

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Orange County, California



BUSINESS PLAN

**Performance Measures
2013 Update**

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Mission of the Office of the District Attorney of Orange County is to enhance public safety and welfare and create a sense of security in the community through the vigorous enforcement of criminal and civil laws in a just, honest, efficient and ethical manner.

Successful pursuit of this mission requires sufficient resources. The Office's most crucial resource is a dedicated group of prosecutors, investigators, and support personnel committed to bringing justice to victims of crime and protecting the public's safety. Over 90% of the Office's budget funds personnel. The operations of the Office are integrated and interdependent. After several years in a glide down mode which resulted in the deletion of 76 positions, caseload demands required the addition of 12 positions in FY 2012-13.

The Office implemented a variety of initiatives to reduce the resources required to prosecute certain types of cases, including a Deferred Entry of Judgment (DEJ) Program so that fewer prosecutors could handle greater misdemeanor caseloads. In October 2011, California's AB 109 "Public Safety Realignment" program was implemented. The implementation of this new program resulted in increased workloads and added complexity to the prosecution of many types of felony cases. Moreover, the District Attorney has the added responsibility of representing the People in Parole Revocation Hearings, a duty formerly performed by the State's Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

This report provides an update on the Office's performance during the year 2012. The key performance measure for the Office of the District Attorney is the adult felony conviction rate.

2012 KEY PERFORMANCE MEASURE & REPORTING

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

A key measure of success is maintaining an adult felony conviction rate of 90%. This measurable goal indicates the effectiveness of 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 adult felony conviction rate. The adult felony conviction rate for 2012 exceeded 90%*.

*Adult felony defendants who participate in the Office's various diversion programs are not included in the conviction rate calculation.