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Budget Woes Force Superior Court To Suspend East County Traffic Night Court

Citing reductions to staff, the San Diego Superior Court is suspending traffic night court at its East County facility located at 250 East Main Street, El Cajon, effective September 16, 2009.

Night court, normally held from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month, has been handled on a first-come, first-served, walk-in basis. The third Wednesday of the month is also the date recently adopted as the monthly court closure date by the California Judicial Council. The first court-wide closure will occur on Wednesday, September 16, 2009.

Court officials believe the six court staff members currently handling an average of 30 walk-ins per month at night court could be better utilized during normal operating hours. The suspension of night court will also reduce the use of three deputy sheriffs, resulting in a security cost reduction.

“Since East County traffic night court operations fall on court closure dates and we have a limited number of people using the service, we feel the suspension is an appropriate way to maximize staff time and budget savings,” says Court Executive Officer Michael Roddy.

Individuals cited to appear in the East County Division of the court will now need to come into the courthouse during the regular business office hours (8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.) to handle traffic matters.

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The suspension of the East County traffic night court does not affect traffic night courts held for individuals cited to appear at court facilities in Central San Diego, South County and North County.

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