



STATE OF THE COURT

Hon. Jennifer Johnson Grant, Presiding Judge

Julie Espinoza, Court Administrator

MISSION STATEMENT

Dedicated to the fair and impartial administration of justice and equal access for all individuals. Committed to serving with respect, competence, and efficiency.

CORE SERVICES

- File, process, & adjudicate the following:
 - Criminal Cases: misdemeanor & gross misdemeanor charges
 - Traffic Infractions
 - Photo Enforcement Citations
 - Parking Tickets
 - Vehicle Impounds
- Post-conviction supervision & monitoring of sentencing conditions in criminal cases

COURT PROGRAMS

- Pretrial & Post-Conviction Monitoring: GPS, electronic home detention, alcohol monitoring (Secure Court Solutions) ordered as condition of pretrial release, sanction for non-compliance, and/or alternative to confinement
- Unified Payment Program (UPP): multi-jurisdictional payment option for legal financial obligations
- King County Interjurisdictional Warrant Program: multi-jurisdictional program where participating courts can clear outstanding warrants and provide a court date
- Youth Court: alternative infraction court for 16- and 17-year-old offenders

CHALLENGES

- **Judicial Information System (JIS) Shutdown:** The statewide judicial system was shut down on November 3, 2024 after “unauthorized activity” was detected. Courts were unable to access calendars, criminal history, or update court records until the system was restored and allowed access on November 18, 2025. Full functionality, including the ability to run necessary BIT reports, was not restored until December 30, 2024.
 - Paper records were maintained until information could be entered when JIS was restored
 - The court issued an emergency order suspending enforcement of court rules until the JIS functionality returned
- **Power Outage:** The court was without power from November 20 – 22, 2024. City Hall was without power for three days. The court was closed, cases calendared for Wednesday, November 20 had to be reset to future court dates.

PHOTO ENFORCEMENT STATUTE AMENDED

The legislature made major changes to the statute

- RCW 46.63.170 was repealed and replaced with RCW 46.63.220
- Penalty capped at \$145, except school speed zone violations could be doubled
- Revenue to be submitted to the Cooper Jones Act, with limited exception
- Mandatory 50% reductions for “recipients of public assistance under Title 74 RCW or participants in the WA women, infant, and children program” for first offense
- Outdated NOIs to be updated and submitted to AOC for approval

PHOTO ENFORCEMENT EXPANDED

- **Photo Enforcement:** Photo enforcement on 178th is expanded outside school speed zone hours to include speeding in a school walk zone. The city gathered studies and erected signage along 178th
- **Hybrid Camera Onboarding:** Court administration underwent an approximate six-month onboarding process to implement the 24/7 hybrid camera system. The onboarding encompassed a series of meetings with AOC and VERRA as well as coordinated effort with City departments to launch the program. The extra efforts and time required to review workflow, execute case management testing, facilitate contract and citation approval presented additional staffing challenges for the Court
- **Invalid Infractions Recalled:** 3,223 citations were recalled because the NOI was not issued on an AOC approved citation form.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

BUDGET SAVINGS

- **Language Access Interpreter Reimbursement Program (LAIRP)**

The LAIRP program offers participating courts a 50 % reimbursement for AOC approved interpreter services. The court applied for and received \$3,925 for Q1-Q4 2024.

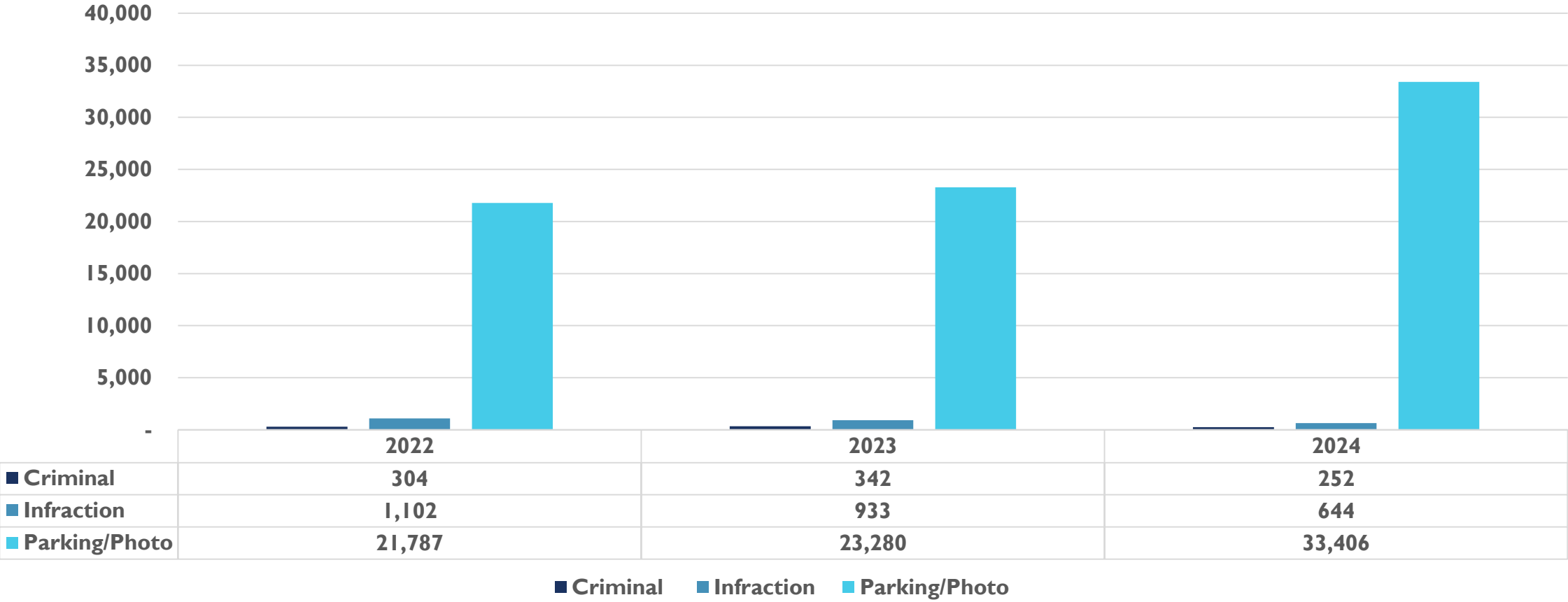
- **AOC Reimbursement for JIS Outage**

Administrative Office of the Courts reimbursed courts for costs incurred responding to the two-week statewide judicial information system outage. The court documented 330.29 judicial and clerk hours expended in an effort to catch up on backlog. AOC reimbursed the Court for all 330 hours logged by staff and submitted for reimbursement. The court applied for and received \$13,869.61.

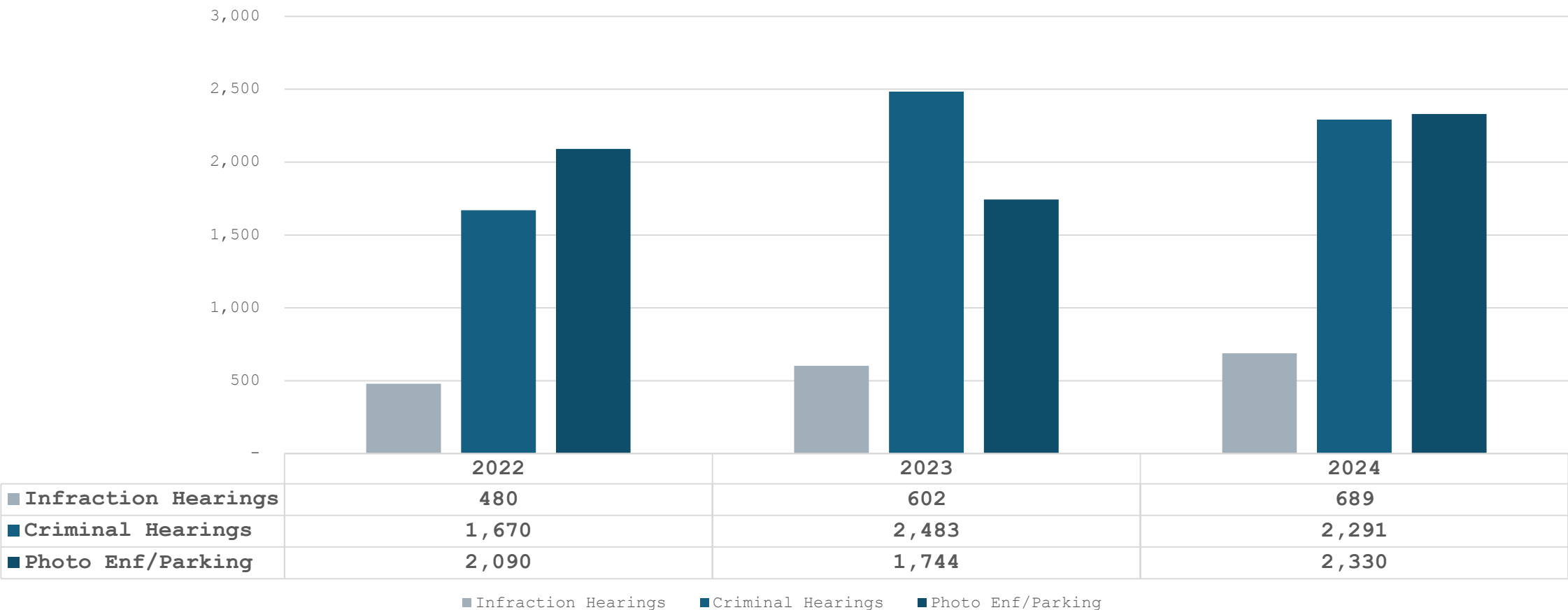
CURRENT STAFFING

- Total Employees: 5.9 FTE
 - Judge: .6 FTE
 - Court Administrator: 1 FTE
 - Court Clerks: 4 Permanent FTE
 - Probation: .3 FTE

CASES FILED 2022-2024

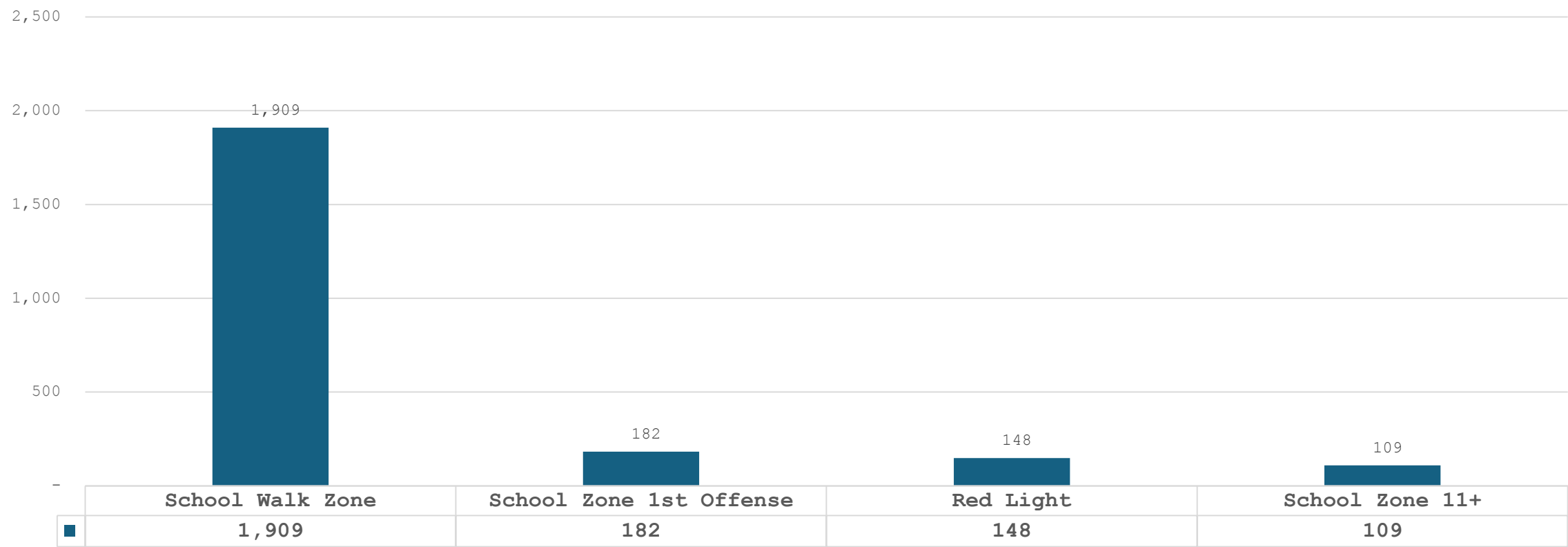


NUMBER OF HEARINGS HELD 2022-2024



24/7 HYBRID CAMERA HEARING REQUESTS

September - December 2024



CHALLENGES MOVING FORWARD

- Increased filings lead to
 - Need for overtime funds to handle growing workload
 - Increased Staffing needs, including judicial time
 - Space constraints limit growth
 - Additional infraction calendars, requiring prosecutor
- Increased Court Interpreter Services
 - Rising cost & reluctance to appear in person
- Indigent Defense Needs
 - Supreme Court reduces attorney caseloads 10-year target
 - Conflict Counsel - we need at least one more person or firm to handle conflict cases
- CLJ-CMS roll out in 2026

IN SUMMARY

- court is currently at capacity with heavy calendars
- court rules and local/state law dictate timelines for processing and adjudication of civil traffic infractions/citations
- going forward: court will continue to work collaboratively with city administrator and council to address staffing, space, and other challenges
- court is committed to serving with respect, integrity, and efficiency to address the needs of the community and individuals that visit the court consistent with the character of Lake Forest Park