

# Memorandum



DATE: May 6, 2016

TO: Honorable Members of the Public Safety Committee:  
Adam Medrano (Chair), B. Adam McGough (Vice Chair), Sandy Greyson, Tiffinni A. Young,  
Jennifer S. Gates, Philip T. Kingston

SUBJECT: **Municipal Court Update Compliance and Enforcement**

On Monday, May 9, 2016, you will be briefed on the Municipal Court Update Compliance and Enforcement by Assistant Director Ryan Rogers and Deputy Chief City Marshal Paul Hansen of the Court & Detention Services Department.

The briefing materials are attached for your review.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.



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[Attachment]

cc: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
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# Municipal Court Update Compliance and Enforcement

Public Safety Committee

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# Briefing Purpose

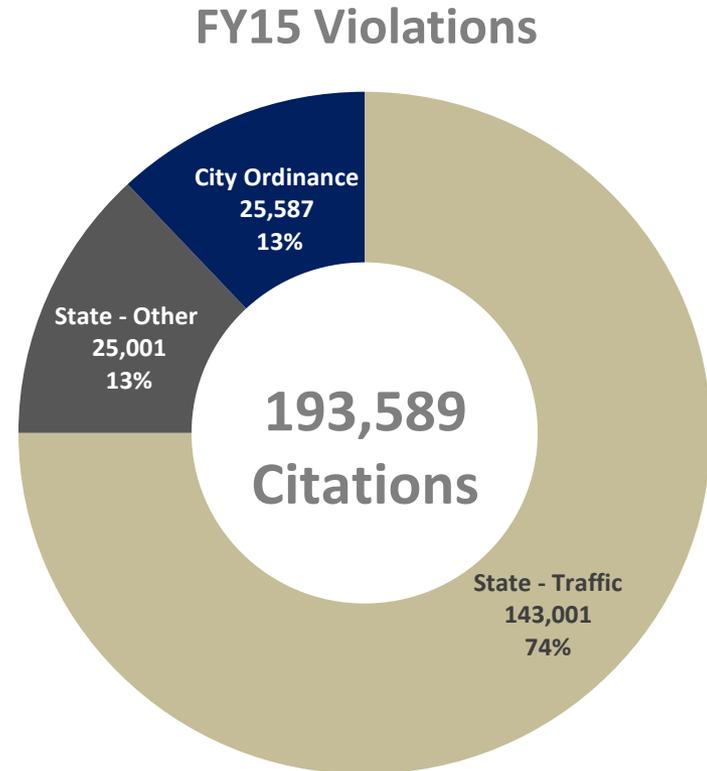
Review important measures in determining a Municipal Court's ability to drive compliance

- Municipal Court Responsibilities
- Measure #1 - Case Clearance
- Measure #2 - Dismissal Rates
- Other Enforcement Initiatives
- Future Efforts



# Municipal Court Responsibilities

- Administer Class C citations and civil citations
  - Jurisdiction over 1,052 violation types
  - Receive approx. 200,000 citations annually



NOTE: Chart includes 3,132 "V" citations for Community Court



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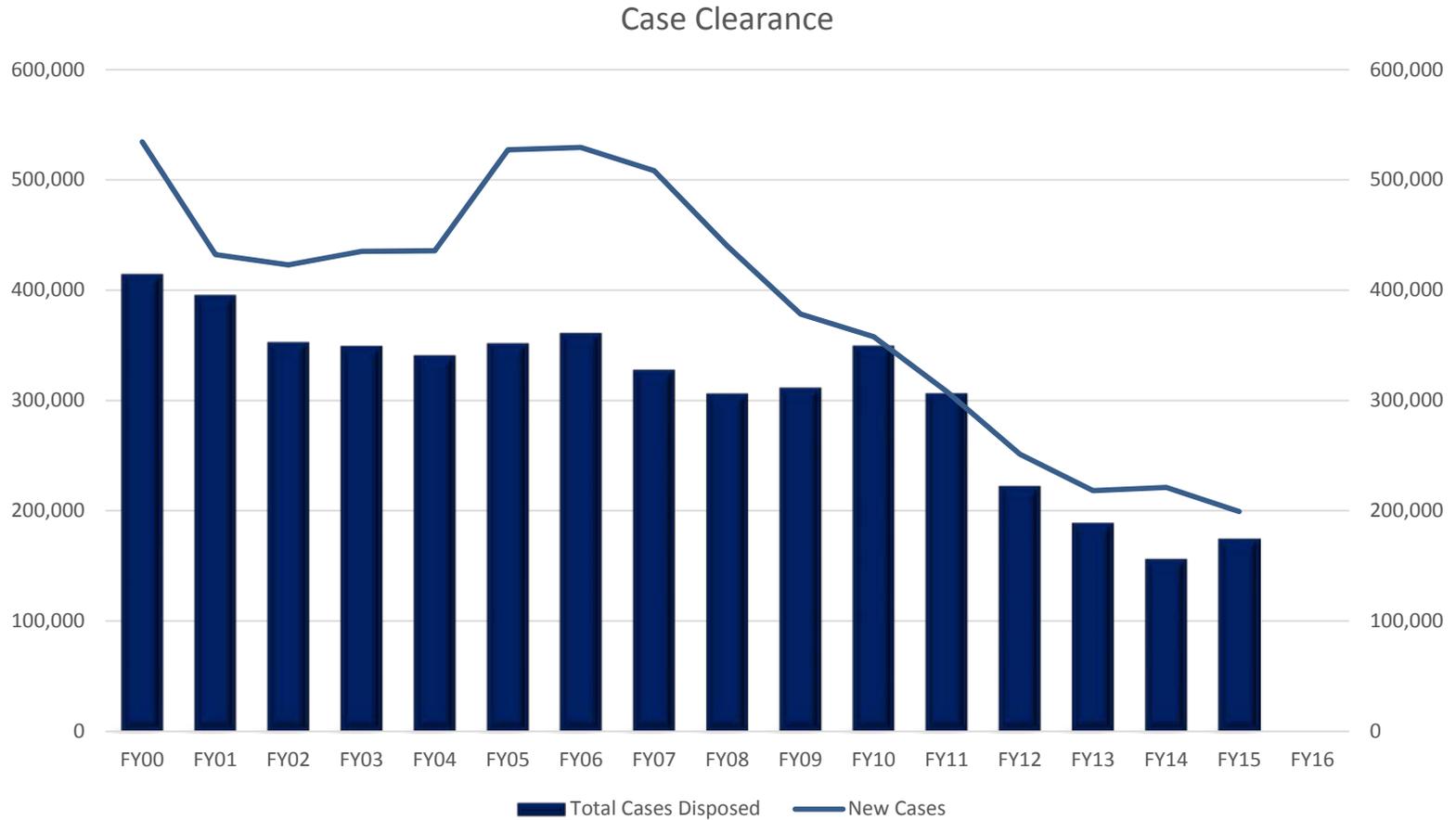
Group	Basic Functions	FTEs	Direct Report
Clerks / Marshals 	Update Cases & Records Collections & Accounting Enforce & Confirm Warrants	138	City Manager
Prosecutors 	Prosecute Cases & Defend Appeals Support Staff	26*	City Attorney
Judiciary / Bailiffs 	Adjudicate Cases Courtroom Security	39**	City Council

NOTES: Uses FY16 Budget numbers, \*Includes 16 municipal court prosecutors and 3 office-wide support staff allocated to this unit, \*\* Includes 12 full-time Judges and 2.2 FTEs for Associates



# Measure #1 - Case Clearance

Cases Resolved Needs to Match or Better New Cases Filed



# Measure #1 - Case Clearance

## Improving the Clearance Rates Through:



Reminder letters, postcards, and phone calls



Renewed Focus on Warrants



12 New Marshals



New Collections Agency Contract

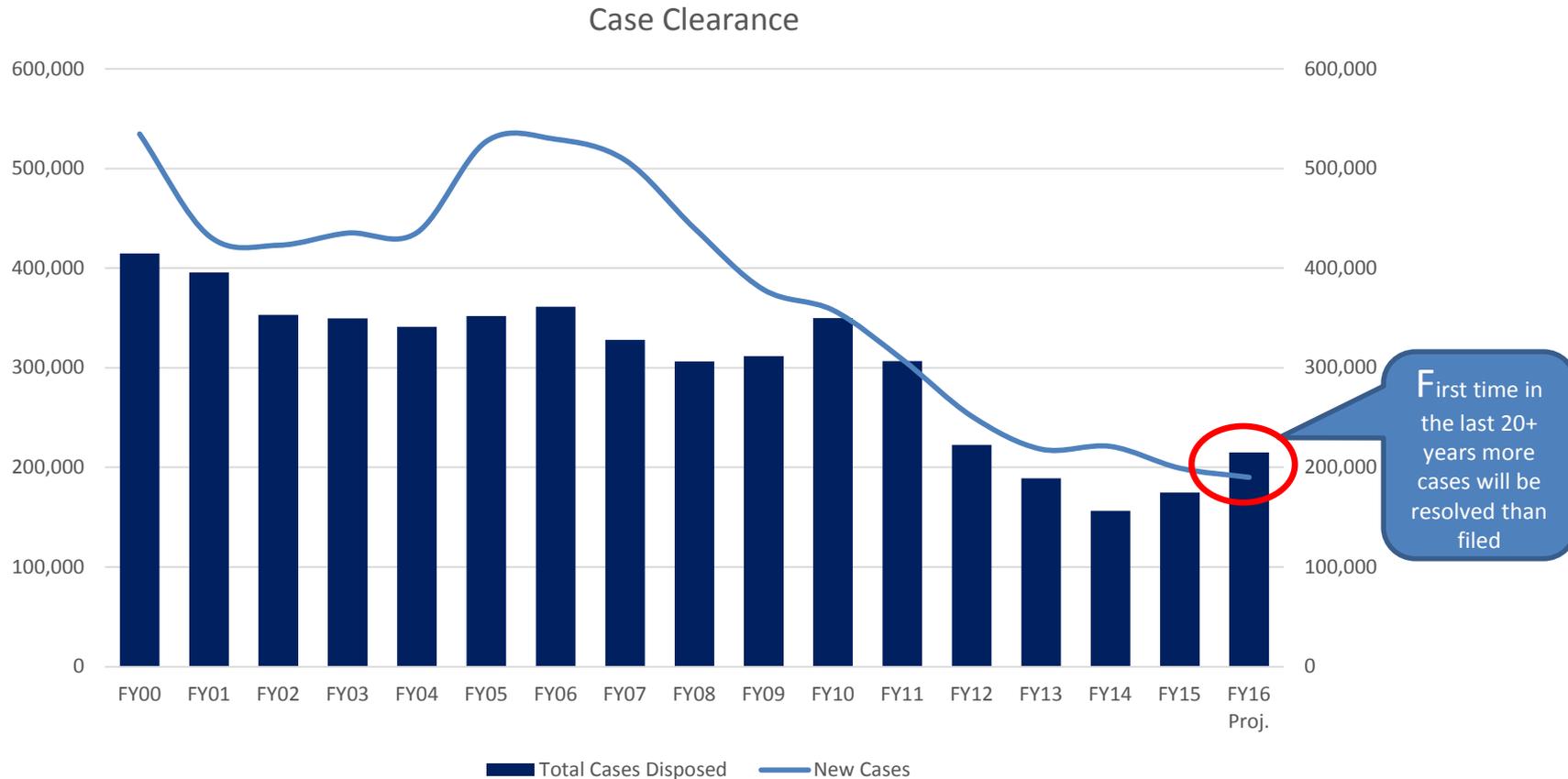


Increased Online Accessibility



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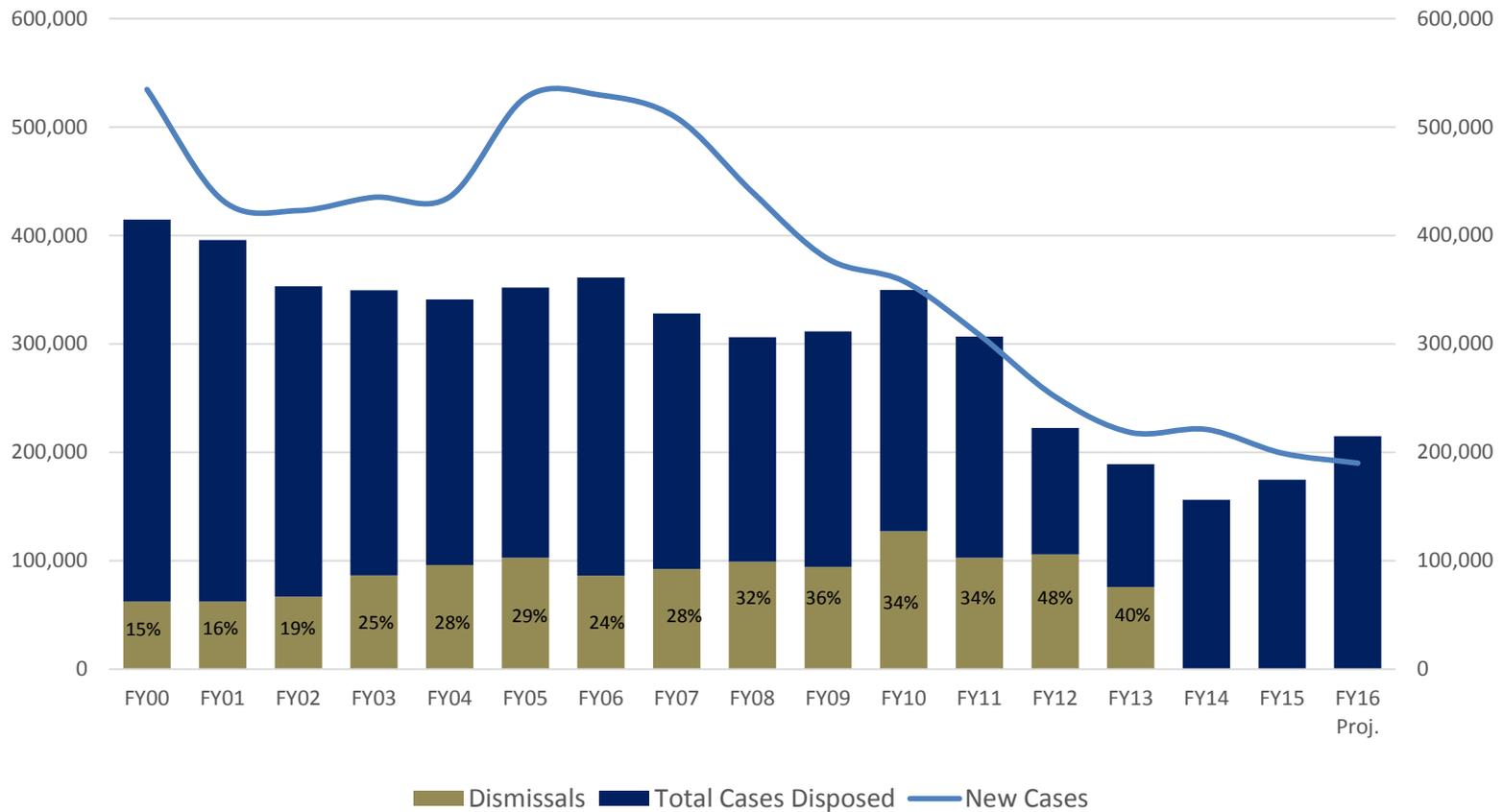
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# Measure #2 - Lowering Dismissals

## How Those Cases are Resolved Matters

Case Clearance & Dismissal Rates



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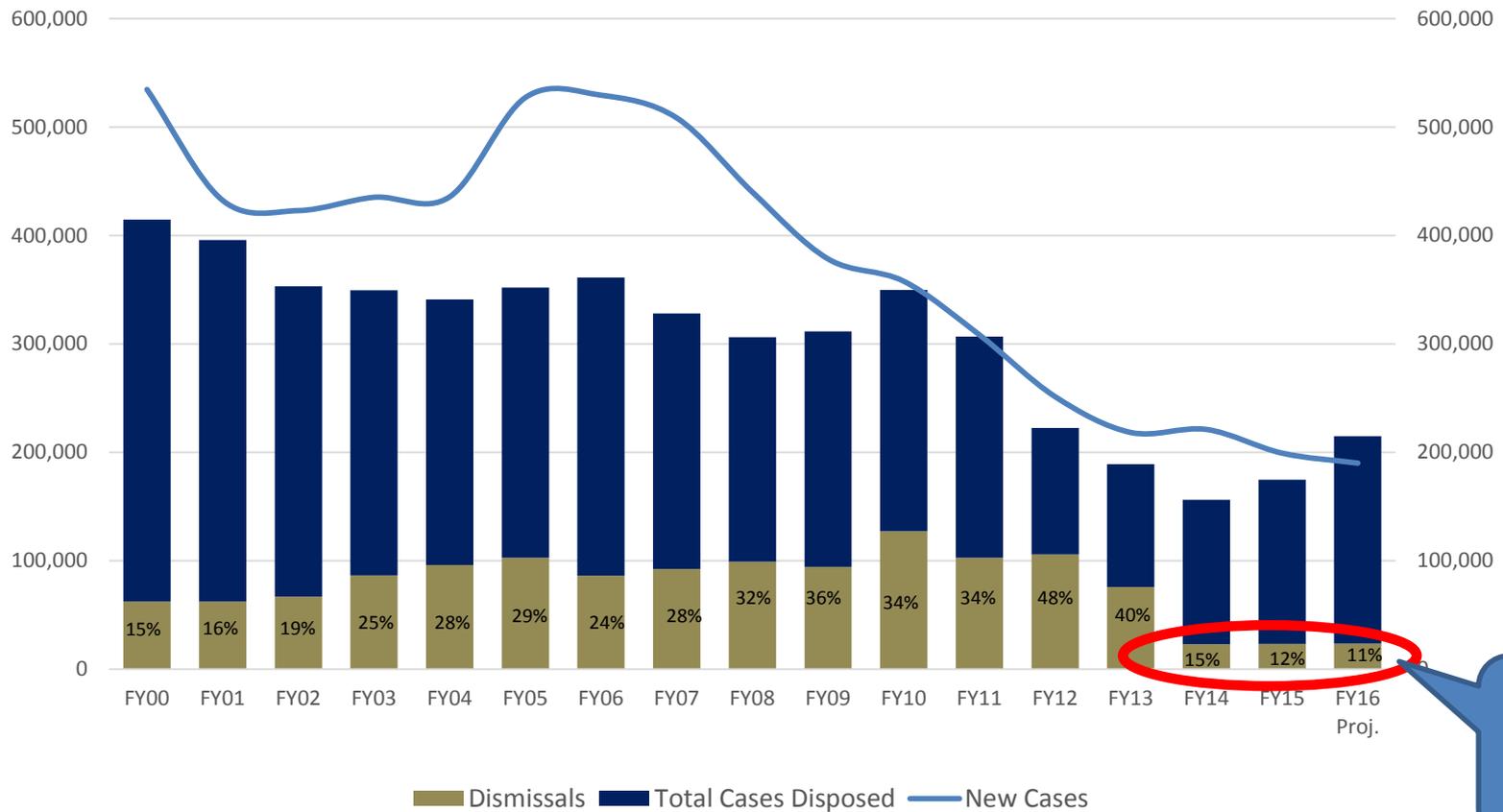
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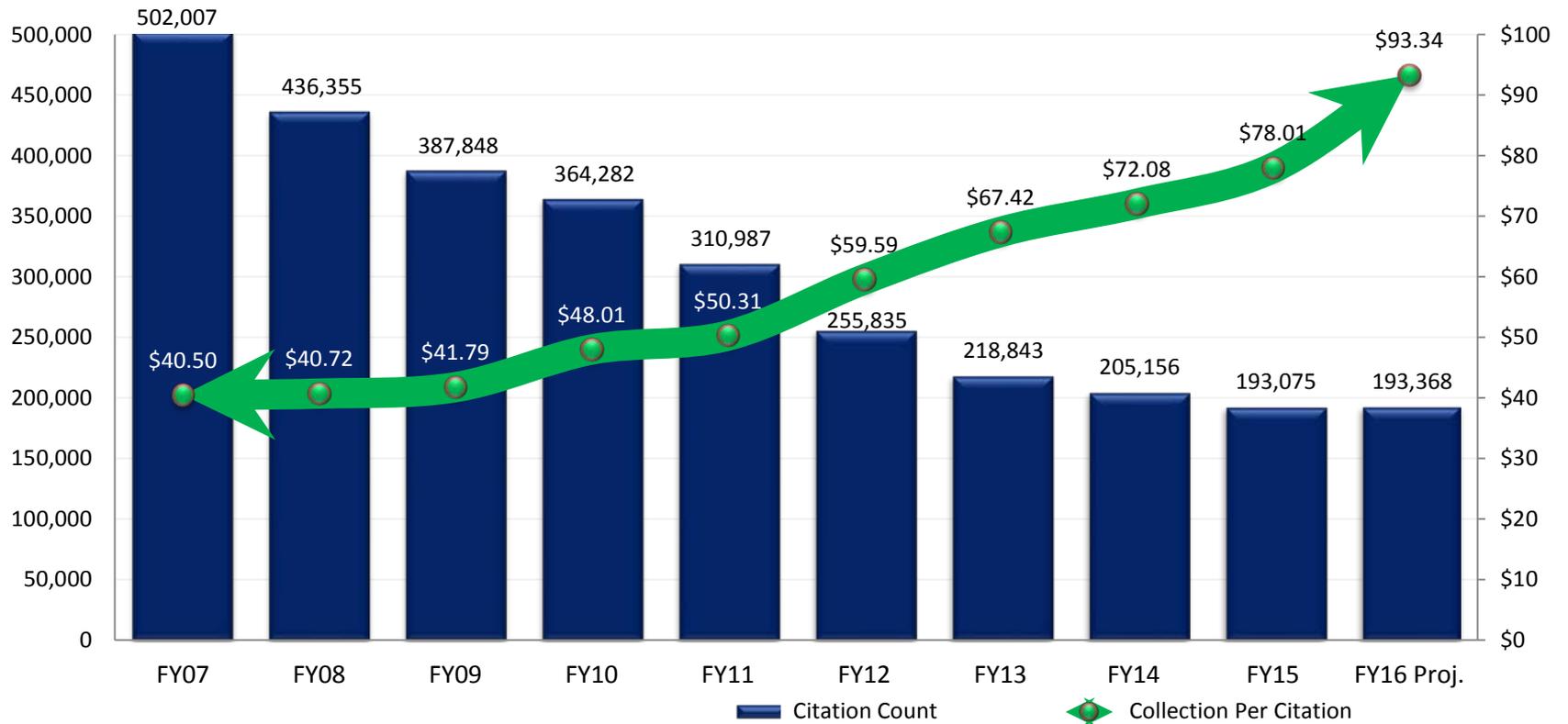


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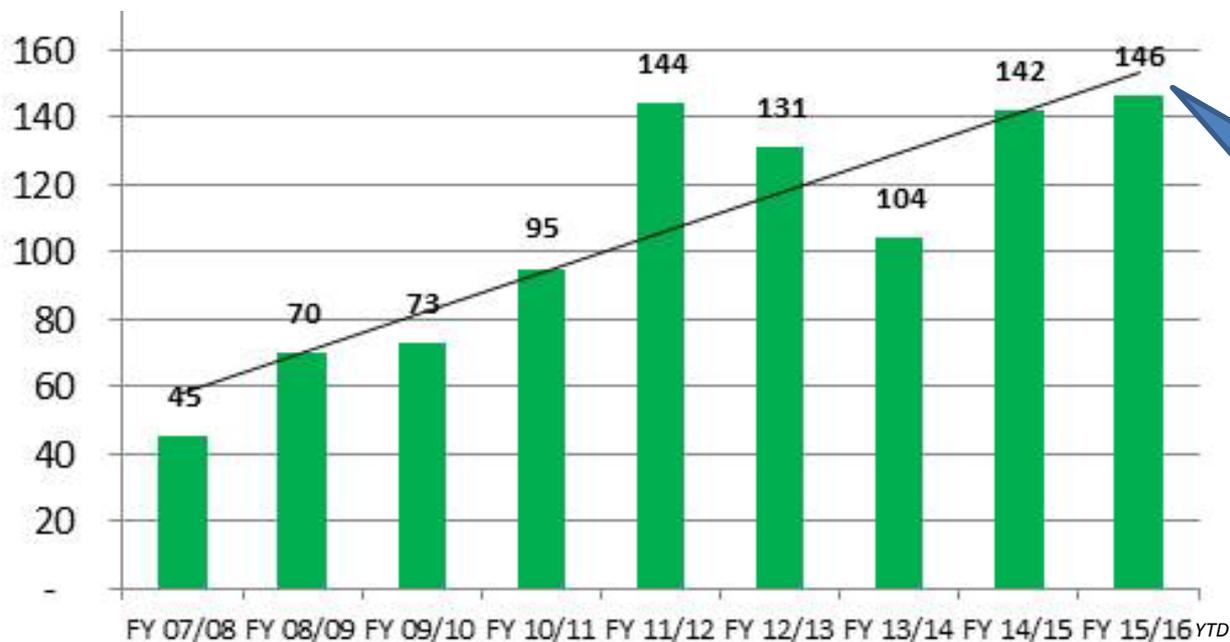
# Increased Compliance

## Citation Counts and Gen. Fund Collection Per Citation



# Marshal's Environmental Enforcement

- Community engagement, prevention and arrest
- North Texas Crime Commission; reward program
- Use of rapid and fixed surveillance technology



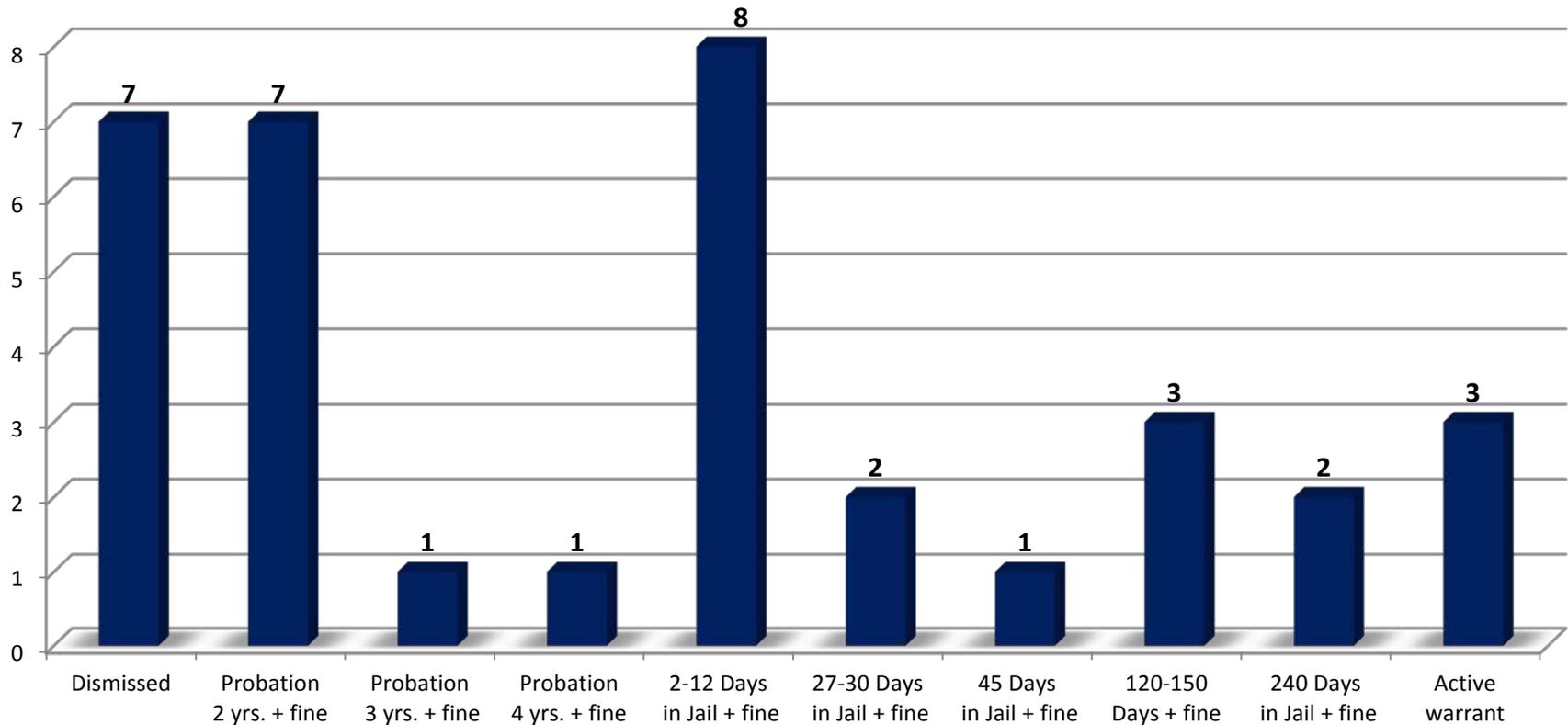
60 \*Criminal  
Illegal  
Dumping  
Cases from  
Surveillance  
Cameras



# Marshal's Environmental Enforcement

■ Review of 135 criminal cases\* from FY 14/15 to date (62% pending adjudication)

*\*all cases higher than a Misdemeanor "C" municipal violation*

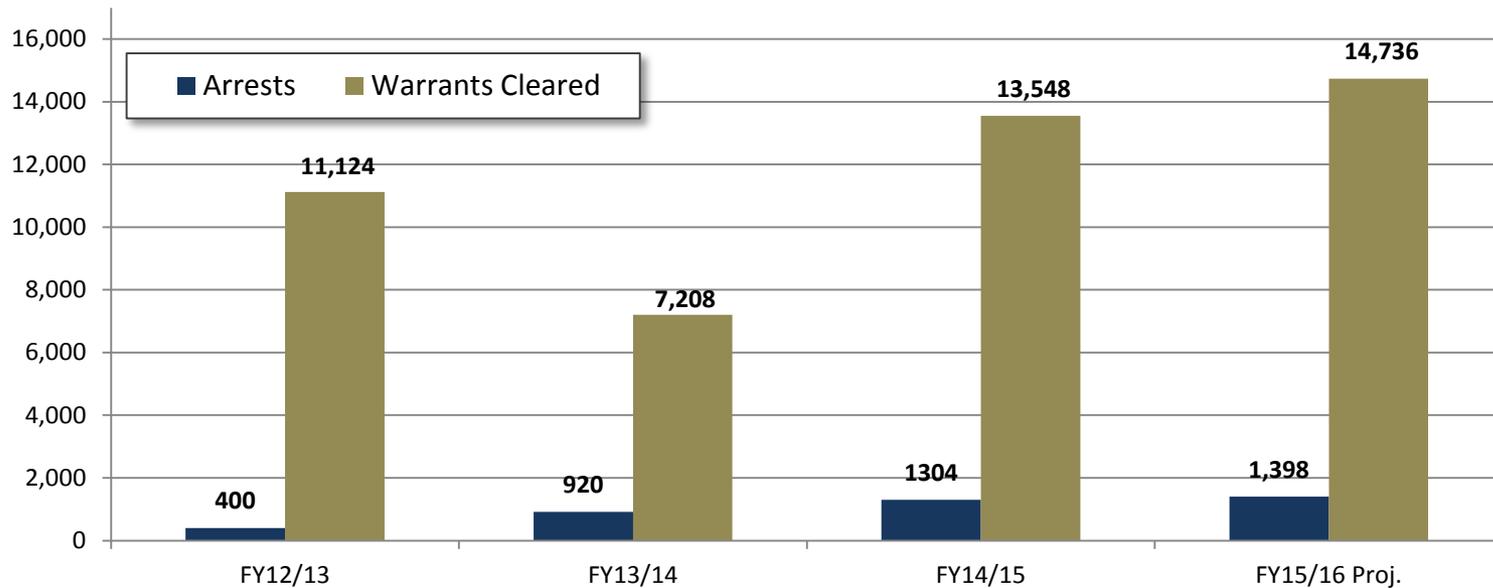


# Marshal's Warrant Enforcement



## ■ Compliance Strategies:

- Focus on new warrants with contact details
- Phone, email and send postcard when warrant issued
- Pursue public databases and technology



# Future Efforts

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- **Further Expanding Online Options**
- **License Plate Readers and Cameras**
- **Indigency Process**
- **Police Liaison**



# Questions?

