

Castle Rock Municipal Court Monthly Report



All rise - the Judge is still In



After 30 years of making decisions on the bench in Castle Rock, Municipal Court Judge, Lou Gresh, said there's still no other career he'd rather have.

"I have always wanted to be a judge," Gresh said, remembering his passion was first realized when he

served as a student judge for ethics issues in law school. With the diverse cases that come before him, each day is different, and that challenge keeps him excited about his job, even after 30 years.

The judge grew up watching lawyer shows on television and was influenced by the 1970s movie "The Paper Chase." While working on a master's degree in international relations at the University of Denver, Gresh said he became convinced that he wanted to pursue a career in law, but his mother wasn't thrilled with the idea. "My mother told me that when I was accepted to law school, that I was wasting a wonderful mind by not applying to graduate school in international business, which she described as an honorable profession," he remembered. He remains happy with his decision and hasn't looked back.

His profession certainly keeps him busy. In addition to his post with the Town of Castle Rock, Gresh also serves as the municipal judge for Castle Pines, Central City, Dacono, Elizabeth, Kiowa, Lone Tree, the Lone Tree Liquor Authority, Larkspur, Loucubie, and Fort Lupton.

Additionally, Judge Gresh served as a Magistrate for the State Courts for 20 years. There, he heard traffic, misdemeanor, juvenile, small claims and divorce cases. Judge Gresh handled over 15,000 divorce cases.

During Gresh's 30-plus years in municipal court, he has only been successfully appealed one time. He has served as a volunteer judge mediating athlete disputes for the United States Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs for the sport of Tae Kwon Do.

The cases that come before him now are characteristic of what you might find in just about any town – low-level criminal cases and traffic offenses.

A Pennsylvania native, Gresh enjoys his time off the bench pursuing several hobbies. "I enjoy rallying my antique MG sports car with my daughters, the car club and its activities around the Denver area," he said. He also enjoys photography and gourmet cooking and traveling.

Gresh's list of accomplishments in three decades on the bench include being named "One of Twenty Who Make a Difference" in Douglas County by the Douglas County News-Press for his work with delinquent juveniles, as well as earning the Colorado Bar Association's Professionalism Award for being an outstanding mentor. Gresh also received the 2006 Colorado Judicial Institute award for outstanding magistrate in the state. The institute recognized one magistrate, one county court judge and one district court judge for this honor. He is a past member of the Board of Governors for the Colorado Municipal Judges Association and is a past lecturer on the seminar circuit on family law issues.

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Santa's Second Chance

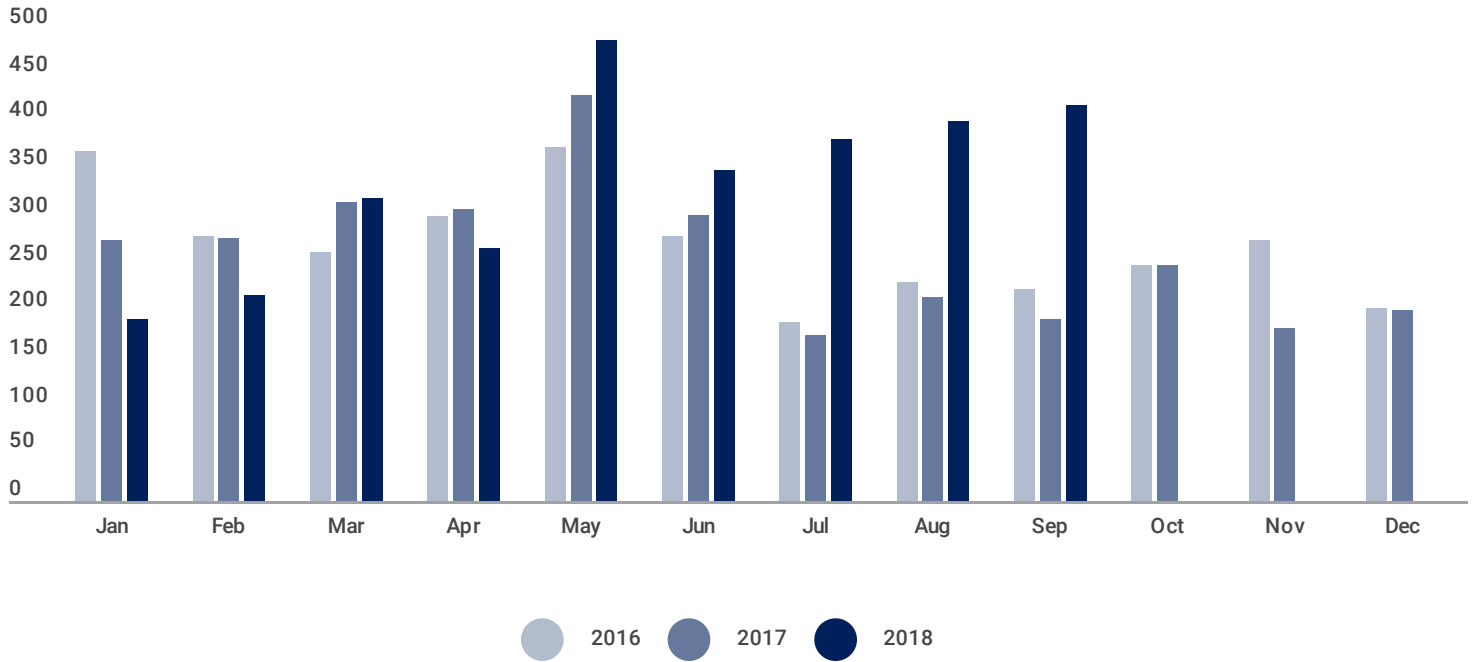
It is time for our annual Santa's Second Chance! Every year for the past 22 years, Town Council allows us to donate a portion of traffic revenues to help children of families-in-need in our community. We collect wish lists from local schools and the Department of Human Services.

If you or your department would like to adopt a child or two for the holidays, please let Karla McCrimmon at court@crgov.com know by Friday, November 2nd. We typically spend about \$50.00 per child. We will have wish lists, and we will contact you with this information.



Presents need to be delivered, unwrapped, to the Municipal Court at 100 Perry Street by Monday, November 26th.

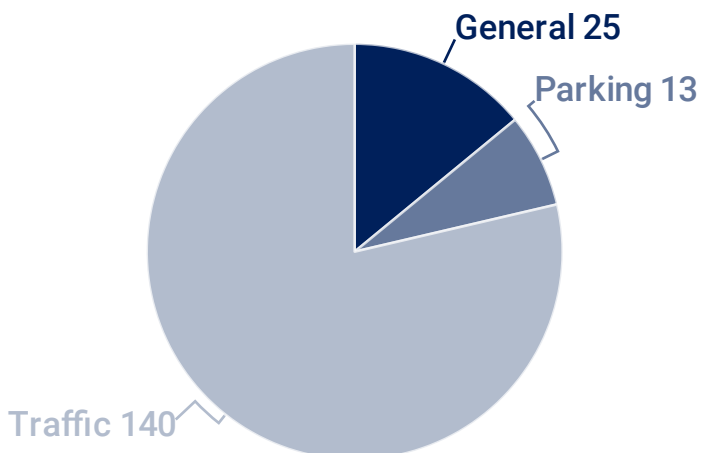
Total cases filed in Castle Rock Municipal Court: 2016-2018



	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	419				

Total cases filed in CR Municipal Court by type: September 2017 vs. September 2018

September 2017



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