

## **FAYETTE COUNTY WORK RELEASE PROGRAM**

Effective August 22, 1997, a Work Release Program was established in cooperation with the Washington Court House Municipal Court Probation Department, City Prosecuting Attorney and the Fayette County Sheriff. The Municipal Court Probation Department was designated primary responsibility for administering and referring criminal and traffic offenders to the Program with the cooperation of the parties and upon order of the Court. The Probation Department was also charged with supervising the Program and has the responsibility for screening and monitoring the participants. The Fayette County Sheriff's Department maintains responsibility of the participants while in custody.

Individual defendants permitted to participate accept the following conditions and requirements:

1. The Fayette County Work Release Program is a voluntary program available to some defendants serving a sentence in the Fayette County jail, who at the time of sentencing, have full-time, gainful employment within a convenient distance of the Fayette County Jail.
2. Each defendant referred to the Program shall be responsible for obtaining his or her employment. If the defendant is not gainfully employed, the Municipal Court Probation Department shall assign the said defendant to a non-profit employer in Fayette County.
3. Each defendant, whether gainfully employed or placed to a non-profit employer by the Probation Department, shall arrange for his or her own transportation from work, be responsible for his or her own laundry, and provide his or her own clothing.
4. Each defendant shall be liable for any medical expenses incurred as a result of injuries which occur outside the jail.
5. Each defendant shall report to the Fayette County Jail at the time designated on the Work Release Program Referral and Agreement Form. While participating in the Work Release Program, the defendant shall not use any alcoholic beverages, drugs, or controlled substances unless prescribed by a licensed physician. Defendants referred to the Program are subject to chemical testing at any time. The defendant shall not bring any contraband items into the jail.
6. Any defendant who fails to appear at the Fayette County Jail at his or her scheduled time, is in violation of his or her Probation and is subject to being charged with escape, in violation of Revised Code Section 2921.34. The burden of proving an excusable violation shall be placed upon the defendant.
7. If employment is terminated for any reason, the defendant shall immediately notify the Sheriff and his or her Probation Officer.

8. The Fayette County Sheriff shall be responsible for the lock-up and release of defendants referred to the Program at the appropriate times as indicated on the Referral and Agreement Form.
9. The Fayette County Sheriff shall be responsible for providing meals to the defendants referred to the Program only when they are incarcerated during regular meal times. The defendant shall be responsible for his or her own meals when not incarcerated at meal time.
10. The Fayette County Sheriff shall keep and supply to the Washington Court House Municipal Court Probation Department records of each defendant regarding periods of incarceration.
11. The Fayette County Sheriff's Department shall charge a per-day booking fee.

All defendants referred to said program shall sign and receive a Work Release Program Referral Agreement Form