

19 District Attorney-At a Glance

Mission Authority: TCA § 8-7-101. To investigate and prosecute all criminal offenses that occur within Davidson County where there is sufficient evidence to warrant conviction. All prosecutions are designed to punish offenders, incapacitate violent and repeat criminals, and generally to deter future criminal activity. Additionally, the office is committed to treating victims and witnesses with dignity.

Budget Summary

	<u>2013-14</u>	<u>2014-15</u>	<u>2015-16</u>
Expenditures and Transfers:			
GSD General Fund	\$ 5,530,500	\$ 5,830,300	\$ 6,022,200
Special Purpose Funds	2,163,000	2,162,700	2,243,000
Total Expenditures and Transfers	<u>\$ 7,693,500</u>	<u>\$ 7,993,000</u>	<u>\$ 8,265,200</u>
Revenues and Transfers:			
Program Revenue			
Charges, Commissions, and Fees	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 300
Other Governments and Agencies	198,400	198,400	198,400
Other Program Revenue	340,000	365,000	365,000
Total Program Revenue	<u>\$ 538,600</u>	<u>\$ 563,600</u>	<u>\$ 563,700</u>
Non-program Revenue	1,965,000	1,964,700	2,045,000
Transfers From Other Funds and Units	39,600	39,600	39,600
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 2,543,200</u>	<u>\$ 2,567,900</u>	<u>\$ 2,648,300</u>
Expenditures Per Capita	<u>\$ 11.87</u>	<u>\$ 12.14</u>	<u>\$ 12.37</u>

Positions	Total Budgeted Positions	92	96	96
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Accomplishments

- In January 2013, a renewed project to target domestic abuse and violence was implemented with the assignment of two (2) dedicated Assistant District Attorney's (ADA) as part of the Mayor's strategy to reduce violent domestic crime. In July 2014, a net addition of one (1) victim advocate was added. During September 2014, the Domestic Violence (DV) Team was increased from four (4) to eight (8) ADA's by reassignment and with the assistance of the Mayor two (2) prosecution support staff members were added in November 2014. Under a Memorandum of Understanding with the Mayor's office, the DA has agreed to support DV victims in cooperation with the new Jean Crow Center, and in addition to institute expedited prosecution with Grand Jury (GJ) processing within thirty (30) days of GJ bind over and trial scheduled within one hundred and twenty (120) days in a dedicated DV court setting. In February 2015 thanks to the support of Sheriff Hall, a new ADA/Private attorney negotiation office to support the Justice A. A. Birch Building 4B DV docket was opened.
- During the 2014 leadership transition, continued to operate efficiently six (6) Criminal Courts, multiple General Sessions Courts with newly implemented court docket schedules and Juvenile Court. In addition, making the necessary adjustments to the office to meet a renewed focus on domestic violence, violent personal crimes, and crimes against children along with adding additional minority staff members to increase the diversity of the full staff while dealing with increased Metro Nashville Police Department (MNP) arrests. The office has also undertaken major case management activities over the past eighteen (18) months ending with the Vanderbilt Rape Trial that resulted in a successful prosecution in January 2015.
- Managed reduced funding from both the State of Tennessee and Metropolitan Government that has resulted in the loss of ten (10) staff members above and beyond the requested staffing cuts to meet required budget targets.
- Agreement with the administration to ensure pay parity for ADA's regardless of whether they are paid by the State of Tennessee or Metropolitan Government of Nashville.
- Continued to operate a successful traffic unit with four (4) of the seven (7) positions receiving 100% Federal Funding through the Governor's Highway Safety Office (GHSO).

Goals

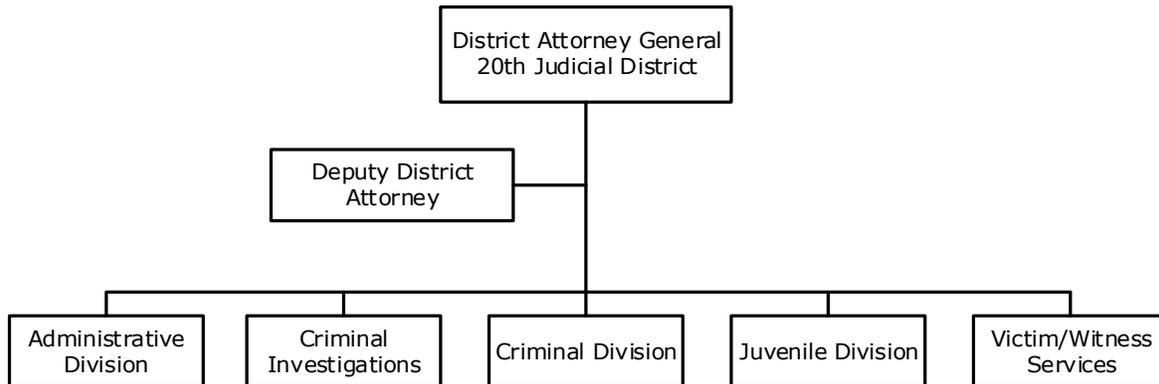
- To continue to provide quality prosecution services to the citizens of Davidson County in the face of ever increasing case loads and serious financial constraints from both the State of Tennessee and Metropolitan Government of Nashville.
- To provide full staff support to the Mayor's strategy to reduce violent domestic crime and to maintain a level of case processing that will assist with the cities management of the jail populations at a time when the Metropolitan Police Department is making more arrests.
- To retain a diversified, experienced, professional team of Assistant District Attorneys and staff and to pay them commensurate with their experience and in line with salaries paid to other attorneys and staff in public practice. This is necessary for this office to continue to hire and retain qualified, specialized attorneys and staff members.

Strategic Issues

- The hiring and retention of professional, qualified, experienced prosecutors and staff to work in the Juvenile, General Sessions and Criminal Courts of Davidson County. These attorneys and staff are critical to the quality of justice and with diversity can provide representation to all the citizens of Davidson County.

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Organizational Structure



Programs

20th Judicial Drug Task Force

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Administration - Criminal Division

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Non-allocated Financial Transactions

Family Violence

Family Violence

Fraud and Economic Crime

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Budget Changes and Impact Highlights

Recommendation			Impact
Washington Square Rent			
Rental Increase	GSD	\$46,400	To provide funding for the increase in cost based on lease agreement
DA Special Operations Fund			
Increase in Funding	SPF**	75,000	Adjustment in Special Operations activities funded by a percentage of seized and forfeited proceeds of criminal activity
Metro Major Drug Program			
Increase in funding	SPF	300	Adjustment in Drug Task Force activities funded by an expected increase in fines, cash forfeitures, and auctions of forfeited property
DA Fraud and Economic Crime			
Increase in funding	SPF	5,000	Increase in fraud and economic crime prevention activities funded by an estimated increase in fines collected by the Criminal Court Clerk
Non-allocated Financial Transactions			
Fringe Benefit Savings	GSD	(73,900)	Savings realized through reduced cost for fringe benefits
Internal Service Charges*	GSD	5,900	Delivery of centrally provided services including information systems, fleet management, radio and surplus property
Pay Plan Adjustment	GSD	213,500	Supports the hiring and retention of a qualified workforce
General Services District Total		\$191,900	
Special Purpose Funds Total		\$80,300	
TOTAL		\$272,200	

* See Internal Service Charges section for details

** SPF – Special Purpose Funds