DISTRICT ATTORNEY DEPARTMENTAL OVERVIEW

The mission of the District Attorney's Office is to promote prevention, protect the rights and ensure the safety of the citizens of California within the County of Santa Barbara through criminal and civil prosecution and enforcement remedies.

The District Attorney's Office is primarily responsible for prosecution of adult and juvenile offenders for felony and serious misdemeanor crimes or civil violations countywide. A team of 119 deputy district attorneys, criminal investigators, victim advocates and legal support staff housed in three branch offices are organized to review, file and prepare cases for prosecution, while assisting victims to recover from their losses, also participating in proactive efforts to deter crime. The District Attorney's Office encompasses six cost centers, as described below.

Administration:

The office is engaged in community and multi-agency collaborative initiatives to protect and enhance public safety. Executive and management staff provide overall policy development, program management, fiscal and personnel administration, technology management and community relations. Automation staff manage the department's PC network in three branch locations and administer the DAMION case management system.

Criminal Prosecution:

Criminal Prosecution is comprised of multiple programs dedicated to prosecution of adult criminal violations. Deputy District Attorneys are assigned to felony and misdemeanor prosecution teams that prosecute cases through the Courts, from arraignment through adjudication and sentencing. Several vertical units consisting of an attorney, investigator and victim advocate are assigned to provide a coordinated focus on domestic violence, elder abuse and sexual assault cases. The Bureau of Investigation, the law enforcement division of the District Attorney's Office, is staffed with sworn peace officers and investigative assistants. Their principal mission is to provide investigative enhancement to cases filed such as locating and interviewing witnesses, evidence analysis and preparation of exhibits required for trials. They also conduct detailed investigations into matters such as consumer fraud, environmental crimes, elections violations, official misconduct and investigations into the abuse of judicial process such as perjury, witness intimidation, falsification of evidence and conspiracy to obstruct justice.

Juvenile Programs:

Juvenile prosecution is staffed by attorneys assigned to review cases referred by law enforcement agencies or Probation staff, filing petitions and appearing in the Juvenile Courts in Santa Barbara and Santa Maria to adjudicate the cases. Their focus includes prosecution and diversion of juvenile offenders who commit felony and misdemeanor criminal offenses.

Victim Witness Services:

The Victim Witness Assistance Program provides support to victims through the court process, refers victims for services needed to recover from crimes and assists victims of violent crimes to file claims for state reimbursement of losses experienced.

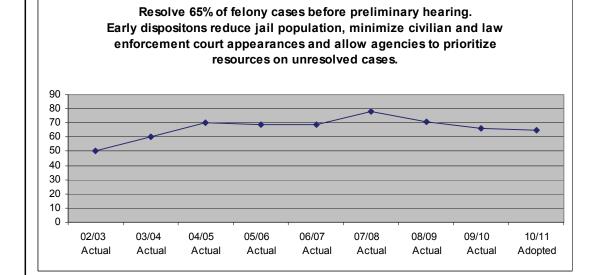
Civil Enforcement:

The Civil Enforcement program reviews complaints involving consumer fraud, environmental and zoning violations, filing civil complaints and obtaining penalties, injunctions or other legal remedies to resolve consumer or environmental complaints.

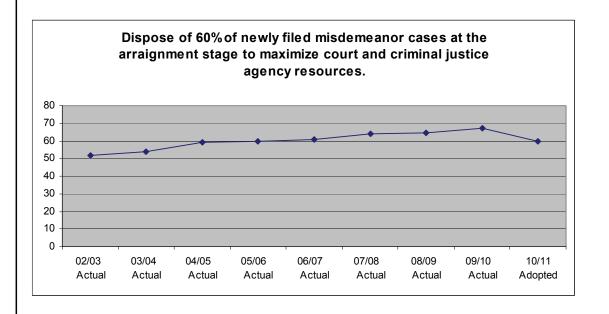
Welfare Fraud Investigations:

Welfare Fraud Investigations is a contract program with the Department of Social Services (DSS) that investigates fraudulent receipt of aid and secures cost recovery or criminal penalties where appropriate. The unit investigates suspected violations of statutory law or DSS regulations, taking appropriate action when fraud is identified to recover funds.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY KEY TREND ANALYSIS



The trend of resolving felony cases before preliminary hearing has had a cyclical result over the last eight years. These resolutions save time and money for all entities involved. The District Attorney's Office continues to maximize resources for the best outcomes in felony cases with fewer attorney staff.



The trend of misdemeanors disposed at the arraignment stage indicates better performance over time with a 22% increase from 2002-2003 to 2009-2010 due to a focus by the District Attorney's Office to maximize resources for all entities involved.

Jovce E. Dudlev **District Attorney** \$19.1M / \$11.9M FTE: 119.7 Divn 01 – Prosecution \$19.1M / \$11.9M FTE: 119.7 Sub Div 02 - Criminal Sub Div 04 - Civil Enforcement

Workers' Comp

Program 1010

\$300.1K / \$81.0K

FTE: 1.6

50 worker compensation

Sub Div 01 – Administration Descr: Management of legal. admin, and technology staff for the review and prosecution of criminal or civil violations of the law

> Administration Program 1008 \$1.7M / \$1.6M FTE: 9.9

To ensure an efficient and responsive government, the County will maintain rate of General Liability claims filed to no more than 90 - 100% of the previous year's actual claims filed.

As an efficient and responsive government, the County will maintain the rate of Workers' Compensation claims filed between 90 - 100% of the previous year's actual claims filed.

As an efficient and responsive government, the County will maintain a productive workforce through a departmental Lost Time Rate of 4.8% or less.

As an efficient and responsive government, the County will maintain a quality workforce through completing 100% of departmental Employee Performance Reviews (EPRs) by the Anniversary Due Date.

Process 100% of an estimated 1.200 vendor claims within 10 days of receipt to establish and maintain effective working relationships with vendors.

<u>Prosecution</u> Descr: Prosecution of adult felony and serious misdemeanor violations of the law

Prosecution Program 1001 \$13.8M / \$8.5M FTE: 82.7

Enhance public safety by Vertically prosecute 20% of making a minimum of 300 community presentations and cases investigated in North participate in community County. collaborative intervention meetings that elevate public awareness of District Attorney programs and services.

Maximize efficient use of Criminal Justice System (CJS) resources by resolving 65% of felony cases before filing Information in Superior

Early dispositions reduce jail population, minimize civilian & enforcement court appearances and allow CJS agencies to prioritize resources on unresolved

Obtain felony convictions in 80% of cases not resolved by the preliminary hearing stage making effective use of proceeding to judicial successfully prosecute cases.

Obtain restitution orders in 90% of the cases with a named defendant when a Victims of Crime claim has been filed

Complete 95% of criminal investigative assignments by the due date to ensure cases are well prepared in advance of court hearing dates.

Dispose of 60% of newly filed misdemeanor cases at the arraignment stage to maximize court and criminal justice agency resources.

Sub Div 03 – Juvenile Prog. Descr: Prosecution of juvenile felony and misdemeanor violations of the law.

> Juvenile Program 1002 \$699.6K / \$699.6K FTE: 4.4

Sustain level of juvenile Complete petitions filed countywide to investigations referrals to the less than 2,000 annually.

Consumer Program 1005 \$244.0K / \$234.0K FTE: 1.0

Descr: Review and seek legal

remedies to consumer fraud

and environmental violations.

90% Consumer & Environmental Units within 90 days as these areas involve important community interest and public protection issues. Timely handling is essential to accumulate evidence and protect the public.

Sub Div 05 - Victim Witness <u>Services</u> Descr: Assist victims through prosecution process and recovery services & SART.

State OES & federal funds.

Victim Witness

Assist victims to recover from the aftermath of crimes, by providing direct services or referrals to an estimated 3,100 victims of crime referred to District

Attorney's Office.

Program 1004

\$1.12M / \$816.3K

FTE: 12.4

Verify and file 98% of new Victims of Violent Crime for reimbursement of financial losses within 90 days of receiving application, expediting reimbursement to victims and providers.

V V C Claims

Program 1006

\$232.9K / (\$10.7K)

FTE: 2.3

Note on negative GFC: Revenue comes from State Board of Control and is passed through to this program and prosecution program.

Sub Div 06 - Welfare Fraud <u>Investigations</u> Descr: Review fraudulent receipt of public assistance &

food stamps, securing cost recovery of aid paid.

> Welfare Fraud Program 1007 \$822.8K / (\$80.2K) FTE: 5.4

Obtain a reduction, withdrawal, or denial of aid in 30% of cases investigated at application. Early detection prevents monetary losses, promotes system integrity and enhances resources for the truly needy.

Complete 95% of welfare fraud investigations within 12 months of referral. Timely handling ensures better cases, fresher information and earlier recovery of funds.

Note on negative GFC: Revenue is a pass through to Department of Social Services.

