

Sauk County, Wisconsin
DISTRICT ATTORNEY ANNUAL REPORT

2012 Mission: The Mission of the District Attorney’s Office is to prosecute violations of State law and County ordinances on behalf of the citizens of the County and in the name of the State of Wisconsin.

Departmental Program Summary:

Victim Witness Program: The Victim Witness Program provides services to victims and witnesses of crime. Assisting victims and witnesses with Court hearings, providing information to victims and witnesses, and collecting restitution information. This program is mandated under Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 950 and the Wisconsin Crime Victims' Constitutional Amendment.

Juvenile Delinquents: Criminal prosecution of juveniles from the age of 10 through 16 years old. This program is mandated under Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 938.

Adult Prosecution: Criminal prosecution of adults and juveniles who have original adult court jurisdiction and juveniles waived into adult court. This program is mandated under the Wisconsin Statutes.

Law Enforcement: The Sauk County District Attorney’s Office is available to all law enforcement agencies in the County 24 hours a day to answer questions and provide legal advice on the handling of criminal and related matters.

Restitution: Collection of restitution information from victims to submit to the Court or to Probation and Parole, as well as collection of restitution in our Department so that it may be returned to the community. Other payments included in restitution ordered by the Court to be paid by defendants may include Law Enforcement Transport Fees, Warrant Fees, Court Costs, etc.

Traffic/Forfeiture: Civil prosecution of violators of State Traffic Laws; County Ordinances and DNR violations. The Wisconsin Statutes and the Sauk County Code of Ordinances also mandate this program.

2012 Goals Review

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OBJECTIVE	WAS THIS OBJECTIVE REACHED IN 2012?
	Yes or No (If no, please provide comment)
Complete the prosecution of juvenile delinquency cases which will provide treatment and/or punishment for juveniles	We continue to receive new cases causing all programs to be on going.

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OBJECTIVE	WAS THIS OBJECTIVE REACHED IN 2012?
	Yes or No (If no, please provide comment)
Prosecute all cases as scheduled by the Courts	We continue to receive new cases causing all programs to be on going.
Recover Restitution and return it to the community	We continue to receive new cases causing all programs to be on going.
Provide services to Sauk county crime victims in compliance with Chapter 950 of the Wisconsin Statutes and the Crime Victims Constitutional Amendment	We continue to receive new cases causing all programs to be on going.

Changes / Accomplishments: Victim Witness Program: The Court System (fast track scheduling) will continue to impact victim services because it means less time to contact victims for the purpose of assuring their constitutional rights and involvement in their case. The Victim Rights Legislation provides additional obligations on Victim Witness units and District Attorney's Offices regarding notification of proceedings and participation in the Court Process. We currently have one vacant position in the Victim Witness Unit.

Statistical Summary: All Programs: The Court system anticipates that a criminal complaint be filed before any person appears in Court. This allows the District Attorney's Office on average two to four hours to prepare criminal complaints each day for bail hearings. The Court system also requires any person charged with a domestic abuse related offense to appear at the next scheduled bail hearing after the offense occurs. The Judicial process has been modified to accommodate the Sheriff's Department's location. This includes changes, which shorten the time available for one attorney to cover all bail and intake proceedings requiring additional duties to be shifted to another attorney, if available.

OUTPUT MEASURES

DESCRIPTION	2010 ACTUAL	2011 ACTUAL	2012 ACTUAL
Total Cases Received	3,355	3,139	3285
Felony Complaints Filed	312	338	400
Misdemeanor Complaints Filed	643	738	859
Crim. Traffic Complaints Filed	773	740	721
Juvenile Delinquent Filed	53	51	68
Civil Traffic/Forfeiture	1,082	892	908
*Restitution	\$52,324.93	\$30,157.26	\$45,940.17
Restitution Surcharge	\$7,624.43	\$8,599.17	\$7,434.98
*This does not include money which was ordered by the Court & collected by Probation & Parole.			

OUTCOME AND EFFICIENCY MEASURES

DESCRIPTION	2010 ACTUAL	2011 ACTUAL	2012 REC'D FILED	
Criminal Felony Cases Filed	312	338	451	400
Criminal Misdemeanor Cases Filed	643	738	n/a	859
Criminal Traffic Cases Filed	773	740	n/a	721
Juvenile Delinquent Cases Received/Filed	53	51	150	68
Civil Traffic/Forfeitures Received/Filed	1,082	892	908	908