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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.



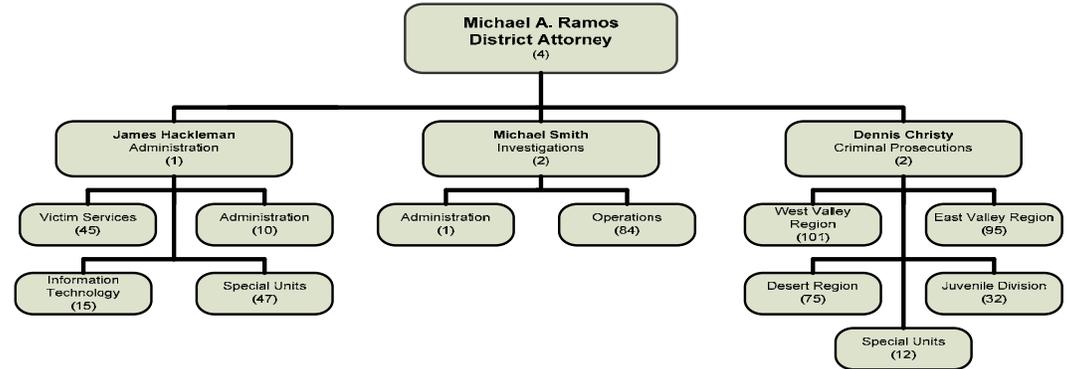
GOALS

PROMOTE PUBLIC SAFETY BY PUNISHING CRIMINAL CONDUCT

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

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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 utilizes 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.

2009-10 SUMMARY OF BUDGET UNITS

	Appropriation	Revenue	Local Cost	Fund Balance	Staffing
General Fund					
Criminal Prosecution	68,091,652	36,258,507	31,833,145		526
Special Revenue Funds					
Real Estate Fraud Prosecution	1,891,531	900,000		991,531	-
Auto Insurance Fraud Prosecution	785,000	785,000		-	-
Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud Prosecution	2,367,778	2,125,000		242,778	-
Specialized Prosecutions	2,173,508	855,000		1,318,508	-
Vehicle Fees - Auto Theft	854,800	807,000		47,800	-
State Asset Forfeitures	400,740	340,000		60,740	-
Federal Asset Forfeitures	151,815	62,000		89,815	-
Total Special Revenue Funds	8,625,172	5,874,000		2,751,172	-
Total - All Funds	76,716,824	42,132,507	31,833,145	2,751,172	526

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	2007-08 Actual	2008-09 Actual	2009-10 Target	2009-10 Estimate	2010-11 Target
1A. Percentage of state prison sentences to felony defendants charged.	N/A	41%	33%	33%	35%

Status

The District Attorney's Office continues to promote public safety by holding offenders accountable for their actions and seeking appropriate punishment for the offense. State prison sentences, where appropriate, bring justice to victims of crime and remove the most serious offenders from our communities. San Bernardino County's per capita prison commitment rate is the highest in the state.

The above performance measurement reflects the department's strong commitment of seeking appropriate sentencing and punishing criminal conduct. For 2009-10, the department estimates that it will reach its 33% target of state prison sentences to felony defendants charged. Although state revenue cutbacks, continued reductions in Proposition 172 sales tax receipts, and a proposed decrease to the department's local cost target are expected to reduce future staffing levels, the department desires to set an increase of 2% in 2010-11 as a target goal.



Investigators from the Public Integrity Unit



Deputy District Attorneys at County Courthouse

GOAL 2: ASSIST VICTIMS AND THEIR FAMILIES TO OVERCOME THE EFFECTS OF CRIME AND HELP THEM IN SUPPORT OF A 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	2007-08 Actual	2008-09 Actual	2009-10 Target	2009-10 Estimate	2010-11 Target
2A. Percentage increase of cases where victim services are provided.	27%	(5%)	5%	25%	5%

2008-09 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ❖ Reviewed 92,184 cases submitted by law enforcement
- ❖ Development of CASE – San Bernardino County Coalition Against Sexual Exploitation against children
- ❖ Filed gang injunctions against Southside Rialto and Colton City Crips
- ❖ Conducted 5th Annual Camp Good Grief
- ❖ Established Special Victims Program Teen Retreat for Teen Victims of Violent Crimes
- ❖ Review of 100 cold cases, filed on 17 and 40 being investigated
- ❖ Asset forfeiture unit filed on over \$6.3 million seized from drug traffickers and other criminals
- ❖ Specialized prosecutions secured over \$500,000 in fines/penalties for environmental worker safety and consumer protection laws
- ❖ Prepared conspiracy case against 72 East Side Victoria criminal street gang members from Victorville for presentation to the Grand Jury
- ❖ Sent 7,663 defendants to state prison

Status

The personal contact with a trained Victim Advocate is the best reassurance the department 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 crime victims. It is the objective of the District Attorney's 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 the victims of crime.

During 2007-08, the addition of two positions, new computer generated victim letters, and the implementation of new requirements for personal follow-up with victims of crime all resulted in a significant increase in victim services for that year. The decrease of 5% in services provided during 2008-09 was the result of a loss of five positions (two Victim Advocates, two Victim Services Clerks and one Victim Claims Technician) due to budgetary constraints. In 2009-10, the Victim Services Division has worked hard to fully implement the recent passage of Marsy's law (Crime Victims' Bill of Rights). Consequently, many more victims are being provided with victim service information than ever before, and it is expected that more victims will continue to contact the department for assistance.

The performance measure for 2010-11 demonstrates the department's expectation that the number of victims seeking assistance will continue to increase and the victim services staff will continue to provide services to as many victims as possible. These services include the continuance of Camp Good Grief. This program is a joint effort between the Department's Victim Services Division and Loma Linda University Children's Hospital. The 3-day grief camp is geared toward children ages 10-16 who have experienced a violent death in their family as a result of a crime. The camp is designed to help these children learn and understand how to cope with the grief over the violent death of their loved one.



Participants of the annual Camp Good Grief program at Camp Cedar Falls in the San Bernardino Mountains

2010-11 REQUESTS FOR GENERAL FUND FINANCING

Brief Description of Policy Item or CIP request	Budgeted Staffing	Appropriation	Dept. Revenue	Local Cost
1. Restore general prosecution staffing: 14 Deputy District Attorneys, 3 District Attorney Investigators, and 8 Office Assistant III positions. (Policy Item) Restoration of the following 25 positions that are currently anticipated to be defunded in 2010-11 based on continuing reductions in Prop. 172 revenues and a proposed decrease to the department's local cost target: Central Office - 4 Deputy District Attorneys, 1 Investigator, 3 Office Assistants Rancho Cucamonga Office – 3 Deputy District Attorneys, 1 Investigator, 2 Office Assistants Victorville Office – 2 Deputy District Attorneys, 1 Investigator, 1 Office Assistant Fontana Office – 2 Deputy District Attorneys, 1 Office Assistant Barstow Office – 1 Deputy District Attorney, 1 Office Assistant Morongo Office – 1 Deputy District Attorney Chino Office – 1 Deputy District Attorney	25	3,132,222	-	3,132,222
2. Restore staffing for state-mandated programs. (Policy Item) Restoration of 4 Deputy District Attorneys, 1 Investigative Technician II and 1 Secretary I for various programs mandated by the State of California. These positions are currently anticipated to be defunded in 2010-11 resulting from the state's continued suspension of SB 90 reimbursements.	6	803,000	-	803,000
3. Renovation and refurbishment of the jury assembly room at the Fontana Courthouse. (CIP) Renovating and refurbishing the Fontana Court jury assembly room will provide enough space to allow the Department to transfer a staff of eight, who are currently housed in a temporary modular unit located in the facility's parking lot, into the main courthouse building.		325,000	-	325,000

MEASUREMENT	2007-08 Actual	2008-09 Actual	2009-10 Target	2009-10 Estimate	2010-11 Target
P1. Number of additional cases filed if positions are restored.					5,460
P2. Number of additional cases filed if positions are restored.					1,560
P3. Percentage completion of renovation/refurbishment of Fontana jury assembly room.					100%

2010-11 PROPOSED FEE/RATE ADJUSTMENTS

The department is not requesting any proposed fee/rate adjustments for 2010-11.

If there are questions about this business plan, please contact Jim Hackleman, Assistant District Attorney, at (909) 382-3662.