

Hartford Community Court Session



The Connecticut Judicial Branch runs a Community Court Session in Hartford. The Community Court is part of the Superior Court, and was set up to deal with “quality of life” crimes in local neighborhoods. The Community Court uses many community and social services to help defendants take responsibility for their actions and to help defendants deal with the social issues that may be contributing to their criminal behavior.

The Community Court accepts cases from Hartford, Avon, Bloomfield, Canton, Farmington, and West Hartford, and deals with many different crimes, including breach of peace, criminal mischief, criminal trespass, larceny (shoplifting), disorderly conduct, threatening, prostitution, solicitation of prostitutes, liquor possession by minors, public nuisance, public drunkenness, excessive noise, and illegal vending.

Most defendants who go to Community Court are ordered to do community service instead of being sent to jail or being ordered to pay fines. For example, defendants may work on a street clean-up crew or help

deliver food to the needy. The Community Court also requires all defendants to meet with a member of the Community Court Social Services Team, who may be a representative from the City of Hartford’s Department of Human Services, the State Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, or the Capitol Region Mental Health Center. The Community Court also gets support from community members, local police departments, and many nonprofit agencies.

When defendants finish the community service and complete any treatment required by the Social Services Team, their cases are usually dismissed by the court or nolle (the prosecutor agrees to drop the case, but keeps the right to reopen it any time during the next 13 months if the defendant does not stay out of trouble).

How can I get more information about the Hartford Community Court Session?

You can call the Hartford Community Court Officer at: (860) 756-7015, or Fax: (860) 756-7025, or E-mail: Hartford.Commcourt@jud.ct.gov.



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