

Survey to Chief APOs

Issue: Fee for Bail Supervision

Question (from Snyder County):

We have a high volume of bail supervision cases here in Snyder County and I was curious how many counties collect a bail supervision fee?

Delaware County

There is no supervision fee for bail in Delco

Lancaster County

In Lancaster, Bail is under Court Administration. From the Bail Administrator: Based upon the model of supervision to ensure appearance at all court hearings we do not charge a supervision fee. This coupled with the idea of passive savings associated with saved bed space it is not part of our pretrial release program. The only fees associated with our program are assigned to our electronic monitoring and dui repeat offender program given the monitoring fees assigned. In the pretrial release world supervision fees are not standard as the roots of the pretrial movement would have a strong stance that pretrial defendants have not been found guilty and their release should not be based upon their monetary resources. Essentially the history of the pretrial movement is founded upon a defendants appearance for court and should not be tied to their ability to post monies unless warranted in posting of bail. Rather our supervision ensures their appearance for court proceedings.

Washington County

Washington County does, \$40.00 per month

York County

York County charges a \$55.00 per month supervision fee for those placed on supervised bail with us.