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Traffic and Diversion Stats

WICHITA, KAN. - In the District Attorney’s Traffic Division, 5256 cases were filed in the first quarter of this year. This does not include traffic cases in Wichita Municipal Court. More than 70,000 traffic cases are handled by the municipal courts in Sedgwick County.

The District Attorney does not amend speeding tickets. But Diversion is possible. 447 people applied for Traffic Diversion in the first three months of this year. Defendants are on Diversion for 7 months. If they do not re-offend during that time, their case will be dismissed.

In the first quarter of 2012, there were 6457 traffic cases with 502 people applying for diversion. Along with driving under the influence, the DUI Diversion program includes Transporting Open Container, Minor In Possession and Minor in Consumption charges.

In the first quarter of the year, 76 people applied for DUI Diversion. 42 successfully completed it.

An annual recidivism study in 2013 looked at 1,373 defendants who successfully completed DUI Diversion from 2006 to 2010. 10.7 percent ( 147 defendants) were convicted of new offenses occurring in Sedgwick County (including Wichita Municipal Court and surrounding towns.) 89.3 percent were not convicted again.

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1st Quarter Traffic Case Filings - $\mathbf{3}$ year Trend


| Traffic | Quarterly Comparisons 2011, 2012 and 2013 |  |  |
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|  | 2011-1st | 2012-1st | 2013-1st |
|  | 6443 | 6457 | 5256 |

