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Mission Statement

The Law and Justice Group Executive Committee enhances the quality of life, provides for the safety of all citizens, and promotes the principles of justice within San Bernardino County by coordinating resources and services, including justice facilities and information management.

GOALS

REDUCE THE LENGTH OF TIME REQUIRED TO MOVE CASES THROUGH THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

PARTICIPATE WITH LAW AND JUSTICE AGENCIES TO FACILITATE ADDITIONAL GRANT FUNDING

LAW AND JUSTICE GROUP ADMINISTRATION

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

The Law and Justice Group consists of the following departments: Sheriff-Coroner, District Attorney, Public Defender, Probation and Superior Court. An Administrative Analyst is assigned to the group to assist those departments.

DESCRIPTION OF MAJOR SERVICES

The Law and Justice Group Executive Committee relies upon the collaboration of its member agencies: Sheriff-Coroner, District Attorney, Public Defender, Probation and Superior Court. These agencies focus resources toward the common goal of providing a fair, just and efficient judicial process. The Executive Committee was formed in 1984, in recognition that the departments are integral components of the county criminal justice system. The Law and Justice Group fosters communication between the departments and together they develop solutions to operational problems of mutual interest.

2009-10 SUMMARY OF BUDGET UNITS

	Appropriation	Revenue	Local Cost	Fund Balance	Staffing
General Fund					
Law and Justice Group Admin	235,029	78,503	156,526		1
Total General Fund	235,029	78,503	156,526		1
Special Revenue Funds					
2006 COPS Technology Grant	254,240	254,240		-	-
2006 Justice Assistance Grant	15,733	-		15,733	-
2007 Justice Assistance Grant	88,418	200		88,218	-
2008 Justice Assistance Grant	7,206	-		7,206	-
Southwest Border Prosecution Initiative	7,957,884	630,000		7,327,884	-
Total Special Revenue Funds	8,323,481	884,440		7,439,041	-
Total - All Funds	8,558,510	962,943	156,526	7,439,041	1



Sheriff's Department personnel apprehend suspected criminal

GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES

GOAL 1: REDUCE THE LENGTH OF TIME REQUIRED TO MOVE CASES THROUGH THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM.

Objective A: Increase the number of criminal cases that are electronically filed.

MEASUREMENT	2007-08 Actual	2008-09 Actual	2009-10 Target	2009-10 Estimate	2010-11 Target
1A. Percentage of cases filed electronically.	6%	25%	15%	50%	60%

Status

The Law and Justice Group's e-Filing custom software program involves the electronic transmittal of court data between the Superior Court and District Attorney case management systems. During 2008-09, this project was expanded beyond the initial pilot phase to include the filing of felony and misdemeanor cases countywide. This has resulted in the estimated percentage of cases filed electronically for 2009-10 now being significantly greater than the original target amount.

To further the development of the integrated electronic criminal case filing system, the Sheriff's Department, District Attorney and Superior Court began a collaborative imaging project known as Storage Technology Optical Records Management (STORM). The STORM project is designed to improve business practices and electronic information sharing between the agencies and external law enforcement agencies. The county's Information Services Department is the project manager for development of STORM. The project is divided into two phases: Phase I is the transmittal of data and images between the Sheriff and District Attorney and Phase II is expansion of the exchange of information to the other law and justice participating agencies. The development of Phase I has been completed, with the pilot phase scheduled to begin in January 2010. Design and development of Phase II is also scheduled to begin in January 2010.

GOAL 2: PARTICIPATE WITH LAW AND JUSTICE AGENCIES TO FACILITATE ADDITIONAL GRANT FUNDING.

Objective A: Identify new grant opportunities.

MEASUREMENT	2007-08 Actual	2008-09 Actual	2009-10 Target	2009-10 Estimate	2010-11 Target
2A. Percentage of Administrative Analyst time utilized for grant funding purposes.	N/A	N/A	New	75%	75%

Status

In 2008-09, the Board of Supervisors (Board) accepted the 2008 Justice Assistance Grant (\$121,509), the 2008 Correction Standards Authority Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (\$73,669), and the 2008 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant (\$25,750) resulting in new revenue of \$220,928. For 2009-10, the Board has accepted the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Justice Assistance Grant (\$4,677,019), the 2009 Justice Assistance Grant (\$1,103,496), the 2009 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant (\$35,755), and the 2009 Corrections Standards Authority Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (\$93,962) resulting in new revenue of \$5,910,232 with six (6) months remaining in the fiscal year. The department will continue its efforts to find new grant opportunities at both the federal and state level to augment funding for the various law and justice agencies.

If there are questions about this business plan, please contact Michelle Scray, Chairperson, at (909) 387-5684.

2008-09 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ❖ Provided funding for the purchase of equipment for the law and justice agencies
- ❖ Provided funding for expansion of office space for the Sheriff's Department at the County facility in Joshua Tree
- ❖ Secured 2008 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funding on behalf of the County and the City of San Bernardino for criminal justice programs
- ❖ Secured funding for Juvenile Traffic Court Hearing Officer and Legal Processing Assistant through the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant program
- ❖ Submitted grant application on behalf of the County and its 24 cities under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for the 2009 Edward Byrne Memorial JAG program