



# SENTINEL

## OFFENDER SERVICES

### **2013 Annual Report**

### **City of Dunwoody Municipal**

### **Court**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

Sentinel Offender Services is pleased to submit this annual report for your review. As one of the leading providers of Probation Services throughout the State of Georgia, we are uniquely qualified to provide all services necessary to fulfill the probation management needs of this jurisdiction. All Georgia offices are managed through our corporate office located in Atlanta, Georgia. We are proud to have served this Court for nearly 5 years and are thankful for the opportunity and are confident in our ability to continue to provide effective case management and offer creative solutions to the challenges confronting the court and community

The single most important reason for the success that we have realized over these years is that we have worked closely with our customers. We have developed and implemented innovative solutions to complex problems and have attempted programs that others would not consider.

The approach that Sentinel has employed in the provision of probation services is that we are in service to both the court and the probationer. Our primary obligation is to ensure that the probationer is in full compliance with the orders of the Court, but we have an implied obligation to assist the probationer in successfully completing his/her sentence rather than being returned to custody. Experience has shown that by facilitating compliance rather than punishing failure we provide a higher level of service to both the court and the client while promoting a higher degree of successful completion.

The purpose of this report is to keep you well informed of our activities, services and performance. We appreciate the opportunity to serve the City of Dunwoody Municipal Court and welcome any questions or comments regarding our services or the information contained in this report.

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## Community Service Information

Ensuring compliance to the Community Service condition plays a vital role in the service that Sentinel provides to the Court and Community. During the year of 2013, **13,330** hours of Community Service Work was completed for the City of Dunwoody Municipal Court and **5579** hours of Community Service Work was completed for Dunwoody Pre-trial program.

## Fine Collection and Remittance Data

Sentinel collected **\$420,738.56** in Court ordered fines and surcharges on behalf of the City of Dunwoody Municipal Court and **\$23,041.00** in fines for Dunwoody Pre-trial Program. In addition, Sentinel also remitted **\$40,771.34** to the State of Georgia for the **Georgia Crime Victims Emergency Fund**.

## Added and Closed

There were **1,059** new probationers assigned to Sentinel and **851** were closed successfully for the City of Dunwoody Municipal Court. There were **288** new clients assigned to Dunwoody Pre-trial Program and **167** were closed successfully.

## Warrants and Revocation Hearings

There were **232** revocation hearings held during 2013. **62%** were walk in hearings and **38%** were jail hearings. The outcomes of those hearings are listed below.

Revoked in Full: 45=19.3%  
No Violation Found: 2=<1%  
Violation Found/Returned to Probation: 182=78.4%  
Declined to Revoke: 1:0.4%  
Terminated: 2=<1%

There were **167** warrants were issued for probationer arrest. **92%** were issued for technical violations only, **7%** were issued for the commission of new offenses and **1%** were issued for testing positive for illegal substances.

## Drug Screening

**293** drug screens were performed by the Dunwoody Branch for City of Dunwoody Municipal Court for probation and pre-trial cases. **13** of the **293** offenders tested positive for drug usage for the City of Dunwoody Municipal Court and **10** tested positive for Dunwoody Pre-trial Program.

### Caseload Count

Caseload Count for 2013											
Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
383	402	380	380	403	414	446	471	481	515	538	554