



**Mike Ramos**  
District Attorney

**Mission Statement**

The San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office represents the interests of the people in the criminal justice system, as mandated by California State Law. The San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office serves the residents of San Bernardino County by: seeking the truth; protecting the innocent; holding the guilty accountable; preserving the dignity of victims and their families; and ensuring that justice is done while always maintaining the highest ethical standards.



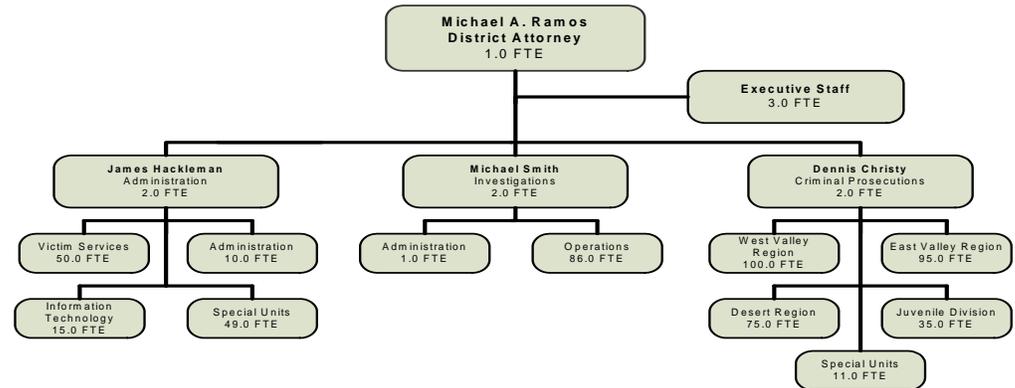
**GOALS**

PROMOTE PUBLIC SAFETY BY PUNISHING CRIMINAL CONDUCT

ASSIST VICTIMS AND FAMILIES TO OVERCOME THE EFFECTS OF CRIME AND HELP THEM TO SUPPORT SUCCESSFUL PROSECUTION

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**ORGANIZATIONAL CHART**



**DESCRIPTION OF MAJOR SERVICES**

The District Attorney is the public prosecutor and has the mandated responsibility to prosecute crimes committed within the county of San Bernardino, including all city jurisdictions, pursuant to Government Code 26500. Additionally the District Attorney's Office: provides legal assistance for criminal investigations conducted by law enforcement agencies throughout the county; is the legal advisor to the Grand Jury and is authorized to submit evidence and seek indictments from the body; initiates civil commitment petitions to keep Mentally Disordered Offenders and Sexually Violent Predators in locked facilities; employs civil proceedings in asset forfeiture matters to seek the proceeds of criminal activity; and utilize civil proceedings to seek sanctions and injunctive relief against businesses that pollute or create dangerous conditions for employees and citizens.

The District Attorney also has a duty to investigate crimes; District Attorney Investigators work to prepare cases for trial and initiate special criminal investigations. The office also administers several state grants and other state revenues that fund prosecutors and investigators who handle Real Estate Fraud, Auto Insurance Fraud, Workers' Compensation Fraud, and other special areas of prosecution. Additionally, the District Attorney has an ethical and legal responsibility to the victims of crime. The office seeks restitution for victims and provides emotional and financial support for victims and their families.

Finally, as the public prosecutor who handles all cases in the name of THE People, the District Attorney has a responsibility to keep the citizens of this county informed through regular interaction with the media and the public.

**2008-09 SUMMARY OF BUDGET UNITS**

	Appropriation	Revenue	Local Cost	Fund Balance	Staffing
<b>General Fund</b>					
Criminal Prosecution	66,671,268	40,292,888	26,378,380		537.0
Total General Fund	66,671,268	40,292,888	26,378,380		537.0
<b>Special Revenue Funds</b>					
Real Estate Fraud Prosecution	2,922,534	1,000,000		1,922,534	-
Auto Insurance Fraud Prosecution	783,767	789,000		(5,233)	-
Workers' Comp Insurance Fraud Prosecution	2,011,258	1,899,000		112,258	-
Specialized Prosecutions	2,649,401	855,000		1,794,401	-
State Asset Forfeitures	300,000	300,000		-	-
Federal Asset Forfeitures	142,019	66,000		76,019	-
Vehicle Fees - Auto Theft	894,346	833,500		60,846	-
Total Special Revenue Funds	9,703,325	5,742,500		3,960,825	-
<b>Total - All Funds</b>	<b>76,374,593</b>	<b>46,035,388</b>	<b>26,378,380</b>	<b>3,960,825</b>	<b>537.0</b>

**GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

**GOAL 1: PROMOTE PUBLIC SAFETY BY PUNISHING CRIMINAL CONDUCT.**

*Objective A: To continue to promptly, effectively, and ethically prosecute criminal offenses.*

MEASUREMENT	2006-07 Actual	2007-08 Actual	2008-09 Target	2008-09 Estimate	2009-10 Target
1A. Percentage of state prison sentences to felony defendants charged.	N/A	N/A	33%	33%	33%

Status

The department continues efforts to work towards timely disposition of cases. It is critical to the system of justice that it be administered in a timely fashion. San Bernardino County continues to have some of the highest caseloads per courtrooms in the state and while efforts to push cases forward continues, the delay in adding additional courtrooms to the county and the increase in cases filed continues to add to the average number of days between felony case filing and disposition.

Therefore the revised performance measure for this objective will focus on the goal of punishing criminal conduct by seeking appropriate sentencing. The department promotes public safety by seeking state prison sentences where appropriate, thereby, removing the most serious offenders from our communities. The department estimates that maintaining target measures across fiscal years demonstrates consistent performance and the department's commitment to punishing criminal conduct.



Members of the District Attorney's Special Response Team (SAR)



District Attorney IT staff working to maintain the flow of important data

**2007-08 ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- ❖ *Development of Truancy Abatement Collaborative*
- ❖ *Established Go Green policy for vehicle fleet replacements*
- ❖ *Formation of joint Cold Case Team with the Sheriff's Department*
- ❖ *Recovery of 33 children abducted in violation of custody rights*
- ❖ *Execution of 22 search warrants in 4 counties simultaneously for investigation into one of the largest medical provider workers compensation fraud cases in the state*
- ❖ *Preservation of the Victorville Juvenile Court in collaboration with the courts*
- ❖ *Intervened in Federal Prison Litigation to prevent release of state prisoners to our county*
- ❖ *Filed murder charges in the death of a Rialto Police Officer*
- ❖ *Filed felony charges against 1,127 gang members*
- ❖ *First in the country to file animal cruelty charges against slaughterhouse employees*

**GOAL 2: ASSIST VICTIMS AND THEIR FAMILIES TO OVERCOME THE EFFECTS OF CRIME AND HELP THEM SUPPORT SUCCESSFUL PROSECUTION.**

*Objective A: To minimize the impact of crime upon the lives of victims and assist them as they participate in the criminal justice system.*

MEASUREMENT	2006-07 Actual	2007-08 Actual	2008-09 Target	2008-09 Estimate	2009-10 Target
2A. Percentage increase of cases where victim services are provided.	41%	27%	40%	46%	5%

**Status**

The personal contact with a trained Victim Witness Advocate is the best reassurance we can provide for traumatized victims as they find their way through an often-confusing criminal justice system. Advocates provide emotional support and information regarding services and restitution to our victims. It is the objective of this office to provide that personal contact in as many cases as possible and to increase that level of contact in succeeding years in service to our victims of crime.

Over the last three fiscal years, performance in the Victim Services Division has been consistently high. From 2005-06 to 2006-07, the increase of victim services staff for the gang units, the addition of two positions in 2007-08 and new computer generated victim letters and implementation of new requirements for personal follow-up with victims of crime resulted in steady and significant percentage increases in victim services provided over those years .

The performance measure target for 2009-10 is significantly reduced to reflect a plateau in the delivery of services as no new staffing was added in 2008-09 or is proposed in 2009-10 but with a modest increase to work toward in 2009-10 despite a reduction in grant funds (2 positions) from the Office of Emergency Services (Elder Abuse \$21,000, Special Emphasis \$16,500, and Victim/Witness Assistance \$66,708 totaling \$104,208).



Victim Witness Advocates passing out vital information

**2009-10 REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL GENERAL FUND FINANCING**

Brief Description of Policy Item, CIP, or BPI reserve funds request	Budgeted Staffing	Appropriation	Dept. Revenue	Local Cost
1. Operating Expenses: Augmentation of services and supplies budget to meet increasing demands based on increasing caseloads. (Policy Item) One-time funds requested are to augment the department's CAL-WRAP, The CAL-WRAP program is a state reimbursable program that allows District Attorney (DA) offices to assure the safety of witnesses that provide credible evidence from danger and intimidation or retaliatory violence. The DA has a \$120,000 account that distributes funds to witnesses who qualify for assistance and submit claims to replenish the account. Reimbursement may take 2-3 months requiring the DA to loan money for this program. Additionally, costs have increased consecutively for the past two fiscal years in the amounts of \$65,000 and \$233,000.	-	\$100,000		\$100,000
2. Operating Expenses: Augmentation of services and supplies budget to meet increasing demands based on increasing caseloads. (Policy Item) Ongoing costs are requested to augment the department's vehicle fleet costs (\$50,000), professional services/expert witnesses (\$300,000), training/associated travel and rent (\$150,000). Funding for professional services is important to the department to cover the increasing cost of various professional services to include expert witnesses. The department also seeks additional funding to assist with costs that are associated with DA investigators who conduct numerous duties such as, transport suspects, witnesses at times across the state. Additionally, funding for the department's training and travel budget that will keep investigators up to date on various mandates, laws for prosecution of cases resulting in assistance for victims of crime. With the increase in office space additional funding is needed to ensure that staff will be able to prepare for cases, investigate cases and assist the victims of crime.	-	\$500,000		\$500,000

MEASUREMENT	2006-07 Actual	2007-08 Actual	2008-09 Target	2008-09 Estimate	2009-10 Target
P1. Percentage of Cal-Wrap expenses funded.					100%
P2. Percentage of vehicle fleet costs, professional services and training/travel funded.					100%

**2009-10 PROPOSED FEE ADJUSTMENTS**

The department is not requesting any proposed fee adjustments for 2009-10.

If there are questions about this business plan, please contact Claudia Swing, Chief of Administration at (909) 382-3669.