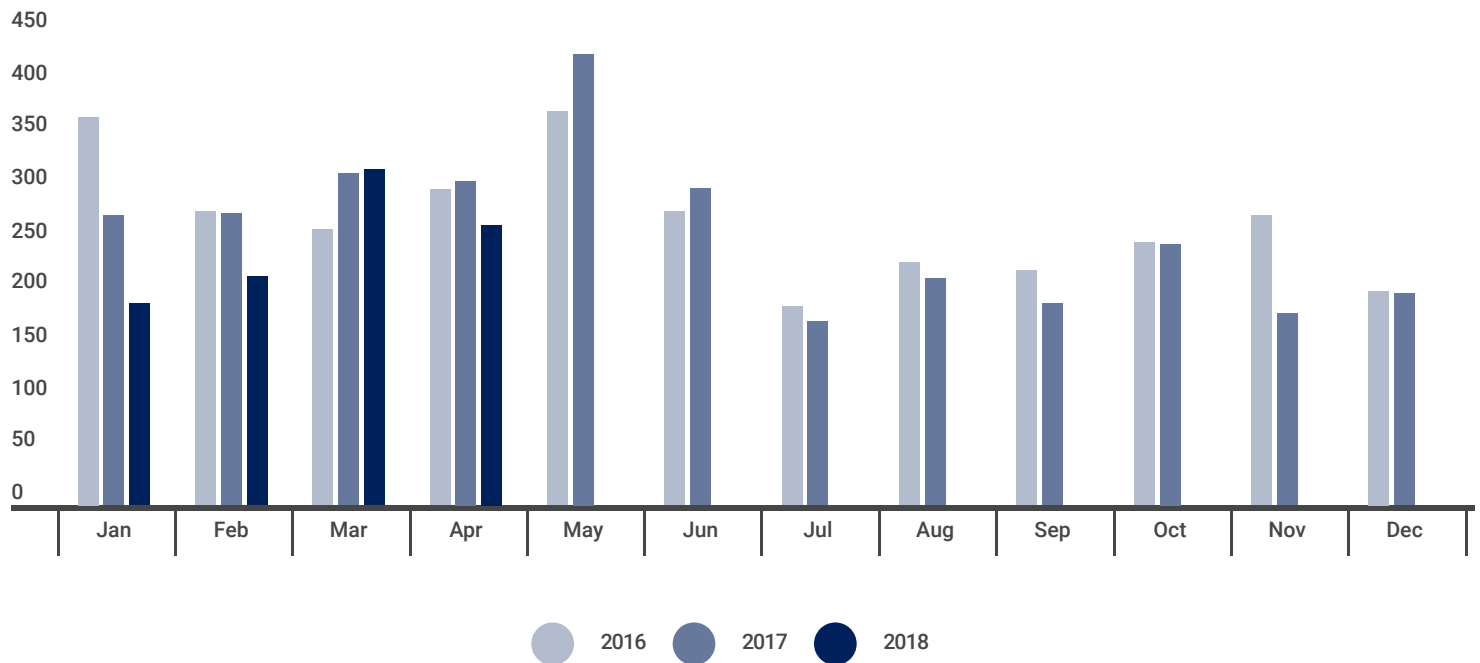
Total number of defendants, per year, assigned Work Crew, with Keepers of the Rock, as part of their sentencing requirements:



## What kind of service is done at Work Crew?

- Trail resurfacing, stabilization and tread repair
- Wild-land protection: ongoing social trail closures and reclamation
- Catch basin and rock dam maintenance for erosion control
- Corridor vegetation clearing
- Brush fence repair
- Retaining wall construction and repair
- Timber step installation and repair
- Knapweed abatement and control
- Trash collection
- Willow removal & more...

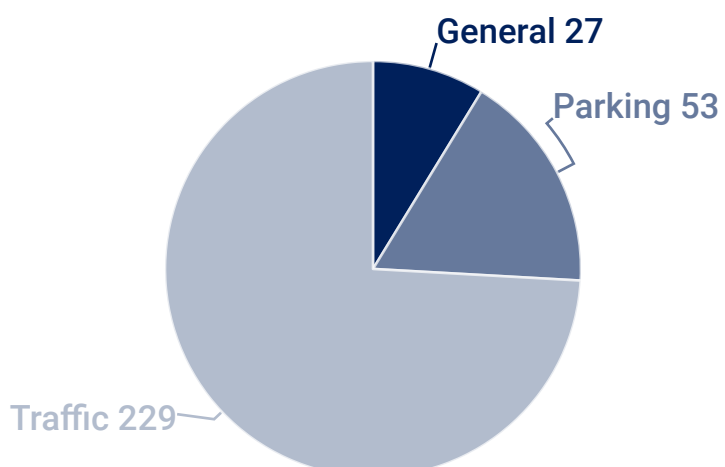
## Total cases filed in Castle Rock Municipal Court: 2016-2018



|      | 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 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |       |

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

April 2017



April 2018

