

TIPPECANOE
COUNTY
PROSECUTOR'S
OFFICE

2008 GOALS
ACHIEVED

MISSION STATEMENT

- The Mission of the Prosecutor's Office is to pursue justice through fair and ethical prosecution of criminal offenders
- Seek justice for victims of crime
- Create a safer community through positive partnerships with law enforcement, community organizations, schools, religious organizations, government agencies and elected leaders
- Earn and hold the trust and respect of the citizens that we are privileged and honored to serve

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

- ✓ OPERATED UNDER BUDGET FOR 2ND CONSECUTIVE YEAR
- ✓ SAVINGS OF \$254,000 RETURNED TO THE GENERAL FUND
- ✓ 2 YEAR TOTAL \$531,000 UNDER BUDGET

BUDGET ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ✓ RETURNED ADDITIONAL \$68,000 IN BUDGETED APPROPRIATIONS TO GENERAL FUND FROM CHILD SUPPORT BUDGET
- ✓ ELIMINATED 2 FULL TIME POSITIONS FROM BUDGET AT YEARLY SAVINGS OF \$75,000
- ✓ \$69,088 Received in Child Support Incentive Funds (2007: \$65,000 received)

GRANT AWARDS

- 2008 Grant of \$52,000 for Project Safe Neighborhood
- Continued Participation in Fatal Alcohol Crash Team-supports one DPA position, \$53,000 savings to County General Fund
- 2008 Total = \$105,000

FORFEITURES

- \$109,000 Total State/Federal Collected 2008
- 52 New Cases 2008
- 55 Cases Disposed 2008
- \$72,000 Collected Prosecutor's Office (\$55,000 in 2007)
- 11 Vehicles
- \$37,000 from Federal Forfeiture Cases

FORFEITURES

- Average Amount per Case=\$1300
- Total Open Cases 147
- Created New Tracking System to streamline process

OUTSOURCE CHECK DECEPTION PROGRAM

- Contracted with ACS, to operate Prosecutor's Check Deception Program
- Allowed one full-time position to be eliminated from budget
- Program still allows for Criminal Prosecution

IMPROVED JURY TRIAL PERFORMANCE

- 53 Jury Trials 2008 v. 51 in 2007
- 43 Guilty, 9 Not Guilty, 1 Hung Jury
- 81% Conviction Rate compared to 73% in 2007

Felony Court Jury Trial Performance

- 28 Jury Trials
- 25 Convictions, 2 Not Guilty, 1 Hung Jury
- 89% Conviction Rate v. 84% in 2007

Misdemeanor Jury Trial Performance

- 25 Jury Trials
- 18 Guilty Convictions, 7 Not Guilty
- 72% Conviction Rate v. 58% in 2007

Jury Trial Offenses

- 34% Drug Cases
- 19% Violent Crimes
- 15% Crimes Against Children/Sex Crimes
- 15% OWI'S
- 9% Domestic Battery
- 7% Property

CHILD SUPPORT DIVISION

- Completed Docuware-Paperless Project
- All Staff trained and using Docuware, no paper files
- Paper copies only used when needed to communicate outside the office

Child Support Division

- Tippecanoe County Prosecutor's Office voted to 3-year term on Indiana Prosecuting Attorney's Council Child Support Alliance Board
- Appointed to ISETS Future User's Committee; Served on Committee to select vendor for State Wider Program
- Selected as Pilot Project County for Governor's Office Program on License Suspensions

Child Support Division

- Returned \$68,000 to General Fund by efficient fiscal management of 2008 Budget
- Decreased Open Cases from 6,312 to 5,426
- Average 300 service request per month
- Responded promptly to all service requests- 85% receive response within 5 days, over 99% receive final answer within 30 days.

Child Support Division

- Increased establishment of child support orders from 61% in 2007 to 76% in 2008
- 2nd Ranked County on Cases Paying on Child Support Arrears Ratio
- 1st Ranked County in our Group of Support Collections Ratio
- Increased our Support Order Ratio, moving ahead of 4 other counties, and 5% above State Average

Child Support Division

- 6th Ranked in State on Paternity Establishment Ratio
- Received \$69,088 Incentive Funds,

JUVENILE PROSECUTION

- 469 Delinquency Petitions Filed (450 in 2008)
- 406 Motions For Modifications (358 in 2008)
- 39 Motions to Waive to Adult Court (95 2008: NOTE Change in Indiana Law as to Waiver Requirements)

2009 CRIMINAL CASELOAD STATISTICS

- Criminal Cases increase of 11% from 2008
- Increase Due Mainly to Traffic Tickets
(increase of 42% from 2008)
- 14,517 v. 10,198 Traffic
Tickets/Ordinance Violations

FELONY CASELOAD

- Major Felony Remains Constant
- 460 A Felony, B Felony, C Felony filed compared to 479 in 2007
- 1,319 D Felony compared to 1352 in 2007
- 563 Felony Cases Closed in Superior 1, Superior 2, and Circuit Court (574 filed)

MISDEMEANOR CASELOAD

- 4,731 in 2008 compared to 6,143 in 2007
- 1,220 Operating While Intoxicated Cases (1069 OWI arrest in 2007)
- 267 were Class D Felony (Prior Conviction for OWI within 5 years)

2008 DRUG CASES

- Total Drug Cases- 326 v. 322 in 2007
- Cocaine/Crack Cocaine is King-152 (48%)
- Heroin Returns- 11 cases compared to 3 in 2007
- However, in 2009 have approximately 14 new Heroin Cases

INVESTIGATORS DIVISION

- Attended 447 Hartford House Interviews
- Conducted Actual Interview in 304 of the 447
- Misdemeanor Intake, and Manage Interns
- Assist Trial Prep, Witness location, interviews, subpoenas, documents,
- Liaison with Law Enforcement

ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICE

- Responsible for Investigations of neglect, self-neglect, battery, and exploitation of anyone who may be an endangered adult as defined by Indiana Law.
- 2 Investigators cover Tippecanoe and 7 surrounding counties.
- 1,971 Calls for Service 2008
- 601 Case Investigations

VICTIM ASSISTANCE DIVISION

- Responsibilities include victim notification, restitution, referrals for assistance, no contact orders, work closely with domestic violence service providers, and communication with all Deputy Prosecutors concerning facts of over 1190 cases.
- Voice of Victims
- Approximately 45,890 written communications to victims/witnesses in 2008

VICTIM ASSISTANCE

- Duties include meeting victims, attending court, walk-ins, and entering data
- Developed Program Brochures

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Attended 139 community organization meetings
- Guest Speaker at 38 Events
- Weed & Seed Continued Participation
- Tippecanoe County Community Corrections Advisory Board
- IPAC Guest Instructor

PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD

- Established With Grant Funds
- Developed Training Program and Manual, copyright obtained.
- 6 Training Sessions in 2008
- 58 Participants completed training

Project Safe Neighborhoods

- Participants included representatives from 14 professions- single property owners, regional leasing management and marketing managers, rental association members, law enforcement, HUD, and property maintenance managers
- Participants represented 799 properties, or a total of 11,991 units. (24,500 total units in Tippecanoe County)

Project Safe Neighborhoods

- Training focus is on crime prevention, community safety, and establishing cooperative effort among neighborhoods and law enforcement

WE-TIP PROGRAM

- May 28, 2008 Community Kick-off
- Set New Records for Tips (35 Year History)
- 475 Crime Tips in 2008
- 363 From Tippecanoe County, 112 involved 28 Counties
- Received Tips from 1/3 of all Indiana Counties

We-Tip

- 59% Drug Activity (Of these tips, 70% involved child neglect/endangerment due to drugs)
- 26% Child Endangerment
- 105 Warrant/Probation Violations

We-Tip

- Area School Corporations Adopted We-Tip
- Distributed 77,325 PSN / We-Tip Flyers to schools, businesses, law enforcement, neighborhood associations, and churches.
- Established PSN / We-Tip Website

PSN/ GANG INITIATIVE

- Established Tippecanoe County PSN Anti-Gang Response Initiative (TCPSNAGRI) which consists of federal, state, and local law enforcement in cooperation with the local School Corporations to exchange gang activities.

FEDERAL-STATE COOPERATION

- Appointed Special Assistant United States Attorney on August 6, 2008
- Assist in Federal Grand Jury for criminal investigations from Tippecanoe County
- Joint Federal-Local Gang/Drug Investigation Unit

WEBSITE IMPROVEMENTS

- Routine Updates of Website
- Posted Traffic Diversion Information and Materials
- Project Safe Neighborhoods Information
- Gang Information
- Adult Protective Services Information
- Victim Assistance Information
- Teachers Against Gangs
- Cops Against Gangs

2009 GOALS

- IMPROVE FELONY INTAKE BY HAVING FELONY DPA'S ROTATE INTAKE
- EXPLORE IMPLEMENTATION OF PAPERLESS OFFICE FOR CRIMINAL CASES
- JOIN ICAC (INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN)
- CHILD SUPPORT TO MAINTAIN OR INCREASE PERFORMANCE LEVELS IN ALL CATEGORIES

2009 GOALS

- IMPLEMENT CHILD SUPPORT SITE TO TCPA'S WEBSITE
- REMODEL CHILD SUPPORT/ NEW CUSTOMER AREA
- REMODEL 5TH FLOOR FOR ADDITIONAL 2 OFFICES
- REMODEL CONFERENCE ROOM

2009 GOALS

- IMPROVE PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PROGRAM BY ADDING PHASE II TRAINING
- CONTINUE TO WORK ON CRIME REPORTING STATISTICS CONCERNING GANGS, GANG ACTIVITY, CRIMES

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