

**Fiscal Year 2011/2012 Budget
Highlights and Goals**

State's Attorney

FY2011 Highlights

Civil Division:

- Issued over 815 legal opinions.
- Reviewed more than 117 public contracts.
- Handled 40 involuntary commitment petitions.
- Responded to 84 FOIA requests.
- Opened approximately 528 new ordinance violations on behalf of County Departments.
- The Civil Division had a total of 62 new litigation cases.
- The Civil Division is also charged with the responsibility of preventing the litigation of conflicts to which the County may be a party.
- Responds to and conducts Open Meetings Act investigations.

Criminal Division:

- Successful conviction rate with the goal toward protection of the public and rehabilitation of the offender toward a law abiding return to the community.
- 1,324 felony adult offenders charged.
- 3,002 misdemeanor adult offenders charged.
- Juvenile/Criminal Division has charged 291 juvenile offenders under 17 years of age.
- Filed 100 abuse and neglect petitions protecting children from unsafe family conditions.

Victim Services Representatives:

- Served the needs of victims of crimes in 2,682 cases.

Investigation Unit:

- Processed and served 288 Grand Jury Summons.
- Processed and served 1,565 Summons and Subpoenas for witnesses, defendants, and police officers with a success rate of 85% and made 1,500 attempts.
- Provided photographic evidence and geographic displays for the State's Attorney's Office for numerous trials.
- Copied 499 audio and visual tapes and/or CD's and cassettes for police departments and defense counsel.
- Supplied information in response to over 230 telephone inquiries by citizens.
- Handled 45 walk in complaints.
- Handled 15 child support investigations.
- Conducted 49 investigations.
- Assisted in locating, transporting and interviewing over 100 witnesses for trial.
- Assisted in the enforcement of the Check Enforcement Program by preparing informational material, meeting with numerous civic groups, including chambers of commerce and service clubs, and worked with police agencies to coordinate the arrest of non-compliant offenders.
- Responded to election law violations.
- Investigated open meetings violations.
- Responsible for the identification, keys, badges and credentials of all employees.
- Responsible for the licensing, maintenance schedule, and duties of maintaining vehicles.
- Filing of Affidavits for the collection of service and return fees for Subpoena and Summons service.

Programs:

- The First Offender Program was initiated and designed for first time, non-violent felony offenders to keep a conviction from being permanently entered on their record by meeting with a community panel of citizens and completing requirements which may include community service, counseling, writing a letter of apology to the victim, paying restitution, obtaining a high school diploma or G.E.D. and paying the requisite program fees. Since its inception in September of 2010, the First Offender Program has generated \$35,425.00 in program fees, 84 offenders have applied for the program, 57 offenders have been accepted into the program, \$56,344.82 in restitution has been ordered in accepted cases and 1,895 hours of public service has been ordered.

FY2012 Goals

- Develop and effectively administer protocols for a state mandated Drug Court to commence on or about January 1, 2012.
- Help victims of crime as the cases of their offenders work their way through the criminal justice system.
- The State's Attorney's Office will continue to provide capable in-house counsel to the County and decrease the need to pay private firms to represent the County.
- Be tough on crime and those who break the law while still showing compassion for the mentally ill through expanding the capacity of the Mental Health Court.
- The State's Attorney's Office is committed to meeting the needs of the people of McHenry County.