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Public Safety Functional Group

The Public Safety Functional Group includes the Fire, Probation, Sheriff's, Court Special Services, District Attorney's, and Public Defender's Departments.

Strategic Values

The tenet of the Public Safety Functional Group is the protection of life and property through highly competent delivery of emergency response, law enforcement, custody, and rehabilitation services that provides a high level of safety to residents and visitors. Additionally, the group believes that the public is well served when victims of crime are protected and individuals charged with a crime have equal access to justice, are prosecuted, and defended diligently and ethically, and receive a fair and timely resolution of their case.

Strategic Purpose

The distinct purpose of the Public Safety Functional Group is to provide quality public service to the people in Santa Barbara County by:

- Safeguarding them from the impacts of fires, medical emergencies, and disasters;
- Providing information and recommendations to the Courts;
- Enforcing the laws and supplying jail services;
- Enforcing court orders and post-release community supervision conditions;
- Requiring offender responsibility and accountability;
- Delivering safe and effective juvenile detention, treatment, and rehabilitation;
- Prosecuting the guilty, protecting the innocent, and preventing crime; and
- Defending the constitutional rights of all residents.

Strategic Goals

- Contract with a private vendor for food services in Custody Operations to meet and exceed food quality standards and realize substantial cost savings

- Focus on career development through the use of a career/skill development guide, providing the State Fire Marshal suite of classes to qualified personnel and assisting interested personnel in obtaining their Associates, Bachelors, or Masters Degrees
- Review and update all current automatic aid agreements with other jurisdictions to enhance coordination of emergency response
- Finalize the Countywide emergency communications plan
- Ensure properties have defensible space between structures and flammable vegetation
- Update County Fire Code to reflect national building and safety standards, while considering the unique needs of Santa Barbara County, to prevent structure fires
- Ensure that offenders under probation supervision will exit probation without committing a new sustained felony
- Increase rehabilitation of juvenile probationers at Los Prietos Boys Camp and Academy
- Increase the annual collection of restitution, fines, and fees by 10%
- Support the resolution of disputes arising under the law in a fair, accessible, effective, timely and efficient manner
- Provide court-ordered defense of indigent defendants when the Public Defender has determined there is a conflict of interest
- Develop new strategies for juvenile offender rehabilitation
- Perform outreach at the local elementary, middle and high schools by educating young people about the negative consequences inherent in gang association
- Initiate, in cooperation with Probation Department and the Courts, a new system for enforcement and collection of victim restitution orders pursuant to AB109
- Continue efforts to make the Veteran's Treatment Court more widely available to our veterans

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Functional Summary

Staffing By Budget Department	2011-12 Actual	2012-13 Adopted	Change from FY12-13 Ado to FY13-14 Rec	2013-14 Recommended	2014-15 Proposed
District Attorney	124.52	122.10	0.90	123.00	123.00
Probation	336.06	360.72	(8.22)	352.50	352.50
Public Defender	64.56	62.50	2.50	65.00	65.00
Fire	244.02	255.00	(26.00)	229.00	229.00
Sheriff	613.13	641.50	(1.40)	640.10	640.10
Total	1,382.29	1,441.82	(32.22)	1,409.60	1,409.60
Budget By Budget Department (1)					
District Attorney	\$ 20,021,100	\$ 19,535,851	\$ 337,454	\$ 19,873,305	\$ 20,692,223
Probation	47,732,629	49,499,800	1,194,009	50,693,809	54,499,844
Public Defender	9,760,972	9,792,673	214,007	10,006,680	10,380,244
Court Special Services	15,332,029	15,944,691	(636,091)	15,308,600	15,308,600
Fire	85,446,231	91,453,951	(36,909,645)	54,544,306	57,532,950
Sheriff	120,845,551	119,000,188	3,142,012	122,142,200	129,497,880
Total	\$ 299,138,513	\$ 305,227,154	\$ (32,658,254)	\$ 272,568,900	\$ 287,911,741
Budget By Categories of Expenditures					
Salaries and Employee Benefits	\$ 196,161,319	\$ 210,215,902	\$ 4,495,555	\$ 214,711,457	\$ 229,722,992
Services and Supplies	28,173,527	29,011,451	(1,414,402)	27,597,049	28,498,489
Other Charges	22,551,103	23,841,924	(163,395)	23,678,529	23,964,273
Total Operating Expenditures	246,885,949	263,069,277	2,917,758	265,987,035	282,185,754
Capital Assets	3,669,909	194,910	301,590	496,500	54,000
Other Financing Uses	33,130,980	38,016,219	(33,567,172)	4,449,047	4,231,977
Intrafund Expenditure Transfers (+)	3,760,743	2,830,946	(2,263,540)	567,406	549,079
Increases to Fund Balances	11,687,335	1,115,802	(46,890)	1,068,912	890,931
Fund Balance Impact (+)	3,596	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 299,138,513	\$ 305,227,154	\$ (32,658,254)	\$ 272,568,900	\$ 287,911,741
Budget By Categories of Revenues					
Taxes	\$ 29,463,635	\$ 35,703,448	\$ 1,514,953	\$ 37,218,401	\$ 38,982,000
Licenses, Permits and Franchises	485,975	555,000	(535,000)	20,000	20,000
Fines, Forfeitures, and Penalties	2,949,455	2,818,701	(248,961)	2,569,740	2,485,040
Use of Money and Property	718,564	617,925	(36,325)	581,600	581,600
Intergovernmental Revenue	60,603,252	60,334,584	4,664,242	64,998,826	67,030,058
Charges for Services	32,786,476	35,096,376	(748,478)	34,347,898	35,533,570
Miscellaneous Revenue	6,309,461	3,768,023	112,388	3,880,411	3,897,909
Total Operating Revenues	133,316,817	138,894,057	4,722,819	143,616,876	148,530,177
Other Financing Sources	32,071,262	36,940,755	(33,865,254)	3,075,501	3,071,124
Intrafund Expenditure Transfers (-)	1,735,494	2,860,406	(2,310,209)	550,197	533,870
Decreases to Fund Balances	12,321,583	5,035,840	(2,310,814)	2,725,026	2,710,318
General Fund Contribution	119,205,576	121,491,301	1,109,999	122,601,300	126,806,400
Fund Balance Impact (-)	487,781	4,795	(4,795)	-	6,259,852
Total	\$ 299,138,513	\$ 305,227,154	\$ (32,658,254)	\$ 272,568,900	\$ 287,911,741

(1) Please refer to the 'Policy & Executive' Functional Summary page.

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