

August 2018

Castle Rock Municipal Court Monthly Report



Swearing-in ceremony at Town Council



On August 21, Castle Rock Teen Court's (TC) Law School class of 2018 went before Town Council and the attendees of the Council meeting. At the conclusion of these volunteers' youth attorney training, and before they begin serving as youth attorneys for TC cases, a swearing-in ceremony is conducted in front of our Mayor and Councilmembers. Each new attorney repeated the following oath as led by Nate Marsh, our TC Law School facilitator, *"I do solemnly swear that as a TC attorney, I will conduct myself uprightly and according to the law. I will support the principles of restorative justice and will treat all persons I represent with respect, honesty, and fairness, using my position to fulfill the purposes of TC and benefit my community and fellow peers."* TC Law School is available for youth volunteers who have completed General Legal Training and have a desire to further their learning and develop their skills serving as either the defense or prosecution councils for TC trials. Law School requires each participant to go through six

training sessions; perform two mock trials, serving as defense and prosecution for a mock defendant; and complete a Teen Court Bar Exam. When asked why these volunteers wanted to participate in Law School, they said: *"By completing law school, I will get an opportunity to do something that I am passionate about, and it will aid me in my hope and goal to become a prosecuting attorney in the future".*

"It seems like a very interesting and fulfilling role that would challenge me and allow me to further develop my public speaking skills and knowledge of the law and legal proceedings".

"I want to help the defendants as they go through the TC program, and law school is another step on my journey to do so."

After the ceremony, the kids received a standing ovation from the Town Council and a "congratulations" from Mayor Green. As Councilmember Bower stated after the ceremony, in reference to the work these volunteers are doing, *"One of the most important things we can do as human beings is take care of each other."* It is wonderful to see each of these volunteers do just that through their participation in TC.

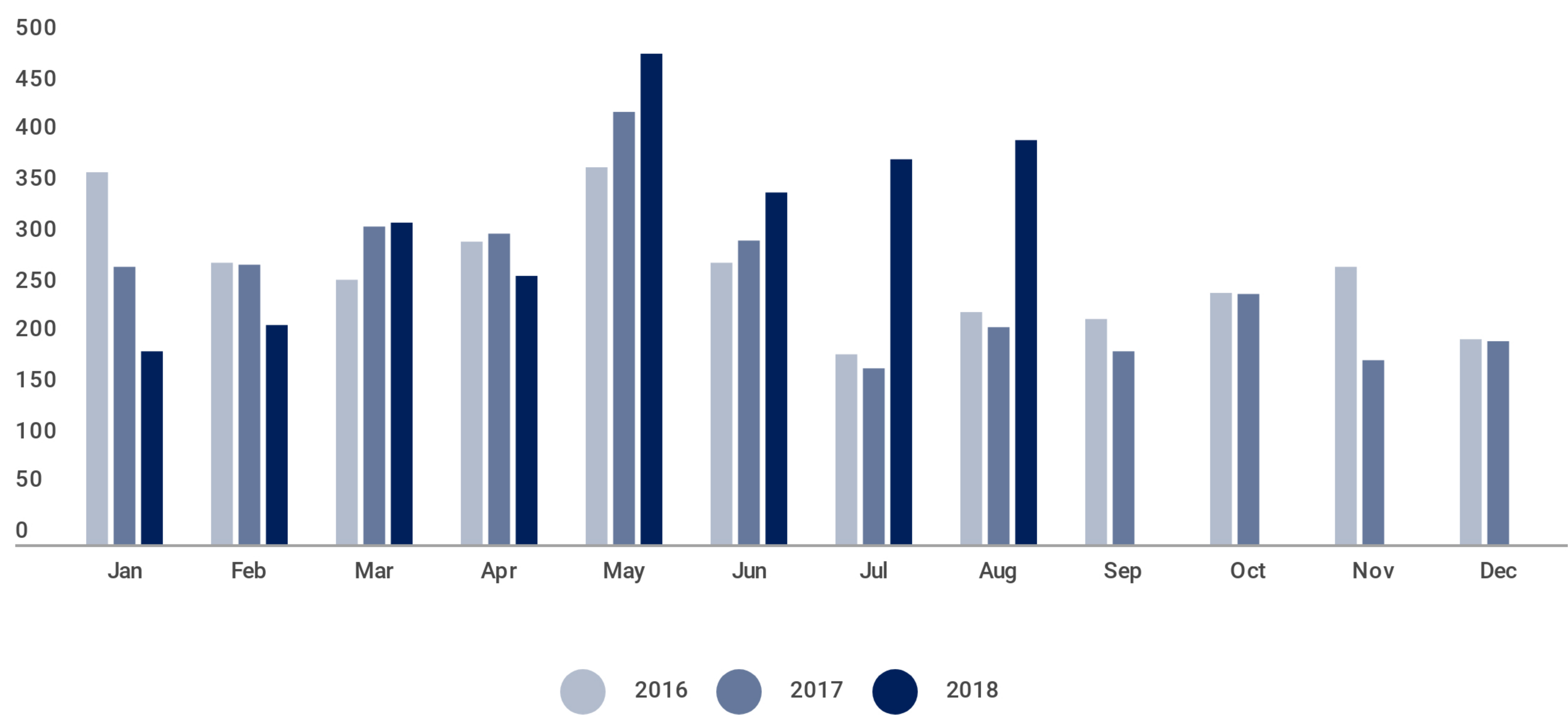
Purposes and responsibility of court

- From the Institute for Court Management

- Individual Justice in Individual Cases
- Appearance of Justice in Individual Cases
- Provision of a Forum for Resolving Cases
- Protection of Individuals from Arbitrary Use of Government Power
- A Formal Record of Legal Status
- Deter Criminal Behavior
- Rehabilitate Persons Convicted of Crime
- Separate Some Convicted People from Society



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	350	383	402					

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

