

State's Attorney's Summary

	Actual FY 08	Original Budget FY 09	Adjusted Budget FY 09	Recomm Budget FY 10	% Change From Orig. FY 09	% Change From Adj. FY 09
State's Attorney's Office	\$1,955,327	\$2,118,860	\$2,111,170	\$2,096,670	-1.05%	-0.69%
Victim Witness Assistance	163,227	180,200	180,200	207,070	14.91%	14.91%
CC Advocacy & Investigation Center	0	0	109,070	112,570	100.00%	3.21%
Total State's Attorney	\$2,118,555	\$2,299,060	\$2,400,440	\$2,416,310	5.10%	0.66%

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.
- Reduce trauma to children and adults who have been abused.
- Secure incarceration for individuals who commit crimes.

Budget Changes

- The 14.91% increase in the Victim Witness Assistance budget in FY 10 is primarily due to the transfer of a Prosecution Assistant position from the Maryland Victims of Crime grant.
- The CC Advocacy & Investigation Center was transferred from Citizen's Services to the State's Attorney's Office during FY 09. The 3.21% increase from the Adjusted FY 09 Budget to the FY 10 Budget is primarily due to expenditures previously charged to Citizen's Services now being charged to CC Advocacy & Investigation Center.

Highlights, Changes and Useful Information

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

	CY 05	CY 06	CY 07	CY 08
Circuit Court	1,247	1,238	1,397	1,417
District Court	3,792	5,124	4,305	4,819
Juvenile Court	399	457	398	375
Totals	5,438	6,819	6,100	6,611

- Over 17,000 written and 2,200 telephone court notifications have been provided to victims and witnesses by Victim Witness Assistance Unit staff during 2008. Approximately 1,950 victims were served in 1,417 new cases. In addition to new cases there were 1,092 post conviction cases.
- More than 1,300 victim interviews have been conducted and over 1,600 referrals to other community agencies have been provided to victims.
- Charges were issued on 33 of the 179 investigation made by the Carroll County Advocacy and Investigation Center.

State's Attorney's Office

Description	Actual FY 08	Original Budget FY 09	Adjusted Budget FY 09	Recomm Budget FY 10	% Change From Orig. FY 09	% Change From Adj. FY 09
Personnel	\$1,861,818	\$1,998,440	\$1,990,750	\$1,979,675	-0.94%	-0.56%
Operating	92,494	119,160	119,160	116,620	-2.13%	-2.13%
Capital Outlay	1,016	1,260	1,260	375	-70.24%	-70.24%
Total	\$1,955,327	\$2,118,860	\$2,111,170	\$2,096,670	-1.05%	-0.69%
Employees FTE	34.50	35.50	35.50	35.50	-----	-----

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

New cases in State's Attorney's Office:

Court	CY 06	CY 07	CY 08
Circuit Court	1,238	1,397	1,417
District Court	5,124	4,305	4,819
Juvenile Court	457	398	375
Total	6,819	6,100	6,611

Budget Changes

There are no salary increases in FY 10 and operating expenses are being held near, or reduced from, the FY 09 levels.

Positions

Title	Type	FTE
<i>Assistant State's Attorney I</i>	Full-time	3.00
<i>Assistant State's Attorney II</i>	Full-time	3.00
<i>Chief Investigator</i>	Full-time	1.00
<i>Chief Deputy State's Attorney</i>	Full-time	1.00
<i>Deputy State's Attorney</i>	Full-time	1.00
<i>Extradition Fugitive Technician</i>	Full-time	1.00
<i>Investigator</i>	Full-time	4.00
<i>Law Clerk</i>	Full-time	1.00
<i>Office Administrator</i>	Full-time	1.00
<i>Prosecution Aide</i>	Full-time	1.00
<i>Prosecution Aide</i>	Part-time	0.50
<i>Prosecution Assistant</i>	Full-time	11.00
<i>Senior Asst. State's Attorney</i>	Full-time	4.00
<i>Specialty Unit Supervisor</i>	Full-time	2.00
<i>State's Attorney</i>	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 County Funding to State's Atty's Office

Department	Estimated Cost
<i>State's Attorney's Office</i>	\$2,096,670
<i>Fringe Benefits</i>	554,300
<i>Payroll Taxes</i>	158,400
<i>Utilities</i>	65,285
<i>Building Repairs</i>	48,600
<i>Technology Support</i>	33,650
<i>Fleet-Fuel, Maintenance, Replacement</i>	54,000
<i>Grant's Cash Match</i>	310,615
Total	\$3,321,520

Victim Witness Assistance

Description	Actual FY 08	Original Budget FY 09	Adjusted Budget FY 09	Recomm Budget FY 10	% Change From Orig. FY 09	% Change From Adj. FY 09
Personnel	\$157,502	\$165,910	\$165,910	\$194,120	17.00%	17.00%
Operating	5,725	14,290	14,290	12,950	-9.38%	-9.38%
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Total	\$163,227	\$180,200	\$180,200	\$207,070	14.91%	14.91%
Employees FTE	4.00	4.00	4.00	5.00	-----	-----

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Statements and assistance is rendered to persons requesting post conviction court and inmate status notifications.

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.

Program Highlights

- 17,300 written and 2,288 telephone court notifications have been provided to victims and witnesses by Victim Witness Assistance unit staff during 2008.
- More than 1,341 victim interviews have been conducted and over 1,613 referrals have been given to victims in need of counseling or support services.

Budget Changes

- There are no salary increases in FY 10 and operating expenses are being held near, or reduced from, the FY 09 levels.
- The 17% increase in personnel is due to the addition of a Prosecution Assistant position funded in FY 09 by the MD Victims of Crime grant.

Positions

Title	Type	FTE
Director	Full-time	1.00
District Court Coordinator	Full-time	1.00
Family Violence Coordinator	Full-time	1.00
Prosecution Assistant	Full-time	2.00
Total		5.00

Total County Funding to Victim Witness

Department	Estimated Cost
Victim Witness	\$207,070
Fringe Benefits	54,350
Payroll Taxes	15,500
Total	\$276,920

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

Carroll County Advocacy and Investigation Center

Description	Actual FY 08	Original Budget FY 09	Adjusted Budget FY 09	Recomm Budget FY 10	% Change From Orig. FY 09	% Change From Adj. FY 09
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$94,790	\$94,790	100.00%	0.00%
Operating	0	0	14,280	17,780	100.00%	24.51%
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Total	\$0	\$0	\$109,070	\$112,570	100.00%	3.21%
Employees FTE	0.00	0.00	2.00	2.00	-----	-----

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Mission and Goals

The Carroll County Advocacy and Investigation Center (CCAIC) is committed to reducing the trauma to children and adult citizens of Carroll County who have been abused. CCAIC investigates allegations of sexual abuse and sexual assault, assesses, and protects the victim, and provides resources for the victim and the victim's family/guardian.

Goals include:

- Increase public awareness of the signs and impact of abuse
- Educate and support the family to enable them to provide and maintain a safe and nurturing environment
- Obtain sufficient evidence for successful prosecution of child abuse cases
- Provide prompt intervention for appropriate medical and specialized therapeutic services

Description

The division is comprised of a wide range of agencies and organizations. It is represented by members of the Maryland State Police, the State's Attorney's Office, the Sheriff's Office, the Department of Social Services, the Westminster City Police and Family and Children's Services. These agencies along with the Carroll County Health Department, Carroll Hospital Center and the Rape Crisis Intervention Center are all organized to work together from a victim advocacy perspective.

Program Highlights

FY 08, CCAIC charged 33 of the 179 cases investigated.

Budget Changes

- The 100% increase from the FY 09 Original Budget to the FY 09 Adjusted Budget is due to a change in the program administration. The Children's Advocacy and Investigation program was administered by Citizen's Services and transferred to the State's Attorney's Office during FY 09.
- The 24.51% increase in operating is due to expenditures such as postage and copy charges being charged to this budget in FY 10 that were not charged prior to the administration change.

Positions

Title	Type	FTE
<i>Law Enforcement Administrator</i>	Full-time	1.00
<i>Victim Support Coordinator</i>	Full-time	1.00
Total		2.00

Total County Funding to CCAIC

Department	Estimated Cost
<i>CC Advocacy Investigation Center</i>	\$112,570
<i>Fringe Benefits</i>	26,540
<i>Payroll Taxes</i>	7,600
<i>Fleet-Fuel, Maintenance, Replacement</i>	18,000
Total	\$164,710