

# Sylvania Municipal Court



## Annual Report 2018

Judge Michael A. Bonfiglio  
Presiding Judge

Nita Messerschmidt  
Clerk of Court

Serving: City of Sylvania; Villages of Berkey and Holland; Townships of Sylvania, Richfield, Spencer and Harding; Portions of the townships of Swanton, Monclova and Springfield lying north of the Ohio Turnpike.

To the Lucas County Fiscal Officer, Mayors, Council Members, Finance Directors, Clerk/  
Treasurers, and all interested person:

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §1901.14, I am submitting the 2018 Annual report of the  
Sylvania Municipal Court.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judge Michael A. Bonfiglio, Presiding Judge

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## Authority and Territorial Jurisdiction

Court Established: January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1964

Authority: §1901.01, Ohio Revised Code

**Governmental Unit of Administration:**

Serving: City of Sylvania; Villages of Berkey and Holland; Townships of Sylvania, Richfield, Spencer and Harding; Portions of the townships of Swanton, Monclova and Springfield lying north of the Ohio Turnpike in Lucas County, Ohio.

Number of days in Open Session: 249\*

Territorial Population: 77,278 (Provided by the Supreme Court of Ohio on 2/8/19)

Presiding Judge: Michael A. Bonfiglio

\* Clerk on duty by call in 365 days per year

2018 Total Receipts and Disbursements

	Receipts	Disbursements
Criminal/Traffic Division	\$2,063,648.89	\$2,063,648.89
Civil Division	\$1,119,395.96	\$1,114,644.53
Trusteeship Division	\$917.00	\$917.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,183,961.85</b>	<b>\$3,179,210.42</b>

2018 Civil Receipts and Disbursements

	Receipts	Disbursements
Garnishments & Judgments Carried from 2017	\$47,915.27	
Deposits Carried From 2017	\$3,600.00	
Garnishments & Judgments	\$852,192.58	\$847,431.15
Court Costs	\$192,909.36	\$192,909.36
Deposits	\$1,650.00	\$1,850.00
Legal Aid Fund	\$51,792.84	\$51,792.84
Computer Legal Research Fund	\$4,376.00	\$4,376.00
Computer Improvement Fund	\$15,324.00	\$15,324.00
Sundries	\$961.18	\$961.18
Garnishments & Judgments Carried to 2019		\$52,676.70
Deposits Carried to 2019		\$3,400.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,170,721.23</b>	<b>\$1,170,721.23</b>

2018 Criminal/Traffic Division Receipts

Category	Amount
Fines	\$616,802.98
Bail Bonds - see breakdown below	\$79,679.00
Court Costs	\$568,052.70
Computer Improvement Fund	\$74,768.00
Legal Research Fund	\$32,039.09
Crime Stoppers	\$8,231.00
Misc. Fees	\$207,210.10
Sheriff Fees	\$15,071.54
Collection Fees	\$101,207.96
Probation Fees	\$40,962.81
Local Indigent Funds (breakdown on Pg. 12)	\$68,424.09
State Special Funds	\$330,878.62
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,143,327.89</b>

2018 Bond Division Receipts and Disbursements

	Amount
Bond on Hand as of 12/31/2017	\$30,945.00
Bonds Posted 2018	\$79,679.00
<b>Total Bonds Received</b>	<b>\$110,624.00</b>
Bond Refunds	\$63,081.00
Bond Forfeitures	\$20,812.00
<b>Total Bonds Paid Out</b>	<b>\$83,893.00</b>
Bonds Held as of 12/31/2018	\$26,731.00

2018 Disbursements - Criminal/Traffic Division

<b>Disbursements</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>City of Sylvania:</b>	
Ordinance Fines & Forfeitures	\$31,415.77
Local Costs	\$568,052.72
40% O.S.H.P	\$83,041.77
Community Service Fees	\$4,572.70
Computer Fees - Legal Research	\$32,039.09
Operation Fees - Computer Improvement	\$74,768.00
Drug Arrests - Sec. 513	\$2,946.59
O.V.I. Arrests	\$1,656.90
O.V.I. Arrests - Housing	\$3,475.50
Indigent Driver Interlock (IDIF)	\$22,162.41
Highway Safety I.I.F.L.	\$2.50
Expungement Fee	\$40.00
Probation - Administration Charge	\$819.26
Probation Fees	\$40,143.55
Miscellaneous Fees (* see page 11)	\$183,440.96
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,048,577.72</b>
<b>Treasurer - State of Ohio</b>	
50% O.S.H.P	\$103,460.90
Victims of Crime State Fund	\$77,631.35
General Revenue State Fund	\$2,556.10
Seat Belt Fines	\$26,418.10
OSHP Arrest - O.V.I.	\$3,290.80
Expungement - 60%	\$1,080.00
O.S.H.P. Arrest - 2925 O.R.C.	\$3,086.35
Liquor Violation - 50%	\$476.85
Highway Safety - 65%	\$2,332.00
O.V.I. Arrest I.D.S.F. (SB209)	\$20,594.55
Highway Safety - I.I.F.S.	\$2.50
Drug Enforcement Fund (DEFC)	\$25,348.28
Justice Program Services Fund (JPSF)	\$821.92
O.V.I. Arrest I.D.F.C. (HB562)	\$215,148.47
Bail Bond Surcharge Fee	\$8,290.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$490,538.17</b>

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2018 Disbursements - Criminal/Traffic Division Cont.

<b>Disbursements</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Bureau of Motor Vehicles:</b>	
Reinstatement Fees - License Forfeiture	\$165.00
Reinstatement Fees - Warrant Block	\$730.49
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$895.49</b>
<b>Treasurer of Lucas County:</b>	
Fines - State Cases Regular	\$114,044.53
Law Library Under O.R.C. 3375.50	\$3,532.14
Fines - State Traffic 4511.13 (50%)	\$23,697.16
Fines - State Traffic Other	\$36,263.96
Ohio State Patrol (10%)	\$20,722.44
Dog Warden	\$1,482.00
Expungement Fees (40%)	\$680.00
County Arrest - 2925 O.R.C. (Drug)	\$457.50
Liquor Violations (50%)	\$476.85
O.V.I. Arrests	\$966.00
O.V.I. Arrests - Housing	\$13,833.62
Public Defender Fee	\$25,337.65
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$241,493.85</b>
<b>Sylvania Township:</b>	
State Cases - Traffic (50%)	\$23,062.50
O.V.I. Arrests by Township	\$1,738.00
Township Arrests - 2925 O.R.C.	\$3,182.15
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$27,982.65</b>
<b>Crime Stopper</b>	<b>\$8,231.00</b>
<b>Village of Holland:</b>	
Village Ordinances Fines	\$4,668.80
O.V.I. Arrests	\$260.00
Arrests Under Chap. 2925 O.R.C. (50%)	\$103.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,031.80</b>
<b>Metro Parks of Toledo:</b>	
Park Fines	\$733.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$733.00</b>
<b>Department of Natural Resources:</b>	
Wildlife Violation Fines	\$804.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$804.00</b>

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2018 Disbursements - Criminal/Traffic Division Cont.

<b>Disbursements</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Humane Society:</b>	
Humane Society Violations	\$677.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$677.50</b>
<b>State Board of Pharmacy</b>	
Arrests Under Chap. 2925 O.R.C. (50%)	\$7,110.31
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,110.31</b>
<b>Lucas County Commissioners</b>	
Sheriff Fees	\$15,071.54
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,071.54</b>
<b>Bureau of Motor Vehicles</b>	
BMV	\$15,071.54
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,071.54</b>
<b>Lucas County Law Library</b>	
County Cases	\$23,697.09
Township Cases	\$23,062.47
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$46,759.56</b>
<b>Capital Recovery Collections:</b>	
Collection Fees	\$101,207.96
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$101,207.96</b>
<b>Indigent Funds - Total (Breakdown on Pg. 14)</b>	<b>\$68,424.09</b>
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$2,063,648.89</b>

- \* Miscellaneous Fees consist of the following:
- Card Convenience Fees
  - City Fee (Marriage Fees; Miscellaneous Criminal and Traffic Fees)
  - Copy Fee
  - Court Fee for Expungement
  - Bench Warrant Late Fee
  - Regular Late Fee
  - Reschedule Fee for Pre-Sentence Investigation
  - Probation Violation Court Fee
  - Probation Condition Rescheduling Fee

2018 Trusteeship Division Receipts and Disbursements

	Amount
Account Balances: 12/31/2017	\$0.00
Received for Creditors	\$874.16
Filing Fees	\$18.00
Computer Fees	\$2.00
Operation Fees	\$5.00
Poundage	\$17.84
Checks Cancelled & Reissued	\$0.00
<b>Total Receipts - 2018</b>	<b>\$917.00</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>	
Disbursed to Creditors	\$874.16
Disbursed to Trustee for Bankruptcy	\$0.00
Checks Cancelled & Reissued to Debtor	\$0.00
<b>Disbursements to Creditors</b>	<b>\$874.16</b>
<b>Paid to the City of Sylvania</b>	
Filing Fees	\$18.00
Computer Fees	\$2.00
Operation Fees	\$5.00
Poundage (2% of amounts received for creditors)	\$17.84
<b>Disbursed to City of Sylvania</b>	<b>\$42.84</b>
<b>Account Balances</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

## 2018 - Operating Expenses

	Amount
<b>General Expenses</b>	
Regular Salary	\$1,029,592.00
Overtime	\$44,436.19
Workers Compensation	\$16,000.75
P.E.R.S.	\$149,997.63
Medical Insurance	\$234,526.66
Medicare	\$14,937.37
Contract Labor	\$14,308.35
Misc. Expert Services	\$11,404.75
Janitorial Services	\$33,998.59
Data Processing	\$4,661.97
Indigent- Legal	\$115,500.00
Toledo Law Library Association	\$41,996.07
LCCP Board Service	\$25,000.00
Bank Fees	\$7,495.70
Printing	\$4,903.28
Insurance and Bonds	\$19,808.05
Machinery & Equipment Rental	\$11,224.00
Office Equipment Repairs	\$3,294.51
Building Repairs and Maintenance	\$14,374.45
Electricity	\$18,548.95
Natural Gas	\$5,538.15
Postage	\$20,424.60
General Office Expenses	\$18,082.53
Dues & Subscriptions	\$4,748.41
Conference/Conventions/Mileage	\$3,532.20
Building Operation Supplies	\$2,533.36
Miscellaneous	\$9,799.59
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,880,668.11</b>
<b>Computerization</b>	
Information Technology Support	\$50,000.00
General Office Expense	\$2,024.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$52,024.00</b>
<b>Capital Outlay Building Improvements</b>	
New Municipal Court Building	\$50,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,982,692.11</b>

### Indigent Funds - I.D.A.T.

	Amount
<b>Indigent Treatment Fund balance as of 12/31/17</b>	<b>\$80,237.32</b>
Payments received from Fines	\$18,710.03
Payments received from State of Ohio (BMV)	\$8,823.78
<b>Total Received</b>	<b>\$27,533.81</b>
Individual Treatment Paid	\$14,684.02
5% Administrative Fee paid to A.D.A.S.	\$1,417.55
<b>Total Paid</b>	<b>\$16,101.57</b>
<b>Balance in Fund - 12/31/18</b>	<b>\$91,669.56</b>

BMV = Bureau of Motor Vehicles

A.D.A.S = Alcohol & Drug Addiction Services Board of Lucas County

### Indigent Funds - I.D.A.M.

	Amount
<b>Indigent Alcohol Monitoring Fund Balance as of 12/31/17</b>	<b>\$230,360.47</b>
Payments Received	\$22,533.46
Alcohol Monitoring Paid	-\$25,591.96
<b>Balance in Fund - 12/21/18</b>	<b>\$227,301.97</b>

### Indigent Funds - I.S.F.C. (Special Projects)

	Amount
<b>Balance on Hand - 12/31/17</b>	<b>\$37,397.35</b>
Payments Received	\$48,918.53
Payments Disbursed	\$34,498.68
<b>Balance on Hand - 12/31/18</b>	<b>\$51,817.20</b>

## 2018 Civil Caseload

Personal Injury and Property Damage	52
Contracts	1,327
Forcible Entry & Detainer	550
B.M.V - Point Suspension	1
B.M.V - Reinstatement Pay Plan	15
B.M.V - No Insurance	23
Out of State OVI	2
Lucas County Dog Warden	2
Other Civil	1
Small Claims	292
Collections	2
<b>Total Civil</b>	<b>2,267</b>

	Regular Civil	Small Claims	Total
<b>Pending - End of 2017</b>	<b>596</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>727</b>
Total Cases Filed - 2018	1,975	292	2,267
Reactivated Cases - 2018	52	11	63
Disposed Cases - 2018	1,869	340	2,209
<b>Pending end of 2018</b>	<b>754</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>848</b>

## 2018 Criminal/Traffic Caseload

Department	Traffic	Criminal	Total
Ohio State Highway Patrol	7,011	162	7,173
City of Sylvania Police	1,078	485	1,563
Sylvania Township Police	1,381	861	2,242
Lucas County Sheriff's Department	1,149	1,100	2,249
Holland Police Department	231	570	801
Metroparks	25	16	41
Berkey Police Department	2	1	3
Lucas County Dog Warden	0	31	31
Zoning Violations	0	4	4
Wildlife Department (ODNR)	0	10	10
Ottawa Hills Police Department	24	0	24
Waterville Township Police	0	1	1
Division of Taxation	0	2	2
Contempt of Court - Sylvania Municipal Court	0	19	19
Ohio Department of Public Safety	0	3	3
Norfolk Southern Railroad	0	1	1
<b>Total Cases Filed - 2018</b>	<b>10,901</b>	<b>3,266</b>	<b>14,167</b>
Pending End of 2017	779	470	1,249
New Cases Filed 2018	10,901	3,266	14,167
Reactivated Cases 2018	1,974	2,161	4,135
Disposed Cases 2018	12,921	5,336	18,257
<b>Pending End of 2018</b>	<b>733</b>	<b>561</b>	<b>1,294</b>

Included in Above Totals			
OVI Cases Filed	421	Felony Cases Filed	553
Search Warrants	10	Criminal Subpoenas	21
Criminal Forfeiture	16	Criminal No-File	3
Destruction of Property	0		

## 2018 Trusteeship Caseload

Cases Pending end of 2017	0
2018 - Cases Filed	1
2018 - Cases Terminated	0
2018 - Cases Paid in Full	0
Cases Pending, December 31, 2018	1

## Types of Trusteeship Terminations

Moved from Jurisdiction	0
Non-payment into Trusteeship	0
Bankruptcy Filed	0
Paid in Full	0
Request of Creditor	0
<b>Total Terminations</b>	<b>0</b>

## 2018 Escrow Division

<b>Cases Filed: 2018</b>	
Pending End of 2017	1
2018 Cases Filed	3
2018 Cases Disposed	3
<b>Cases Pending, 12/31/2018</b>	<b>1</b>

## Probation Department

Commencing January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1992, the Sylvania Municipal Court established a self-administered Probation Department. As of January 1, 2019, the Probation Department consists of:

Leonard Tomanski, Chief Probation Officer  
Randolyn Cooper, Probation Officer  
Jody Layman, Probation Officer  
Brandi Shearer, Probation Officer  
Kimberly Hunter, Pre-Sentence Investigation Officer  
Cheryl Gibbs, Clerical Staff  
Kristina Stambaugh, Part-Time File Clerk

The Probation Department is responsible for conducting Pre-Sentence Investigation reports as ordered by the Court. Additionally, the Probation Department conducts Post-Sentence supervision for clients ordered to a period of Active and Inactive Probation, as well as those placed into the Sylvania Municipal Court Diversion Program. Supervision of clients may include the tracking of one or more of the following orders: AA meetings; Anger Management classes; Alternative Education classes; Community Service; Continuous Alcohol Monitoring; Domestic Violence classes; Drug Testing/Urinalysis; Electronic Monitoring; Employment verification; GED completion; Mental Health assessment and treatment; Restitution collection; Substance Abuse assessment and treatment; any other programming deemed appropriate.

### **2018 Probation Activity**

Completed Pre-Sentence Investigation Reports	356
Cases referred for Probation	1,033
Cases with Successful Termination of Probation	771
Cases with Unsuccessful Termination of Probation	1,404
Cases with Probation Revoked	37



## 2018 Suburban Court's Services

	Direct Services	Referral Services
<b>Information about Legal Process</b>	573	573
<b>Advocacy With:</b>	0	0
Court Advocate	573	0
Prosecutor	573	0
<b>Court Escort</b>	573	0
<b>Victim Impact Statement</b>	23	0
<b>Other*</b>	1,146	0

\* Includes walk-ins, telephone contact, distributing cell phones, mediation interviews, photographing, referrals for victims to Domestic Relations Court or Lucas County Common Pleas Court, Victim Compensation, LCVW, funds to have locks changed, and other social service agencies.

## 2018 Mediation

Pending as of 2017	0
<b>2018 - Filed</b>	7
<b>2018 - Dispositions</b>	
<b>No Agreement Reached</b>	
Small Claims	1
Civil	1
<b>Agreement Reached</b>	
Suburban Court Services	3
<b>Parties Not Interested</b>	
Suburban Court Services	2
<b>Total Dispositions:</b>	7
Pending as of 12/31/18	0

## Court Security

### Five Year Comparison

Number of Persons Entering the Courthouse				
2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
75,678	80,821	77,429	80,285	64,580

## Certification

The foregoing report of the activities of the Sylvania Municipal Court, Sylvania, Ohio, for the year 2018 has been compiled in accordance with Section 1901.14(A)(4), of the Ohio Revised Code, and shall be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners of Lucas County, and the Council of the City of Sylvania, Sylvania, Ohio.

Nita Messerschmidt, Clerk of Court  
Sylvania Municipal Court

CC: Honorable Michael A. Bonfiglio  
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