



Electronic Emergency Protective Order (e-EPO) Project Update

The current process for a victim of domestic violence to obtain an Emergency Protective Order (EPO) is a paper process that is antiquated and inefficient, resulting in a lengthy wait time for victims as well as an even longer time for the EPO's availability to be served on the alleged violator. Therefore, the Criminal Justice Commission wrote and submitted a grant application and was subsequently awarded a \$170,000 ARRA Violence Against Women Act grant through the Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet.

The purpose of this grant was two-fold: 1) to develop and implement an Electronic EPO system within the Jefferson County Courts that could be replicated state-wide and 2) under a subcontract to the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) in Frankfort, \$40,000 was dedicated to be used to resolve court technology compatibility issues with

the new e-EPO system as well as to translate EPO forms to better serve individuals who have limited English proficiency. The work on behalf of the Commission has been collaborative, including the Jefferson Circuit Court Clerk's Office as well as all other local criminal justice stakeholders involved in any aspect of the EPO process. The vendor providing the system design and technical support is Open Portal Solutions, Inc. They are also the primary vendor for the development and implementation of Kentucky's statewide Electronic Warrant (e-Warrant) system. The project, using the e-Warrant application, will design and implement a new capture wizard that allows the required Protective Order information to be collected from a victim in an electronic format and then be passed to the appropriate judge for review and further action.

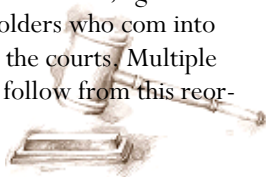
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Jefferson District Court Reorganization

The Jefferson District Court will implement a reorganization of the criminal dockets on August 1, 2011. This is the first major reorganization of this type since the current configuration which was formed in 1978. The Court began reorganization discussions in December 2008. Input and discussions concerning the form of the reorganization have included the full range of offices, agencies and other stakeholders who come into contact with the courts. Multiple benefits will follow from this reorganization.



Examples of some of these benefits are:

- Decrease morning crowds;
- Stagger dockets for some arraignments;
- Increase afternoon courthouse use;
- Address the needs of the private bar and law enforcement;
- Provide workload balance for judges and improve judicial efficiency;
- Allow time for writing, reviewing files and other judicial matters;
- Provide breaks for court personnel;

- Maximize scheduling flexibility for each judge in a criminal division;
- Better access to the courthouse during the morning for defense counsel and litigants.

Jefferson District Court Chief Judge Sean Delahanty published an article in the Louisville Bar Association's "Bar Briefs" which provides an excellent overview of the process associated with the current reorganization.

Please click this link - [LBA article](#) - to read the "Bar Briefs" December 2010, Volume 10, No. 12, edition of Judge Delahanty's article in its entirety.

Merger 2.0 Task Force & Public Safety Committee

In January 2011, through Executive Order No. 3, Series 2011, Mayor Greg Fischer created the Merger 2.0 Task Force, chaired by former Louisville Mayor and Jefferson County Judge-Executive Dave Armstrong and former Jefferson County Judge-Executive Rebecca Jackson, with a mission to examine the delivery of Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government services developed since the merger of the former City of Louisville and Jefferson County Governments in January 2003. The 23-member Task Force is charged with making recommendations for changes or improvements for the next decade of merger. The Task Force has four specific areas of focus, Fire & EMS, Solid Waste & Recycling, Public Safety, and Transportation and Infrastructure.

The Merger 2.0 Task Force Public Safety Committee, chaired by Ishmon Burks, former Kentucky Justice

Cabinet Secretary, is charged with reviewing services provided by the Louisville Metro Police Department, the Louisville Metro Department of Corrections, and the local criminal justice system.

Criminal Justice Commission staff are providing assistance to the Committee. Since input from community residents is seen as critical to the process, a short criminal justice survey has been developed by Committee members and will be posted for citizens to access on Louisville Metro's website @ www.louisvilleky.gov/ in early July. Questions address a wide range of public safety issues. The Public Safety Committee will continue to meet throughout the summer and survey results and other data will be used to assist the Committee in making recommendations to the Mayor in the fall.



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2011 Board Meeting Schedule

August 18th

October 20th

December 15th

All meetings are 2:00 p.m.
David L. Armstrong Crown Room
Judicial Center, 6th Floor
700 W. Jefferson Street

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When approved by a judge, the EPO and its associated documents are then electronically transmitted and held in both a statewide as well as a national database available to all law enforcement agencies. As of this printing, the e-EPO wizard has been completed and all appropriate stakeholders are awaiting the training necessary to utilize this new capability. It is anticipated that this project will "go live" and be available to the Jefferson County courts in mid-August.

Jail Policy Resolution

As part of its ongoing charge to provide a coordinated and multi-discipline forum for the discussion of jail population management, Jail Policy Committee members developed a resolution that was signed by key criminal justice stakeholders in May 2011.

In this comprehensive resolution members agreed that jail crowding represents a condition to be managed rather than a problem to be solved, that jail population is affected by policy decisions made across the entire criminal justice system and that evidence-based and data-driven practices in the criminal justice system can result in a reduction of offender recidivism and costs while maintaining public safety.

Additionally, the resolution detailed 17 recommendations that should be undertaken to successfully manage the population of Louisville Metro Corrections. Some of the recommendations were:

- Institute an internal population target of 1,900 as a trigger for jail population management

strategies;

- Encourage utilization of citations in lieu of arrest by law enforcement in accordance with departmental policy;
- Develop legislative proposals for the 2012 session of the Kentucky General Assembly to provide specific statutory authority for the operation of a Day Reporting Center and to codify the provisions of the local jail capacity management plan;
- Implement a protocol to provide that new arrests on bench warrants in Circuit Court be arraigned the next business day in lieu of waiting until the next motion hour; and
- Educate the public on systemic efforts to manage the jail population.

The provisions contained within the resolution will be tracked and progress reported at future Jail Policy Committee meetings. To view the signed resolution, please click on the following link - [Jail Policy Resolution](#).

Youth Detention Services Resolution

In April 2011, the Resolution of the Juvenile Court System Stakeholders for the purpose of Youth Detention Population Management was created. These stakeholders included the Jefferson County District Court, Administrative Office of the Courts, Family and Juvenile Services Department, Louisville Jefferson County Public Defender Corporation, Office of the Jefferson County Circuit Court Clerk, Jefferson County Attorney's Office, and Louisville Metro Youth Detention Services.

Stakeholders reached consensus on several recommended actions to manage the population of Louisville Metro Youth Detention Services and expand community based alternatives to detention during the pre-adjudicative phase of a juvenile's court involvement.

Some of the recommended actions include:

- Collect, analyze, and disseminate data on the juvenile population to identify trends and factors contributing to increases in the youth

detention population

- Manage a reduced maximum youth detention population from 96 to 64
- Encourage increased utilization of the Court Designated Worker Diversion Program to provide supervision and services for youth with misdemeanor and school related charges to prevent court involvement
- Encourage increased County Attorney referrals to the Restorative Justice program
- Pilot a new objective Detention Risk Assessment Instrument (DRAI) to reduce secure detention confinement while ensuring public safety and attendance at future arraignment
- Expand capacity of the Home Supervision Program (HSP) from 35 to 50, and the Home Incarceration Program (HIP) from 50 to 80

For a copy of the entire Resolution, please [click here](#).