

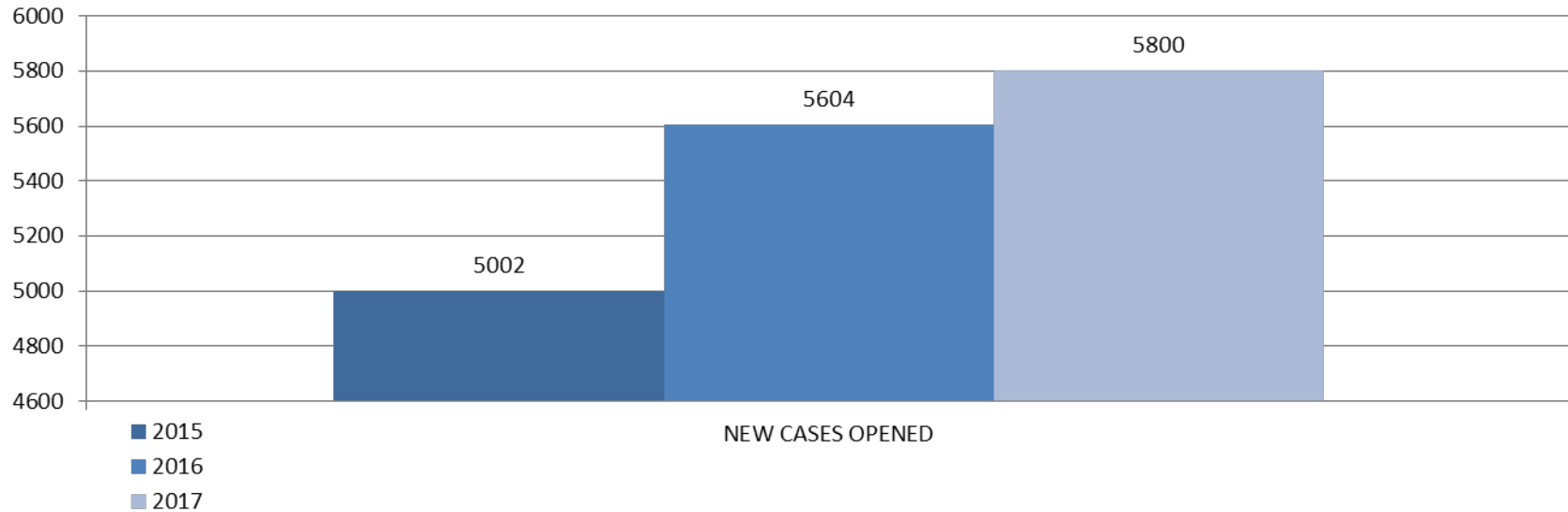


# Office of the District Attorney

## 2019 Budget Presentation

GWINNETT COUNTY

# District Attorney Caseload Increase



16% increase in caseload in 2 years

# District Attorney

## 2019 Budget Request – General Fund

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>15,869,597</b>
• <b>Personal Services</b>	<b>12,685,594</b>
• <b>General Operating</b>	<b>1,034,944</b>

# District Attorney

## 2019 Budget Request – Other Funds

<b>Crime Victim Fund</b>	<b>332,064</b>
• <b>Personal Services</b>	<b>282,688</b>
• <b>General Operating</b>	<b>46,000</b>
<b>Law Enforcement</b>	<b>150,338</b>
<b>Accounts</b>	
• <b>Asset Forfeiture</b>	

# District Attorney 2019 Decision Package Request

DA – Victim Advocate / Special Victim Unit	53,268
DA – Assistant District Attorney	89,412

# Decision Package

There are two (2) decision packages being requested in the 2019 Operating Budget for the Office of the District Attorney.

- **Victim Advocate Special Victims Unit (SVU)**

The District Attorney SVU currently has 3 Assistant District Attorneys, 3 Criminal Investigators and 1 Legal Associate.

# Decision Package (continued)

- **Victim Advocate SVU (continued)**

The SVU is unique in that every case assigned to the unit has a victim. The District Attorney's Office is mandated by the State under the Crime Victim Bill of Rights to notify every victim of crime as to rights, hearings and services available. The volume of cases requires an Advocate to be assigned full-time.

# Decision Package (continued)

- **DA-Assistant District Attorney**

An Assistant District Attorney is being requested to assist with appellate and habeas duties of trial attorneys to alleviate their workload in order for them to have ample time to review video data from body worn cameras. The video review will be required on each case in order to make proper prosecutorial decisions.



# Budget Increase or Reduction

There has been an increase to the requested budget for 2019. The 2019 Budget requests include funds that were previously budgeted under the Public Safety Capital Project Fund for costs to maintain and staff our forensic lab. The forensic recovery lab is vital in obtaining data from electronic devices that contains evidence that is crucial to the prosecution process.

# Service Reductions

We have increased participation in community events to distribute information on services and programs available to victims and have also increased training programs to educate law enforcement officers.

The office has no plans for service reductions in 2019. Due to the nature of the services provided, a reduction in services would hinder timely prosecution of cases and jeopardize the safety of our community.