



2021 Business Plan Presentation



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2019 – 2020 YTD RECAP

- Improved practices through technology to conduct hearings and court proceedings via video court during the Emergency Judicial Order
- Implemented teleworking to the greatest extent possible for continuation of services to the citizens of Gwinnett
- The Emergency Judicial Order prohibits jury trials and Grand Jury hearings thereby creating a backlog of cases that will present challenges in timely prosecution in the upcoming years

DEPARTMENT SNAPSHOT

- The District Attorney's Office is mandated by law to prosecute cases in the Superior and Juvenile Courts
- External factors affecting prosecution have been dictated by the Judicial Emergency Order issued as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic
- Grand Jury hearings and jury trials are prohibited under the order
- Other hearings are severely limited by the prohibition of gatherings

NOTABLE METRICS/TRENDS

YTD Case Statistics 2020

- 2,347 felony cases received
- 727 juvenile cases received
- 1,840 felony cases disposed
- 587 juvenile cases disposed

YTD Cases since the Judicial Emergency Order

- 1,516 felony cases received
- 423 juvenile cases received
- 867 felony cases disposed
- 257 juvenile cases disposed

IDENTIFIED CONSTRAINTS & OPPORTUNITIES

- Constraints are lack of court hearings, creating a backlog of cases that will be difficult to manage
- Pursue opportunities to resolve cases without trial by recommending specialized programs, such as the Pre-Trial Intervention Program
- Conduct limited judicial hearings by teleconference when possible

OPERATIONAL DECISIONS

- Improve practices for remote work alternatives
- Coordinate with Gwinnett Courts to manage productivity and dispose cases
- Identify areas to improve processes for maximum efficiency

2021 OPERATIONAL BUDGET CHANGES

Base Budget Changes

- Increase costs for License Support Agreements to support Forensic Lab and other technology
- Increase costs in Training/Travel for staff to obtain required CLE's
- Increase costs of legal subscriptions for case law research

Decision Packages

- No Decision Packages are being requested for 2021

INTERNAL STRATEGIC DECISIONS

Working together with the Gwinnett Courts and law enforcement agencies, the District Attorney's Office made sweeping changes to the work environment, procedures and electronic communication systems in order to provide as much service as possible under the constraints of the Judicial Emergency Order.

2021 STRATEGIC BUDGET CHANGES

The strategy of the current budget is to ensure that the District Attorney's Office is equipped to address the backlog of cases accumulating due to the Judicial Emergency Order. Resumption of normal operations will present extreme challenges to provide swift justice.

COUNTY INITIATIVES

Key Initiatives

- Safe community

District Attorney Role

- Together with law enforcement, Gwinnett Courts and a host of other agencies, the District Attorney's Office performs a vital role in the safety and security of Gwinnett citizens

TOTAL BUDGET

	GENERAL FUND	CRIME VICTIM FUND	HIDTA
2020 BUDGET	\$18,186,800	\$368,150	\$460,443
Changes to Base	\$519,220	\$74,928	\$-8,139
2021 Base	\$18,706,020	\$443,078	\$452,304
Decision Packages	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total 2021 Budget	\$18,706,020	\$443,078	\$452,304