OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY Orange County, California



BUSINESS PLAN

Performance Measures 2011 Update

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Duty of the District Attorney

The District Attorney represents the People of the State of California in the justice system. Performing this duty requires initiating criminal prosecutions and representing the People in some civil cases.

Mandated Responsibilities

District Attorney Prosecution Mandate

Government Code Section 26500 mandates that the District Attorney initiate and conduct, on behalf of the people, prosecutions of public offenses.

Local Government Funding Mandate

The protection of the public safety is the first responsibility of local government and local officials have an obligation to give priority to the provision of adequate public safety services. (California Constitution, Article 13, Section 35(a))

2010 KEY PERFORMANCE MEASURE & REPORTING

Felony Conviction Rate is the Office's Key Performance Measure.

A key measure of success is maintaining a felony conviction rate of 90%. This measurable goal is telling in that it indicates the filing decisions, trial preparedness, and trial performance.

What is the Measurement?

The conviction rate measures the percentage of filed adult felony cases resulting in conviction.

Why Measurement is Important:

This measure directly reflects on the Office's ability to effectively represent the People of the State of California. Furthermore, this measure is of paramount importance to the community since convicting criminals brings justice to the victim and the community at large. Finally, convictions remove dangerous criminals from the community, require restitution be paid to the victim, and where applicable require environmental remediation.

How are we doing?

The Office has continued to maintain an excellent felony conviction rate. The felony conviction rate for 2010 exceeded 90%.