

Task Force Four

COURT COST DATA ANALYSIS

BACKGROUND

- Task force four directed to benchmark towns to identify best practices
- February 2009, Center for Government Research (CGR) commences benchmark review
- July 2009, CGR presents results to town board
- CGR identifies that Victor court costs are higher than each of the New York peers
- October 2009, task force four directed to review gaps identified in study

APPROACH

- ✘ Examine CGR data and assess relevance
- ✘ If CGR results valid identify performance gaps
- ✘ If CGR results not correct reassess court costs using revised approach
- ✘ Compare Victor to those towns
- ✘ Report results to task force, court officials and town board

FINDINGS

- ✘ Victor town courts have greater case “churn” than towns used in CGR study
- ✘ When compared to similar towns- Rotterdam and Guilderland NY expenses are comparable

DATA RESULTS

Court Cost Data Analysis						
2008 Budget Data	State Revenue Ranking 2008	Population	Expenses	Cost/Person	Contractual	Personal Services
Rotterdam	43	28316	315117	11.13	77832	236570
Victor	45	12072	344789	28.56	25885	177869
Guilderland	46	34570	345129	9.98	9132	335997
Ontario	210	10130	126888	12.53	24464	102446
Expenses= Total Court Costs From 2008 Budgets Population= Most Recent Publicly Available Information Personal Services= Salaries of Court Employees Contractual Costs= Postage/Rent/IT Support etc.						

NEXT STEPS

- ✘ Assess possible performance gaps identified in other areas of CGR study
 - + Parks and Recreation
 - + Appraisal and Assessment
 - + Budget and Finance