

State's Attorney's Summary

	Actual FY 07	Original Budget FY 08	Adjusted Budget FY 08	Proposed Budget FY 09	% Change From Orig. FY 08	% Change From Adj. FY 08
State's Attorney's Office	\$1,826,358	\$1,973,590	\$1,973,590	\$2,118,860	7.36%	7.36%
Victim Witness Assistance	159,376	170,910	170,910	180,200	5.44%	5.44%
Total State's Attorney	\$1,985,734	\$2,144,500	\$2,144,500	\$2,299,060	7.21%	7.21%

Mission and Goals

Aggressively and effectively prosecute those who break the law, while pursuing appropriate punishment and providing services and resources to victims of crimes.

Goals Include:

- Prosecute criminal cases effectively while showing compassion and providing services to those who find themselves victims of crime.
- Seek restitution to attempt to make victims whole.
- Secure incarceration for individuals who commit crimes.

Budget Changes

- The 7.36% increase in the State's Attorney's Office budget in FY 09 is primarily due to the addition of an Extradition Fugitive Technician position.
- The 5.44% increase in the Victim Witness Assistance budget in FY 09 is primarily due to the addition of a therapy dog program.

Highlights, Changes and Useful Information

- New Cases to State's Attorney's Office:

	CY 05	CY 06	CY 07
Circuit Court	1,247	1,238	1,397
District Court	3,792	5,124	4,305
Juvenile Court	399	457	398
Totals	5,438	6,819	6,100

- The State's Attorney's Office has been the driving force behind the creation of a long-term treatment facility for individuals addicted to heroin. All interested parties have made significant progress in establishing such a program and the ribbon cutting for the new facility was held in December 2007.
- Over 15,880 written and 4,954 telephone court notifications have been provided to victims and witnesses by Victim Witness Assistance Unit staff during 2007. Approximately 1,947 victims were served in 1,399 new cases. In addition to new cases there were 1,037 post conviction cases.
- More than 2,070 victim interviews have been conducted and over 1,475 referrals to other community agencies have been provided to victims.

State's Attorney's Office

Description	Actual FY 07	Original Budget FY 08	Adjusted Budget FY 08	Proposed Budget FY 09	% Change From Orig. FY 08	% Change From Adj. FY 08
Personnel	\$1,742,863	\$1,864,010	\$1,864,010	\$1,998,440	7.21%	7.21%
Operating	81,636	108,380	108,380	119,160	9.95%	9.95%
Capital Outlay	1,859	1,200	1,200	1,260	5.00%	5.00%
Total	\$1,826,358	\$1,973,590	\$1,973,590	\$2,118,860	7.36%	7.36%
Employees FTE	33.50	34.50	34.50	35.50	2.90%	2.90%

Note: The Adjusted Budget includes budget changes made during the year. On-going mid-year changes have been annualized for comparison purposes.

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Mission and Goals

It is the mission of the State's Attorney's Office (SAO) to aggressively and effectively prosecute those who break the law, while pursuing appropriate punishment and providing services and resources to victims of crimes.

Goals include:

- Prosecute criminal cases effectively while showing compassion and providing services to those who find themselves victims of crime.
- Seek restitution to attempt to make victims whole.
- Secure incarceration for individuals who commit crimes.
- Enhance the security of our community.

Description

The Carroll County SAO is a governmental entity responsible for the prosecution of all crimes that occur in Carroll County which represent violations of either State or local law. The SAO prosecutes all criminal misdemeanor and felony cases, including assault, child abuse, malicious destruction, theft, robbery, rape, sexual offenses, burglary, murder, automobile manslaughter and various other criminal activities. The State of Maryland Constitution and the Annotated Code of Maryland mandate the SAO. These obligations are expanded and defined further by the Maryland Rules of Criminal Procedure, as well as State, Federal and Supreme Court decisions.

Program Highlights

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Budget Changes

- The 7.21% increase in personnel in FY 09 is due to the planned 5% increase in salaries and the addition of a new Extradition Fugitive Technician position.
- The 9.95% increase in operating is primarily due to the elimination of Federal Funding for training.

Positions

Title	Type	FTE
Assistant State's Attorney I	Full-time	2.00
Assistant State's Attorney II	Full-time	4.00
Chief Investigator	Full-time	1.00
Chief Deputy State's Attorney	Full-time	1.00
Deputy State's Attorney	Full-time	1.00
Extradition Fugitive Technician	Full-time	1.00
Investigator	Full-time	4.00
Law Clerk	Full-time	1.00
Office Administrator	Full-time	1.00
Prosecution Aide	Full-time	1.00
Prosecution Aide	Part-time	0.50
Prosecution Assistant	Full-time	11.00
Senior Asst. State's Attorney	Full-time	5.00
Specialty Unit Supervisor	Full-time	1.00
State's Attorney	By-law	1.00
Total		35.50

See the Grants page for funding details of SAO Child Support function and other SAO grant information.

Total Cost of State's Attorney's Office

Department	Estimated Cost
State's Attorney's Office	\$2,118,860
Fringe Benefits	798,840
Utilities	48,640
Building Repairs	26,800
Technology Support	22,360
Fleet-Fuel, Maintenance, Replacement	54,000
Grant's Cash Match	291,720
Total	\$3,361,220

Victim Witness Assistance

Description	Actual FY 07	Original Budget FY 08	Adjusted Budget FY 08	Proposed Budget FY 09	% Change From Orig. FY 08	% Change From Adj. FY 08
Personnel	\$149,885	\$158,020	\$158,020	\$165,910	4.99%	4.99%
Operating	9,491	12,890	12,890	14,290	10.86%	10.86%
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Total	\$159,376	\$170,910	\$170,910	\$180,200	5.44%	5.44%
Employees FTE	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	-----	-----

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Mission and Goals

It is the mission of the Victim Witness Assistance Unit to provide crime victims with improved treatment, assistance and services necessary to speed their recovery from the criminal act, to support and aid victims as they move through the criminal justice process and ensure that all victims receive all rights and benefits afforded them under the laws and the State of Maryland Constitution.

Goals Include:

- Promote an integrated community system of victim assistance thereby increasing coordination and networking of all appropriate agencies, organizations and groups that provide services to victims of crime.
- Provide consideration and personal attention to victims and witnesses that ultimately aid in the healing process.
- Assure all victims and witnesses are informed on the progress of their case.
- Expand the victim's opportunity to participate in appropriate stages of the criminal justice process and ensure consideration of the impact of the crime upon the victim in major criminal justice decisions.
- Aid in the successful prosecution of crimes perpetrated upon the citizens of Carroll County.
- Ensure compliance with Victim's Rights legislation enacted to protect and enforce the statutory rights of victims.

Description

Victim Witness Assistance is a specialized unit of the State's Attorney's Office that assists victims and witnesses in dealing with the emotional, social, physical, financial and legal consequences of crime.

Victim Witness Assistance provides a full range of services to victims of both felony and misdemeanor crimes. Services include the provision of on-going information regarding the status of criminal cases and explanation of and orientation to the judicial process, referrals to social service and mental health agencies, intercession to victims/witnesses with crime related employer problems, aid with filing victim compensation claims

and assistance with court appearance problems on an as needed basis. In addition, help is provided in the preparation of Victim Impact Statements and assistance is rendered to persons requesting post conviction court and inmate status notifications.

Program Highlights

- 15,880 written and 4,954 telephone court notifications have been provided to victims and witnesses by Victim Witness Assistance unit staff during 2007.
- More than 2,070 victim interviews have been conducted and over 1,475 referrals have been given to victims in need of counseling or support services.

Budget Changes

- Generally, salary expenses were planned to grow at 5% between FY 08 and FY 09. Most budgets, including this one, were held at or near that level.
- The 10.86% increase in operating expenses in FY 09 is primarily due to the addition of a therapy dog program to this budget.

Positions

Title	Type	FTE
<i>Administrative Assistant</i>	Full-time	1.00
<i>Director</i>	Full-time	1.00
<i>District Court Coordinator</i>	Full-time	1.00
<i>Family Violence Coordinator</i>	Full-time	1.00
Total		4.00

Total Cost of Victim Witness

Department	Estimated Cost
<i>Victim Witness</i>	\$180,195
<i>Fringe Benefits</i>	77,640
<i>All Facility Costs incl in State's Attorney table</i>	N/A
<i>Grant's Cash Match</i>	14,100
Total	\$271,935