

Great Game Huddle Notes
May 10, 2016

Angie Crews opened the meeting and introduced Dan Patterson to speak on the Annual Report of the Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

Dan 1st spoke regarding the various ways that crime information can be reported to the public and the fact that depending on which perspective crime is looked at from it can lead to a wide variable in the numbers reported. While law enforcement may look at a situation as a single incident the Prosecuting Attorney's Office may be looking at multiple individuals with multiple charges.

Some changes that were mentioned in the Prosecuting Attorney's Office in handling of felony charges that have greatly improved the case load are going from a Warrant Unit system to a Referral Unit system. This divides caseloads more evenly between more people with a greater number being finished and has eliminated the growth and has even lessened the backlog of pending cases.

Other items that have proven to be beneficial include: responding to domestic violence cases in a 2 day time frame in 2016 as compared to as long as 60 days in 2015, reviewing cases of inmates in jail over 180 days, using a Summons system on less serious charges, diversion of minor drug cases to treatment centers.

The majority of cases continues to be property cases such as stealing, robbery, damage, etc.

Some of the hardest cases continue to be crimes against persons due to most being 1 on 1 cases with little if any witnesses.

Items in the future for the office include the move to the Cox Towers building, new Criminal Code in 2017.