

# OFFICE OF THE STATE'S ATTORNEY - 07

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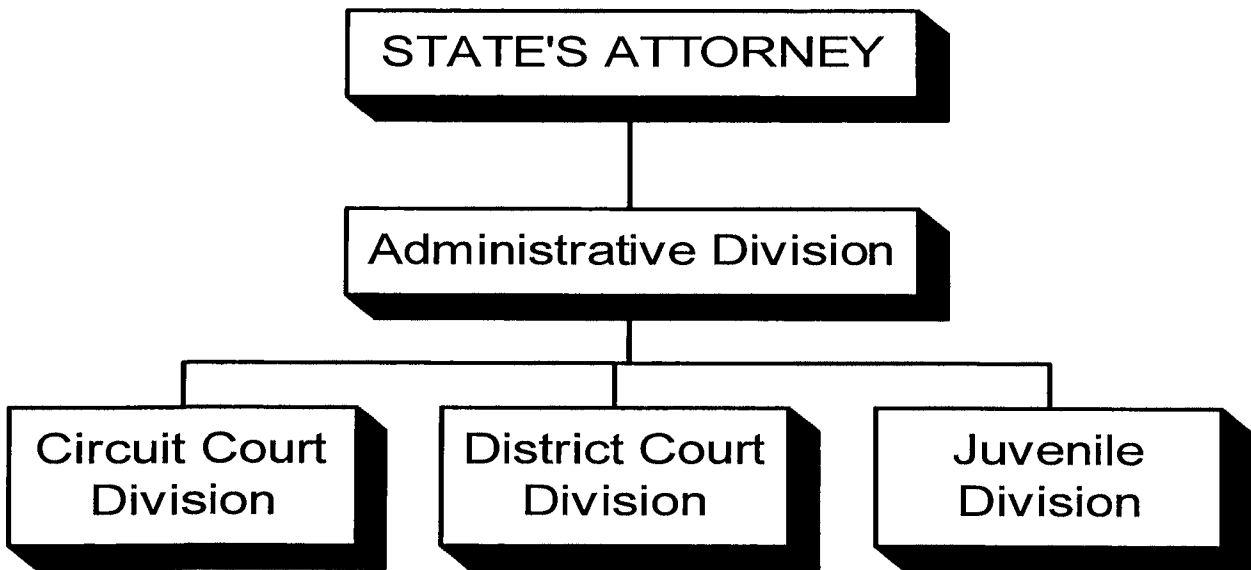
## ***MISSION***

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The mission of the State's Attorney's Office is to ensure the fair administration of justice through expeditious prosecution of criminal offenders, to provide needed services to victims of crime and to work in partnership with the community, local and federal agencies to prevent and reduce crime in Prince George's County.

## ***ORGANIZATION CHART***

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## ***CORE RESPONSIBILITY***

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- Conduct criminal investigations and prosecutions of all persons charged with violating the State, County, and Local criminal and motor vehicle laws as well as ordinances within Prince George's County.
- Assist victims and witnesses as they participate in the criminal justice system by explaining legal language and procedures, providing a secure witness reception area, supporting victims during the trial, and making referrals to appropriate human service agencies.
- Promote intervention, prevention, educational and re-entry programs that can help reduce crime.
- Provide legal advice and training to law enforcement agencies.
- Handle limited civil matters, such as forfeitures of motor vehicles in drug cases and *habeas corpus* proceedings.

## ***FY 2005 KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS***

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- Established an Auto Theft Team to handle the increasing number of auto theft cases. This team tracks data such as the location of auto crimes, the make and year of the car and where the car is ultimately recovered. An Assistant State's Attorney has been dedicated solely to auto theft prosecutions.

- Expanded vertical prosecutions to include the Felony Trial Unit. This process requires that attorneys review cases and make early assessments regarding the merits and disposition of the cases. This approach allows early contact between the victim/witnesses and the attorney.
- Established a coordinated response to gun prosecutions by bringing all cases involving possession of loaded handguns to the Circuit Court. Hired a seasoned prosecutor and investigator to screen gun possession crimes and focused resources on those areas in the County that are most affected by gun violence.
- Entered, renewed and strengthened partnerships with other local government agencies, Washington area law enforcement agencies and civic leaders to combat problem areas in the County and along the County's shared borders with the District of Columbia.

### ***FY 2006 FISCAL & STAFFING OVERVIEW***

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The FY 2006 approved budget of \$11.9 million represents an increase of 4.4% over the FY 2005 approved budget. Major changes in FY 2006 include:

- Cost of living adjustments and merit increases.
- Three additional Assistant State's Attorneys to be assigned to the Violent Crimes, Homicide and Sexual Assault Units.
- One Law Clerk position to be assigned to the Auto Theft Unit.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

**Screening Unit**

**GOAL** – Evaluate and determine if a case should be (a) diverted to mediation or community service, (b) scheduled for trial, or (c) nolle prossed.

**OBJECTIVE**

- ✓ Screen 100% of the civilian generated cases (excluding domestic violence).

**MEASURES**

INDICATORS	FY 2002 Actual	FY 2003 Actual	FY 2004 Actual	FY 2005 Estimated	FY 2006 Projected
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**Input Measures**

Total Civilian Generated			3,337	3,837	4,337
Complaints					
Total Cases Failed to Appear			998	1,113	1,228

**Output Measures**

Total Screening Interviews Conducted			2,339	2,724	3,109
Total Screened Cases <i>nolle prossed</i>			635	738	841
Total Screened Cases Entered in Diversion Program			783	912	1,041
Forwarded to Trial			921	1,074	1,227

**Outcome Measures**

*Performance Measures have not yet been developed for this category.*

**Efficiency Measures**

*Performance Measures have not yet been developed for this category.*

**Quality Measures**

*Performance Measures have not yet been developed for this category.*

## Domestic Violence Unit

**GOAL** – Increase the number of victims contacted during the initial crises, encourage prosecution, and discourage intimidation tactics used by abusers.

### OBJECTIVES

- ✓ The Domestic Violence Unit will maintain or exceed a 90% initial contact rate for citizen-generated complaints/victims of domestic violence.
- ✓ The Domestic Violence Unit will strive to provide follow-up to domestic violence victims within 72 hours of a complaint.

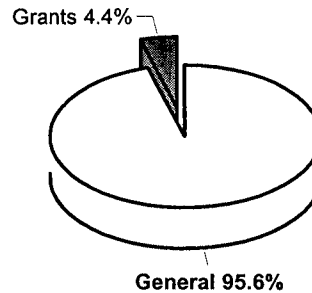
### MEASURES

INDICATORS	FY 2002 Actual	FY 2003 Actual	FY 2004 Actual	FY 2005 Estimated	FY 2006 Projected
<b>Input Measures</b>					
Charging Documents Logged			2,282	2,500	2,500
Interviews Scheduled			715	900	1,000
<b>Output Measures</b>					
Contact Letters Mailed			1,160	2,225	2,500
Telephone Inquires & Assistance			1,218	1,325	1,400
<b>Outcome Measures</b>					
<i>Performance Measures have not yet been developed for this category.</i>					
<b>Efficiency Measures</b>					
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<b>Quality Measures</b>					
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	FY2004 ACTUAL	FY2005 BUDGET	FY2005 ESTIMATED	FY2006 APPROVED	CHANGE FY05-FY06
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	\$ 11,214,114	\$ 12,077,900	\$ 11,933,400	\$ 12,437,300	3%
<b>EXPENDITURE DETAIL</b>					
Office Of The State's Attorney	10,770,700	11,465,900	11,465,900	11,971,200	4.4%
Grants	518,414	687,000	542,500	541,100	-21.2%
Recoveries	(75,000)	(75,000)	(75,000)	(75,000)	0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 11,214,114	\$ 12,077,900	\$ 11,933,400	\$ 12,437,300	3%
<b>SOURCES OF FUNDS</b>					
General Fund	\$ 10,695,700	\$ 11,390,900	\$ 11,390,900	\$ 11,896,200	4.4%
<b>Other County Operating Funds:</b>					
Grants	518,414	687,000	542,500	541,100	-21.2%
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 11,214,114	\$ 12,077,900	\$ 11,933,400	\$ 12,437,300	3%

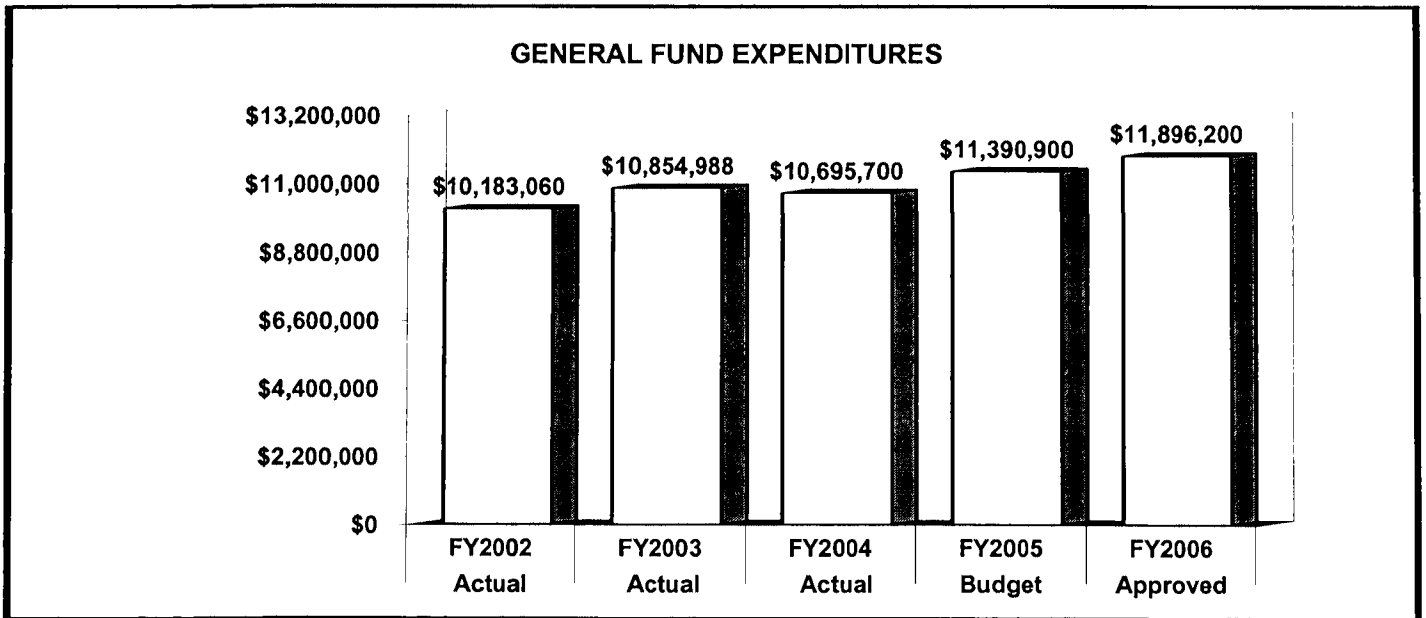
**FY2006 SOURCES OF FUNDS**

FY 2006 grant funding for the States Attorney's Office equals 4.4% of the overall budget. Major sources of grant funding consist of the Vehicular Theft Program and the Project Safe Neighborhoods Task Force.

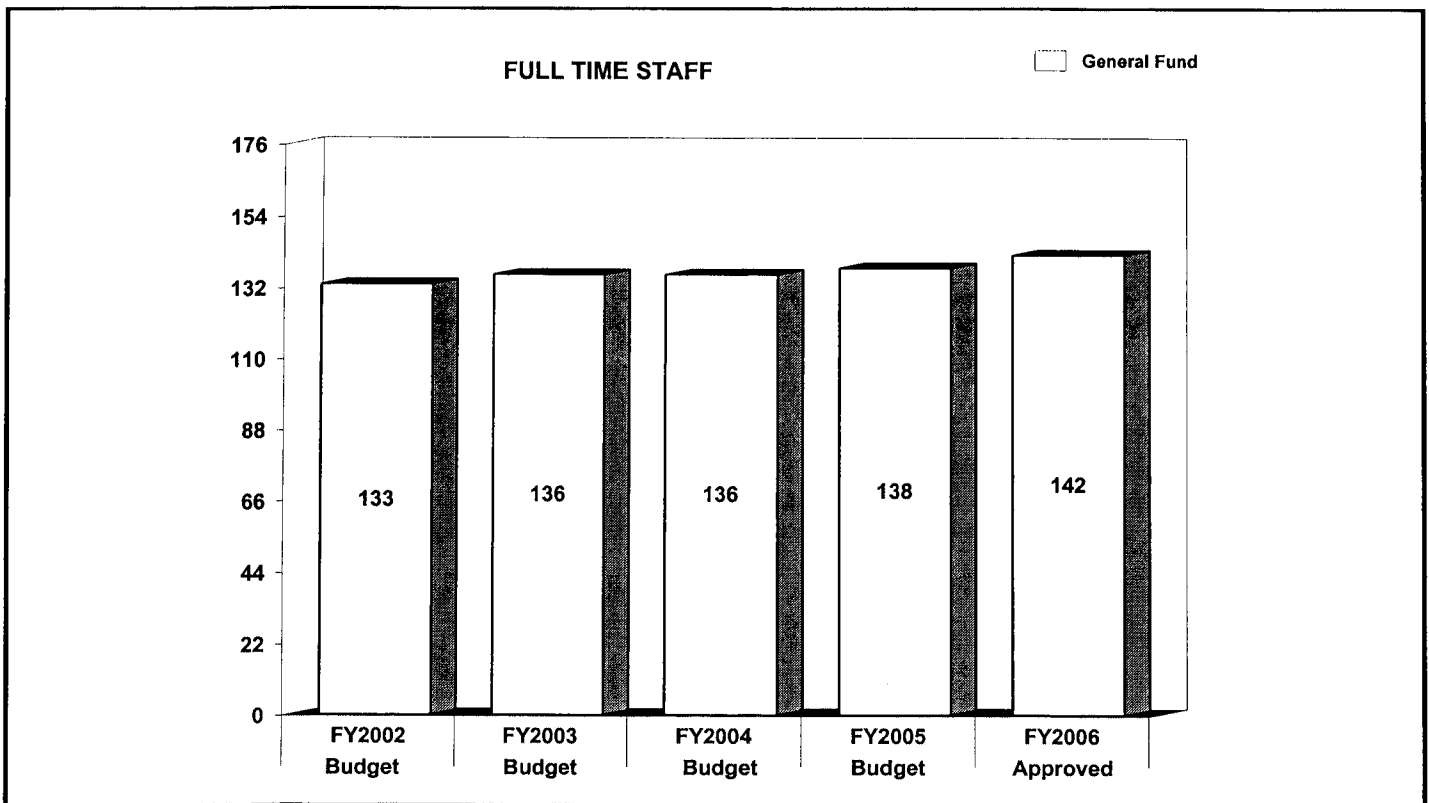


	FY2004 BUDGET	FY2005 BUDGET	FY2006 APPROVED	CHANGE FY05-FY06
<b>GENERAL FUND STAFF</b>				
Full Time - Civilian	136	138	142	4
Full Time - Sworn	0	0	0	0
Part Time	2	2	2	0
Limited Term	0	0	0	0
<b>OTHER STAFF</b>				
Full Time - Civilian	0	0	0	0
Full Time - Sworn	0	0	0	0
Part Time	0	0	0	0
Limited Term Grant Funded	12	12	12	0
<b>TOTAL</b>				
Full Time - Civilian	136	138	142	4
Full Time - Sworn	0	0	0	0
Part Time	2	2	2	0
Limited Term	12	12	12	0

POSITIONS BY CATEGORY	FULL TIME	PART TIME	LIMITED TERM
State's Attorney	1	0	0
Deputy State's Attorneys	2	0	0
Attorneys	70	0	5
Law Clerks and Investigators	27	2	7
Professional Support	4	0	0
Administrative Support	38	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12</b>



The FY 2006 General Fund budget will increase by \$505,300, a 4% increase over the FY 2005 budget.



Approved staffing will increase by 4 positions over the FY 2005 budget. Funding is provided for three (3) Assistant State's Attorney's and one (1) Law Clerk.

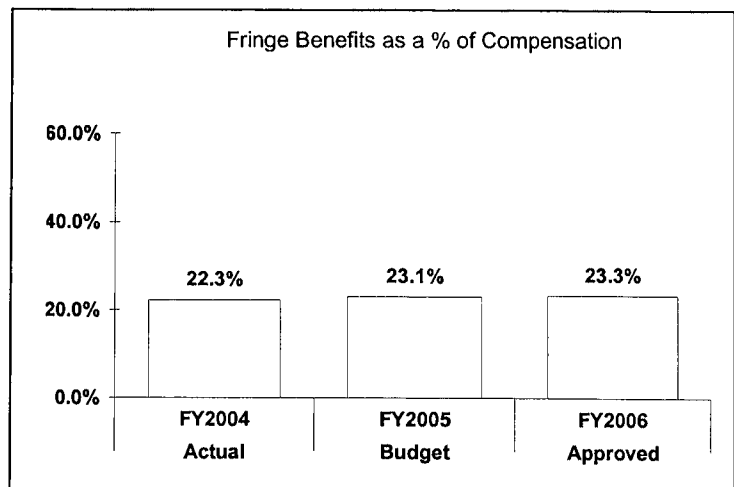
	FY2004 ACTUAL	FY2005 BUDGET	FY2005 ESTIMATED	FY2006 APPROVED	CHANGE FY05-FY06
<b>EXPENDITURE SUMMARY</b>					
Compensation	\$ 7,733,500	\$ 8,173,800	\$ 8,173,800	\$ 8,509,000	4.1%
Fringe Benefits	1,721,500	1,884,200	1,884,200	1,983,900	5.3%
Operating Expenses	1,315,700	1,407,900	1,407,900	1,478,300	5%
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	0%
	<b>\$ 10,770,700</b>	<b>\$ 11,465,900</b>	<b>\$ 11,465,900</b>	<b>\$ 11,971,200</b>	<b>4.4%</b>
Recoveries	(75,000)	(75,000)	(75,000)	(75,000)	0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 10,695,700</b>	<b>\$ 11,390,900</b>	<b>\$ 11,390,900</b>	<b>\$ 11,896,200</b>	<b>4.4%</b>

<b>STAFF</b>					
Full Time - Civilian	-	138	-	142	2.9%
Full Time - Sworn	-	0	-	0	0%
Part Time	-	2	-	2	0%
Limited Term	-	0	-	0	0%

Operating costs increased by 5% over the FY 2005 budget. The increase includes additional funding to allow more expert witnesses to testify in cases and to allow more court cases to be appealed.

The miscellaneous expense of \$78,000, shown below, represent court reporter fees.

MAJOR OPERATING EXPENDITURES FY2006	
Office Automation	\$ 811,300
Telephones	\$ 150,500
Operating and Office Supplies	\$ 91,000
General and Administrative Contracts	\$ 90,000
Miscellaneous	\$ 78,000



	FY2004 ACTUAL	FY2005 BUDGET	FY2005 ESTIMATE	FY2006 APPROVED	CHANGE FY2005-FY2006
<b>EXPENDITURE SUMMARY</b>					
Compensation	\$ 321,060	\$ 536,700	\$ 460,800	\$ 436,470	-18.7%
Fringe Benefits	47,526	105,400	57,500	61,430	-41.7%
Operating Expenses	149,928	44,900	38,300	43,200	-3.8%
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	0.0%
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 518,514</b>	<b>\$ 687,000</b>	<b>\$ 556,600</b>	<b>\$ 541,100</b>	<b>-21.2%</b>
<b>TOTAL AGENCY GRANTS</b>	<b>\$ 518,514</b>	<b>\$ 687,000</b>	<b>\$ 556,600</b>	<b>\$ 541,100</b>	<b>-21.2%</b>

Anticipated Grant funding of FY 2006 is \$541,100. Major grant initiatives include the Vehicular Theft Program which was established in an attempt to track the number of auto theft cases in the County from the arrest through prosecution. It also provides for community outreach and educational services, thereby reducing the number of auto thefts in the County.

The Stop the Violence Program allows the States Attorney's Office to increase services for victims of domestic violence by initiating outreach and support programs to victims, providing counseling services and assisting victims during each phase of the legal process.

The Maryland Mediation and Conflict Resolution grant provides funding to have disputes heard before the Community Mediation Board. Cases are tracked and analyzed based on decisions reached during mediation.

The FY 2005 budget estimates reflect only the agency's portion of countywide grants.

POSITION SUMMARY BY GRANT PROGRAM	FY2005			FY2006		
	FT	PT	LTGF	FT	PT	LTGF
<b>DIVISION</b>						
Administrative	0	0	12	0	0	12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>

The States Attorney's Office grant staffing will remain at 12 LTGF employees.

	FY2004 Actual	FY 2005 Budget	FY 2005 Estimate	FY 2006 Approved	FY 2006 Budget \$ Change	FY 2006 % Change
<b>Administrative Division</b>						
Vehicular Theft Program	140,300	124,100	131,100	150,000	25,900	20.9%
Stop the Violence Against Women	84,800	97,500	88,300	88,300	(9,200)	-9.4%
Victims of Crime Assistance-VOCA Program	39,700	39,700	39,700	40,000	300	0.8%
Prince George's County Teen Court (C-Safe)	18,000	189,500	31,000	31,000	(138,500)	-81.7%
Stop the Violence/Intern Training	15,100	15,100	20,000	20,000	4,900	32.5%
Maryland Mediation & Conflict Resolution	43,000	58,400	44,900	44,900	(11,500)	-20.4%
Project Safe Neighborhoods Task Force	135,114	135,100	135,100	101,100	(34,000)	-25.2%
Firearms Reduction Program	44,800	49,800	-	-	(49,800)	-100.0%
BYRN-Community Prosecution Outreach	-	-	42,400	42,400	42,400	N/A
Project Safe Neighborhoods-PR Grant	-	-	10,000	9,300	9,300	N/A
Sub total	518,414	687,000	542,500	527,000	(180,000)	-23.3%
County Contribution	-	-	14,100	14,100	14,100	N/A
Total Grant Expenditures	518,414	687,000	556,600	541,100	(145,900)	-21.2%

### VEHICULAR THEFT PROGRAM (\$150,000)

This program provides funding to track auto theft cases from arrest through prosecution and community outreach services thereby reducing the auto theft rate in Prince George's County.

### STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN PROGRAM (\$88,300)

Funding is provided through the Federal Violence Against Women Act, which enables the Office of the State's Attorney to enhance services for victims of domestic violence.

### VICTIMS OF CRIME ASSISTANCE-VOCA PROGRAM (\$40,000)

This grant supports a Spanish-speaking advocate who will provide victim assistance services.

### PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY TEEN COURT (C-SAFE) (\$31,000)

This program presents communities with the opportunity to teach young teens valuable life and coping skills. It will also implement a diversionary program for nonviolent first time juvenile offenders.

### STOP THE VIOLENCE/INTERN TRAINING (\$20,000)

This grant allows the Office of the State's Attorney to build relationships with victims of domestic violence through the creation of a volunteer/intern program that will make initial contact with victims and be a resource to guide victims through the criminal justice system.

### MARYLAND MEDIATION AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION (\$44,900)

This grant provides funding to conduct intake mediation conferences, coordination and scheduling of mediations with the Community Mediation Board, case tracking, outcome analysis, and the development of a brochure that communicates the partnership and separate functions of the State's Attorney's Office, the Court System and the Community Mediation Board.

### PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS TASK FORCE (\$101,100)

Working jointly with the Police and Sheriff Departments funding is provided to reduce and prosecute gun violence within the County.

**BYRNE – COMMUNITY PROSECUTION OUTREACH GRANT (\$42,400)**

This grant is provided by the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention to heighten the focus on gun enforcement and prosecution throughout the state.

**PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD – PR GRANT (\$9,300)**

This grant supports the Safe Neighborhoods application by funding the outreach and publicity campaign efforts.