County of El Dorado Office of the Public Defender



Department Overview

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Net County Cost Comparisons (millions)



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Total 23 FTEs (Full-time Employees)

*14 attorneys, 249 years of experience, avg. of 17.78 years each



*Los Angeles County, Orange County, Riverside County, Sacramento County, Imperial County, Placer County, Shasta County, San Joaquin County, Siskiyou County



Things we do:





"We are more than lawyers, secretaries, or investigators- we are the community"

HOT & Public Defender Homeless Gift Bags Christmas 2017

Probation & Public Defender CCC Christmas 2017

Boys & Girls Club Heroes Night 2018

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Goals:

- 1) Provide high quality representation for each client
 - Case Management System
 - Measurement of Performance Standards
 - Provide specialized and cost-efficient staff training

***** 2) Explore economic improvements

- Public Defender fees
- Intern Program

Challenges:

 Sweeping Criminal Justice reform, leading to increased complexity of cases (mentally ill, rehabilitation, local parolees, homeless)

Remaining fiscally conservative, yet not compromising services