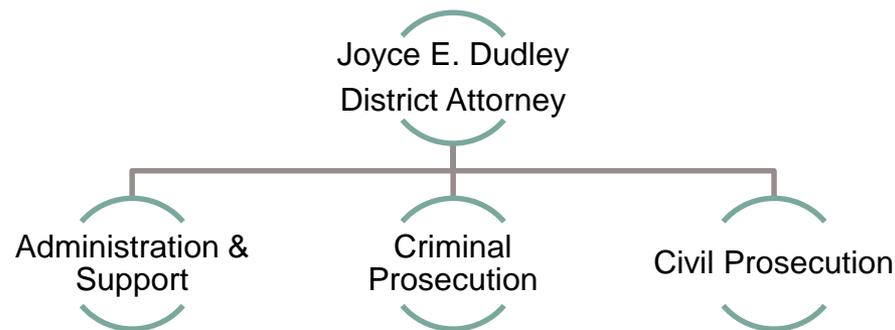


# 2015-2017 BUDGET WORKSHOP

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## District Attorney



# Overarching Business Trends

- Propositions (36 & 47) impacting attorney workloads
- 20% of outgoing experienced trial prosecutors replaced with entry-level DDAs due to funding
- Need to update case management system

# Summary

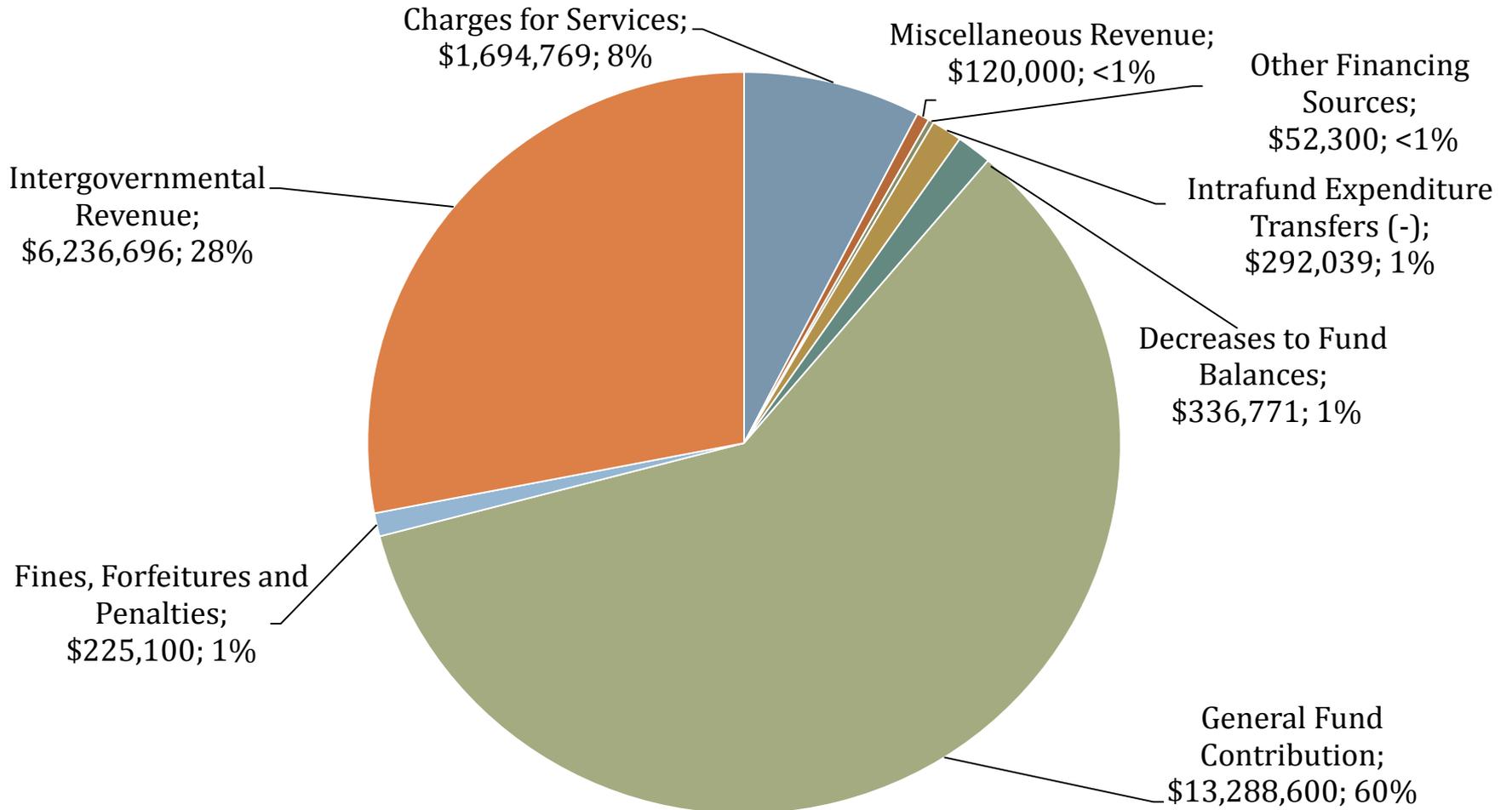
- Operating: \$22,002,535
- Capital: \$240,000
- General Fund: \$13,288,600
- FTE's: 131.2
- One Time Use of Fund Balance: \$96,771
- Service Level Reductions: None
- Expansion Requests: \$354,000

# Summary

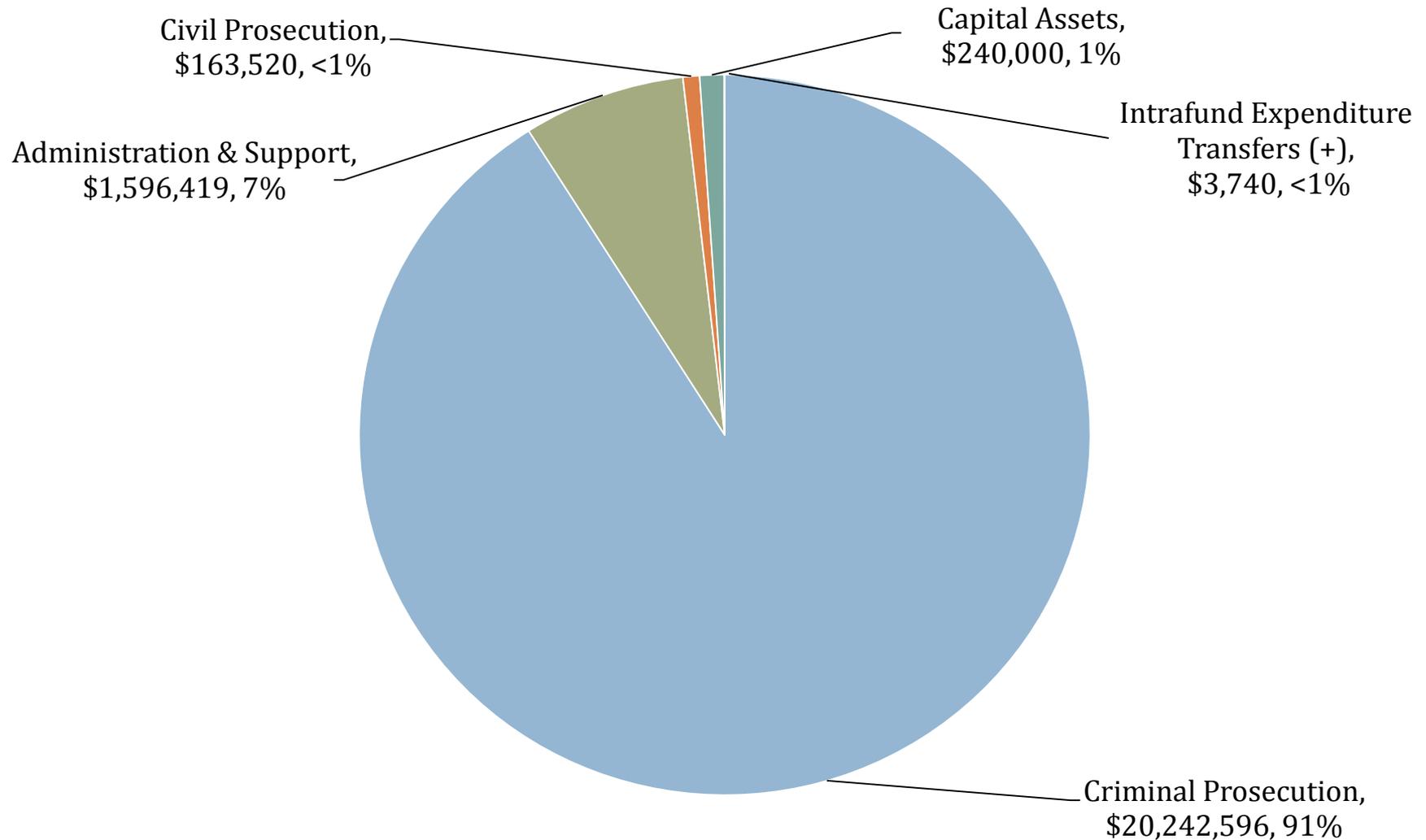
## Major Capital Projects:

- **Case management system replacement**
  - Cost: \$150,000
  - Replace 20 year old Case Management system
    - Necessary to prosecute 21st century cases
    - Improve staff productivity
    - Provides ability to capture significant data

# FY 15-16 Source of Funds

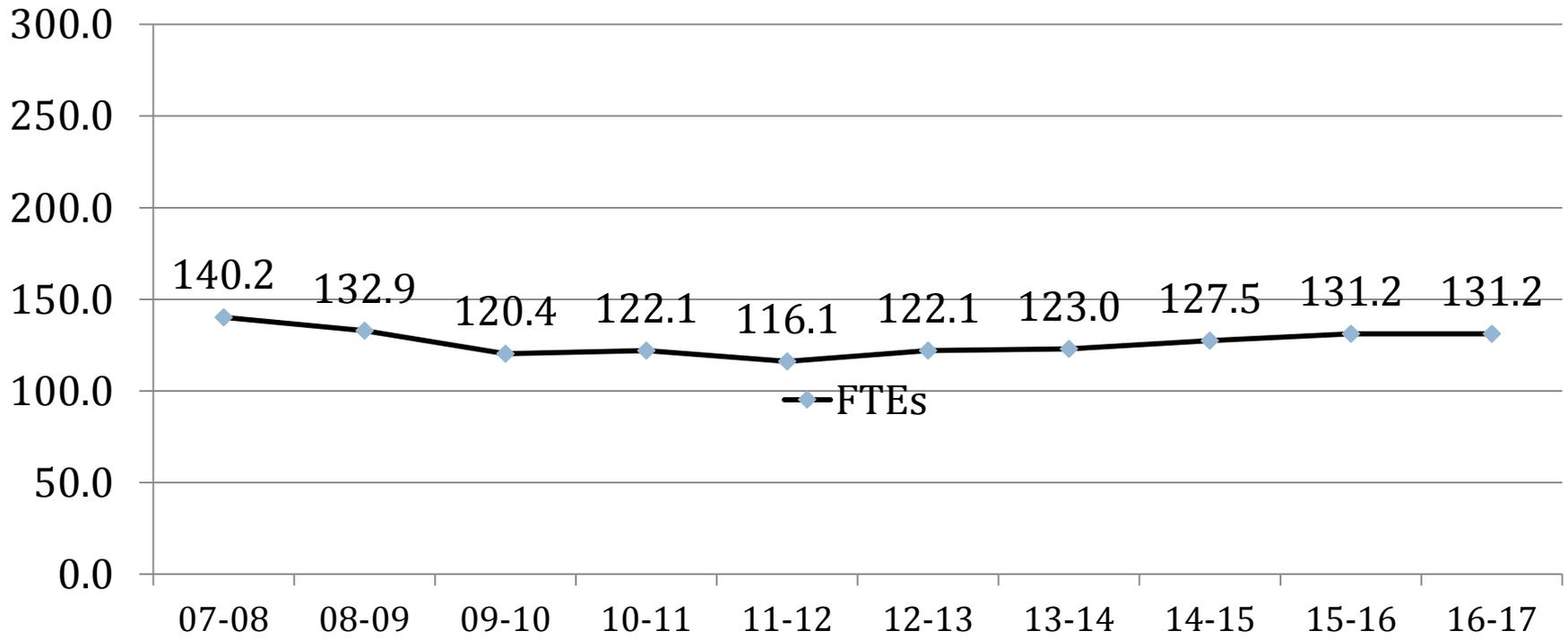


# FY 15-16 Use of Funds

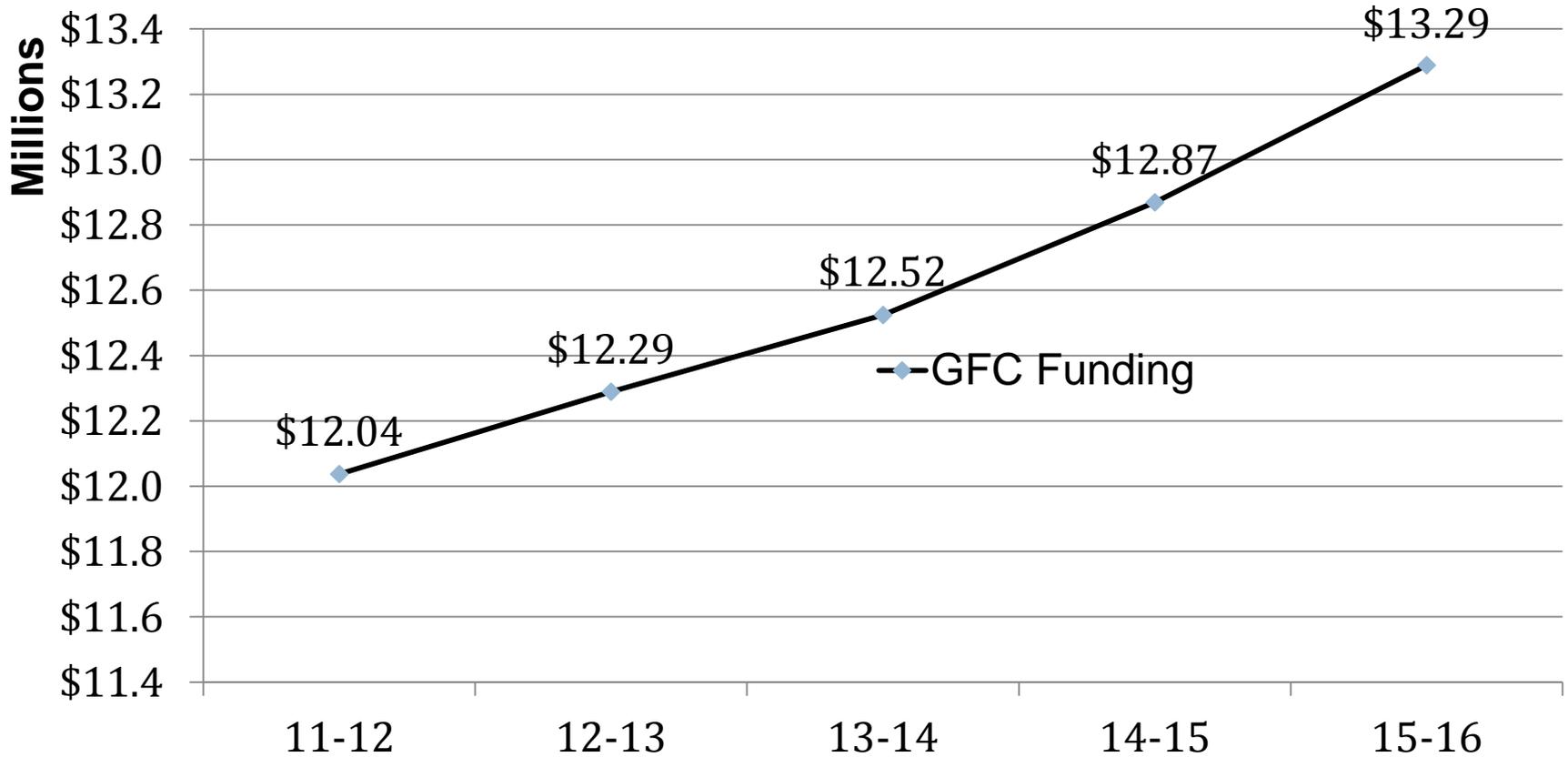


# Staffing Summary

- 127.5 FTE FY 14-15 Adopted
- 131.2 FTE FY 15-16 Recommended; FY 16-17 Proposed



# GFC 5 Year Summary



# FY 2014-15 Anticipated Accomplishments - *Prosecution*

- **Major Cases, Major Outcomes**
  - Murders, sex crimes, arson, gang, domestic violence, hate crime, and white collar cases consume vast majority of resources
  - *People v. Morua, People v. Raymond Macias, People v. Prenatt, People v. Holzer*
  - Prosecute extensive *People v. Ramon David Maldonado, et. al* gang murder case
- **Human Trafficking**
  - Successfully prosecuted first HT case
    - Defendant found guilty of all 76 charges

# FY 2014-15 Anticipated Accomplishments - *Prosecution*

- **Misdemeanor Diversion Program**

- Reduce cases in court system
- Increase new participants (65%), staffing is the same

- **Truancy Program**

Truancy Letters & Interventions	Letter 1 (48260.5)	Letter 2 (ASM)	Letter 3 (AM)	Letter 4 (TMT)	Letter 5 (SARB)
2013-14	13,307	5,879	1,678	709	275
2012-13	6,849	2,032	764	418	226

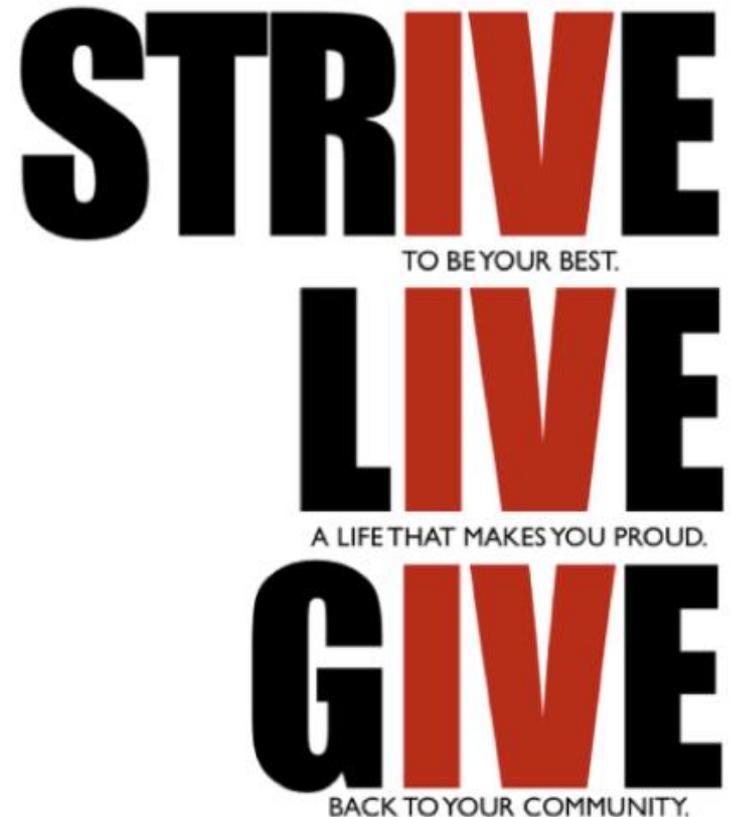
- Attorney General's latest truancy report cites SBDA as example of how to achieve goal of returning children to school without necessitating criminal intervention
- Truants at high risk for becoming perpetrators or victims
- Program services address root causes of truancy
  - Social, familial, academic, mental and physical health issues

# FY 2014-15 Anticipated Accomplishments - *Prosecution*

- **Real Estate Fraud Program**
  - Expanded program
  - 38 investigations performed
  - \$13.5M in restitution to 50 victims
- **Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud Program**
  - Enhanced to prosecute fraudulent claims
  - Initiated free public service campaign
    - Fraud hotline and posters on 30 MTD buses

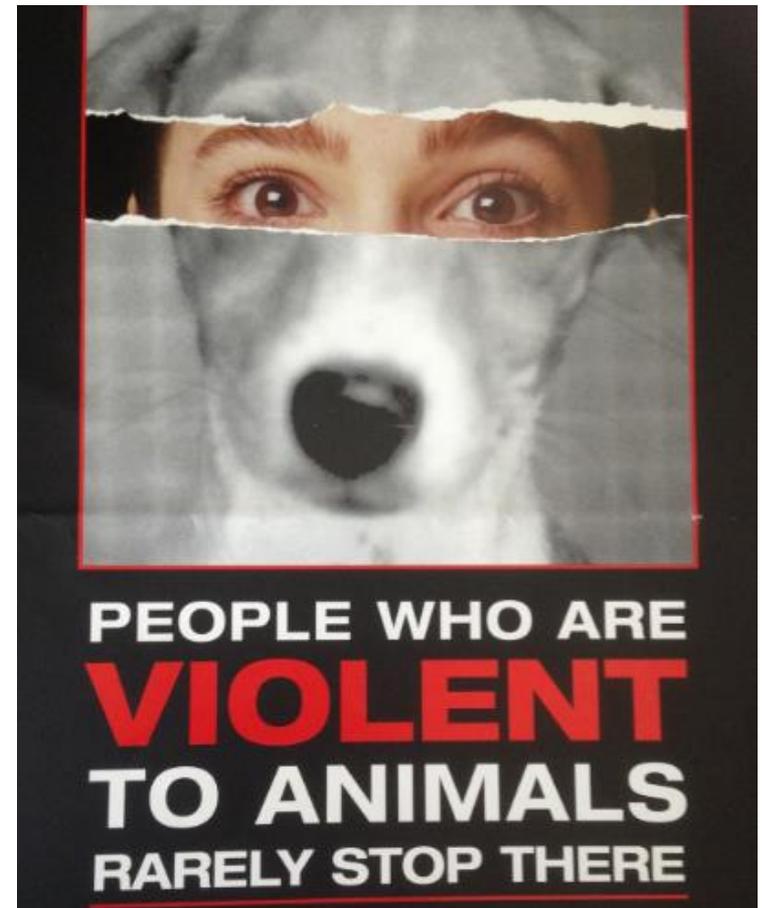
# FY 2014-15 Anticipated Accomplishments - *Community*

- **Creating/Chairing IV Safe Committee**
  - Safer Halloween
  - Safer Deltopia
  - Rebrand Isla Vista
  - Develop strategic policies and sustainable actions to promote safety



# FY 2014-15 Anticipated Accomplishments - *Community*

- **Anti-animal abuse task force**
  - Sep. 2014: Expert brought in to educate community on correlation between animal and human abuse
  - Prevent abuse through community education, investigation, and prosecution
  - Animal abuse cases can lead to prosecutions for child abuse and domestic violence



# FY 2015-17 Objectives

- Investigate and prosecute suspects accessing and distributing **child pornography**
  - Correlation between child pornography and child molestation
- **Firearm denial** investigations
  - Investigate denied firearm background checks
  - Violations include prior convictions, court orders, or mental health adjudications
- Establish **Santa Barbara County Real Estate Fraud Advisory Team** to identify fraud trends and practices

# FY 2015-17 Objectives

- Provide services to **human trafficking** victims (grant funded) and agencies that interface with at-risk youth
- Reduce sexual exploitation through creation of **Girls' Court**
  - Target female juvenile delinquents at risk of being exploited and/or re-offending
  - Participants receive individualized programs and services under supervision of Santa Maria Juvenile Court
- Reduce **automobile theft and automobile insurance fraud** through formation of new task force with Santa Maria Police Department
- Upgrade servers, server storage unit, and 20-year-old **case management system**

# Performance Measures

Description	2012-13 Actual	2013-14 Actual	2014-15 Est. Act	2015-16 Rec	2016-17 Prop
Percent of newly filed misdemeanor cases disposed of at the arraignment stage to maximize court and criminal justice resources.	70% 7,434/ 10,668	66% 6,564/ 9,965	65% 7,533/ 11,595	70% 8,000/ 11,500	70% 8,000/ 11,500
Percent of felony convictions for cases past the preliminary hearing stage to make effective use of judicial proceedings.	79% 271/345	80% 230/286	74% 249/336	80% 200/250	80% 200/250

# Performance Measures (Continued)

Description	2012-13 Actual	2013-14 Actual	2014-15 Est. Act	2015-16 Rec	2016-17 Prop
Percent of felony cases resolved before preliminary hearing, thus reducing jail population and number of court appearances.	64% 1,976/ 3,083	63% 2,008/ 3,181	65% 1,586/ 2432	65% 1,300/ 2,000	65% 1,300/ 2,000
Percent of new Victims of Violent Crime claims verified and filed within 90 days of application thereby expediting reimbursements.	100% 759/759	99% 897/909	100% 844/847	100% 850/850	100% 850/850

# Service Level Reductions

NONE

# FY 15-16 Efficiency Changes

- Replace retiring senior DDA's with less experienced attorneys
- Automate interface with Courts
- Automate e-Discovery process with defense attorneys
- Recruit low or no-cost interns/work study students for all positions
- ex. Back to Work program
- Automate reception telephone lines

# Key Challenges and Emerging Issues

- Educating and training 7 new DDAs
  - 20% of trial prosecutors
- State Propositions significantly impacting attorney workloads
  - Prop. 47: Criminal defendants petitioning for sentencing reductions from felonies to misdemeanors
  - Prop. 36: Sentenced Third-Strike offenders seeking early release
- Upgrading case management system to provide crucial integration with other agencies

# Budget Enhancement Requests

- **1.0 FTE Data Analyst - \$130k**
  - Ongoing funding request
  - *Objectives: Provide evidence based reporting in support of new case management system and manage discovery due to expanded use of body cams/digital recording devices.*
- **2.0 FTEs Legal Office Professionals - \$184k**
  - Ongoing funding request
  - *Objectives: Manage significant increase in misdemeanor diversion workload, address increased demands of electronic transfer of discovery material, and provide prosecutorial support to human trafficking cases.*
    - 1.0 FTE assigned to Misdemeanor Diversion Program (\$92,000)
    - 1.0 FTE assigned to Discovery and human trafficking (\$92,000)
- **Santa Maria 1st floor office advancements - \$40k**
  - One-time funding request
  - *Objectives: Provide equipment and workstations for interns/volunteers to assist with increase & complexity of workload (incl. human trafficking and gang cases).*

# Summary

- Due to Prop. 36 and 47, incarcerated criminals released
  - *Our response* → Increase education, crime prevention, intervention, and prosecution
- 20% of experienced attorneys to be replaced by entry-level attorneys
  - *Our response* → Create and maintain zealous training and mentoring program

## ***District Attorney Mission Statement***

***To pursue truth and justice by employing the highest ethical standards in vigorously prosecuting the guilty, protecting the innocent, and preventing crime.***

