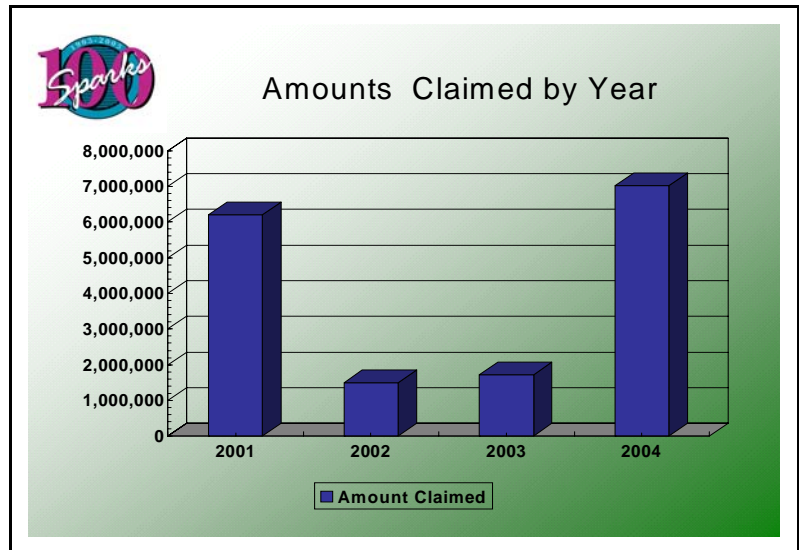
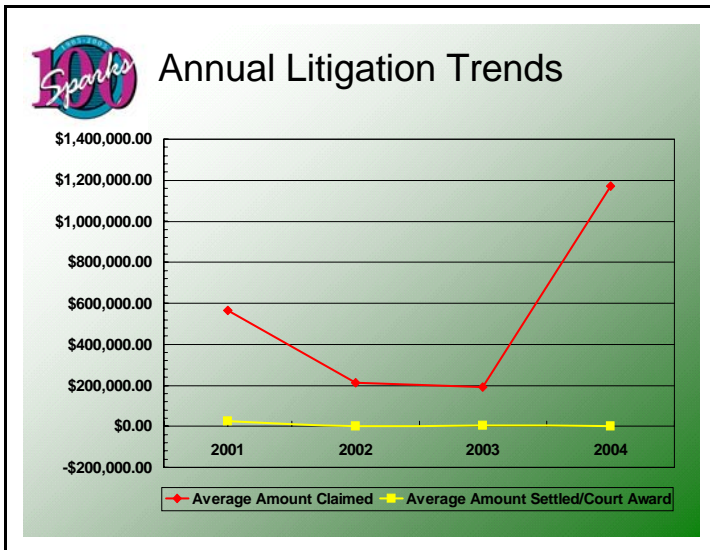


Community Report Accomplishments FY 04/05

Protecting Your Tax Dollars

Nobody likes paying taxes, fines or fees to the government. Lawsuits against your City can cost millions of dollars resulting in even higher taxes, fines and fees for Sparks' citizens.

Since 2001, civil litigants suing the City of Sparks have demanded nearly sixteen million dollars of your tax money. The amount claimed by civil litigants in 2004 averaged more than one million dollars per lawsuit.



Operating with a budget of 1/16th the amount sought by litigants, your City Attorney's Office fought to keep your tax dollars in the City's Treasury - less than ½ of 1 percent of the monies claimed against the City through litigation was paid.

The Sparks City Attorney's Office recognizes that there are valid claims and lawsuits brought against your City. Our job is to make sure that your tax dollars pay only those settlements that cannot be defended against in a court of law.

You work hard for your money and we work hard to protect your tax dollars from falling into the undeserving hands of litigants and their lawyers.

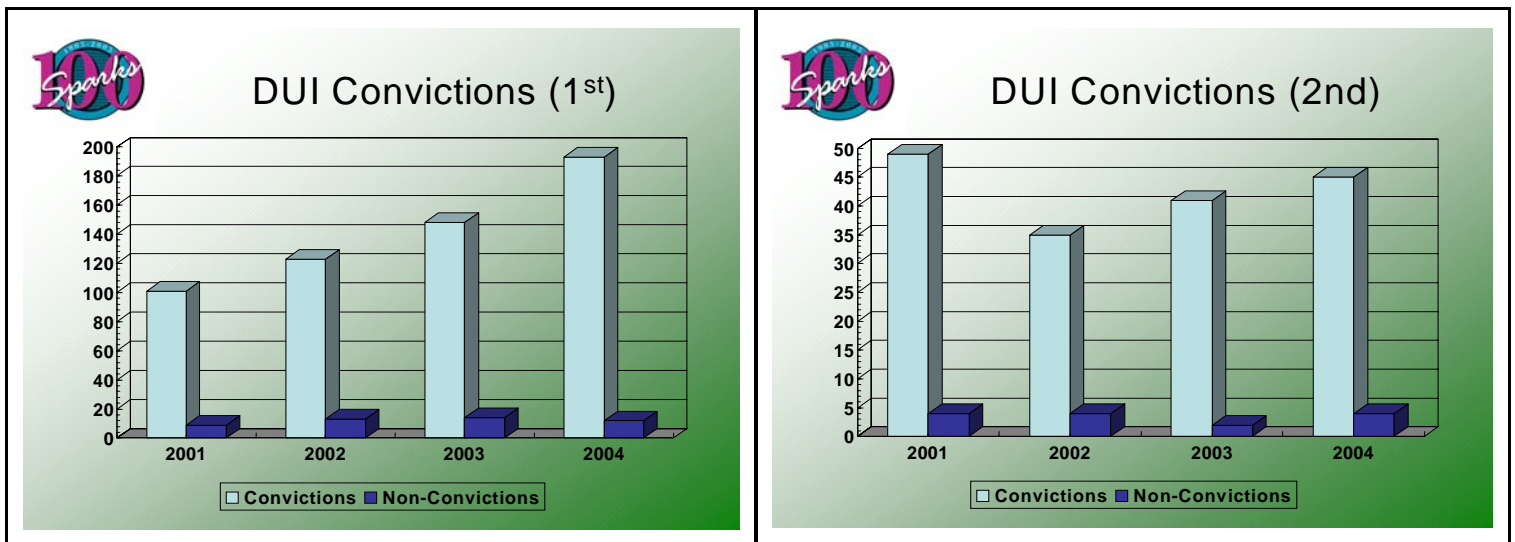
Helping to Protect Families and Your Community

The City of Sparks is not immune from the problems associated with domestic violence. The Sparks City Attorney's Office has a full-time bilingual Victim's Advocate who assists families affected by domestic violence. This assistance ranges from accompanying witnesses to court to helping victims to protect themselves and their family members by securing protective and restraining orders issued by the courts.

The City's three criminal prosecutors live in our community and are committed to protecting the quality of life in Sparks. Nobody wants the dangers associated with drunk drivers and violent crimes in their neighborhoods. The City's prosecutors are tough but fair and go the extra mile to secure punishment when needed and treatment when appropriate.

In 2004, the Sparks City Attorney's Office secured a record number of convictions for first-time drunken driving and domestic violence cases. For many, this will be their first and last time they appear in court thanks to remedial programs such as the alcohol and drug programs offered through the Sparks Municipal Court.

The Sparks City Attorney's Office is proud to be part of a community that promotes and supports family values.



Got Gaming?

The Sparks City Attorney's Office is responsible for advising your government officers and commissioners on the legalities of land use, planning and zoning in our community. This includes everything from annexation, home businesses, baseball stadiums, neighborhood developments and gaming in Spanish Springs.

The City of Sparks is experiencing unprecedented growth which brings a unique and complex set of legal issues with it. Do you like the Sparks Marina? The Sparks City Attorney's Office worked closely with City staff to iron out the legal issues, agreements and protocols that both enabled the construction of the marina improvements as well as its day-to-day operations.

The Business of Government...

Sparks City Attorney Chet Adams works with and supports all legal business enterprises in the City of Sparks. Chet has proven his commitment to Sparks business, having both served on and chaired the Legislative Affairs Committee for the Sparks Chamber of Commerce. Chet was chosen as Member of the Year by the Sparks Chamber of Commerce in 1998.

Chet has personally appeared in court to close down illegal businesses and dangerous commercial buildings which threaten the health, safety and welfare of Sparks citizens.

Serving Sparks Since 1991



Sparks City Attorney Chet Adams began working in the City Attorney's Office in 1991. Chet came to the City Attorney's Office after working in the Civil Division for the Washoe County District Attorney's Office under Mills Lane. Chet has since been both a defense lawyer for the City of Sparks and the Victim Advocate for abused victims. Chet became City Attorney in 1997 and still maintains a civil litigation caseload in accordance with his hands-on approach to defending and protecting the City's Treasury - and your tax dollars.

Chet and his team of six lawyers, a victim advocate and five support staff promote an aggressive but compassionate attitude to the City Attorney's Office.