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District Court Probation

Information about the Department

- Monitoring services provided to 6 courts
 - District Court
 - Bellingham, Blaine, Everson,
Lynden and Sumas Municipal Courts

Types of Cases Being Monitored

- 65% Alcohol/Driving Offenses
- 20% Domestic Violence/Assault Offenses
- 15% Miscellaneous Offenses*

**Miscellaneous offenses include hit and run, theft, malicious mischief, resisting arrest, obstructing a public servant, and restitution cases.*

Characteristics of Specialized Units

1. Reduced caseloads
2. Probation Officers with specialized training and knowledge of appropriate community resources
3. Able to provide a higher level of individualized service to those most in need or highest risk

Domestic Violence Unit

- One Probation Officer with a backup PO
- Caseload of 125
- Serve highest risk based a validated risk assessment, offense history and particulars of the current offense
- Attend Bellingham's DV Court
- Facilitates DV programs such as DVMRT and DV Check In groups

DV Perpetrator Opportunity for Treatment Services (DVPOTS)

- Launched in October, 2020
- Jointly funded by Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham
- Each provided \$20,000 for 2021 and \$20,000 for 2022

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Here are the numbers so far...

- 12 have been enrolled in the WC funding
- 13 have been enrolled in the COB funding
- Total 25 enrolled since
- 18 currently active
- 2 successfully completed
- 5 failed based on noncompliance or warrants being issued



Thank you!