CJCC REPORT
Charleston County Criminal Justice Transformation

PLAN
The CJCC has created a six-part strategic plan to improve our local criminal justice system in the next three years.

Strategies
- Implementing a risk assessment instrument for law enforcement officers enabling them to have a uniform approach during decisions to arrest.
- Identifying and creating appropriate real-time alternatives to jail for individuals presenting behavioral, medical and/or social issues.
- Launch an automated court date reminder system to reduce the need for criminal bench warrants.
- Enhance the bond setting process to be more risk-based and provide bond setting judges comprehensive information about defendants.
- Significantly reduce the time it takes for General Sessions cases to be resolved.
- Create a centralized database where all agencies can share information and store data used for study and implementation of future improvements and projects.

Goals:
Through the implementation of our six strategies, we plan to reach this goal in the next three years.

25% reduction in average daily jail population

*We aim to make our system smarter, more efficient, and more effective. As cost savings are generated, we will purposefully reallocate existing resources to sustain these efforts over time and further improve the system.
Some data insights

The CJCC performed an extensive study and analysis of data examining the process from the time individuals enter the criminal justice system through the resolution of their case.

631 frequent flyers booked 5 or more times
2013 & 2014

4,718 arrests
Predominately low-level charges.

= Average of 62 days in jail per year

+2 million in jail resources

How many bookings occurred at the jail in 2014?

26,660 bookings

Top charges:
simple possession of marijuana
public intoxication
shoplifting (misdemeanor)
driving on a suspended license
no driver’s license
open container
trespassing

Case Resolution Time

Data represents median number of days from arrest to case disposition in General Sessions court in 2014.

arrest → Case resolution

191 days
in jail

350 days
out of jail

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