



2018 Budget Presentation District Attorney's Office

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**The mission of the Fourth
Judicial District Attorney's
Office is to administer justice,
advocate for victims and
partner with law enforcement
and the citizens of this
community in the deterrence
and prevention of crime.**



**The Office of the District
Attorney is mandated
and governed by the
Colorado Constitution and
CRS 20-1-101 to 20-1-308**

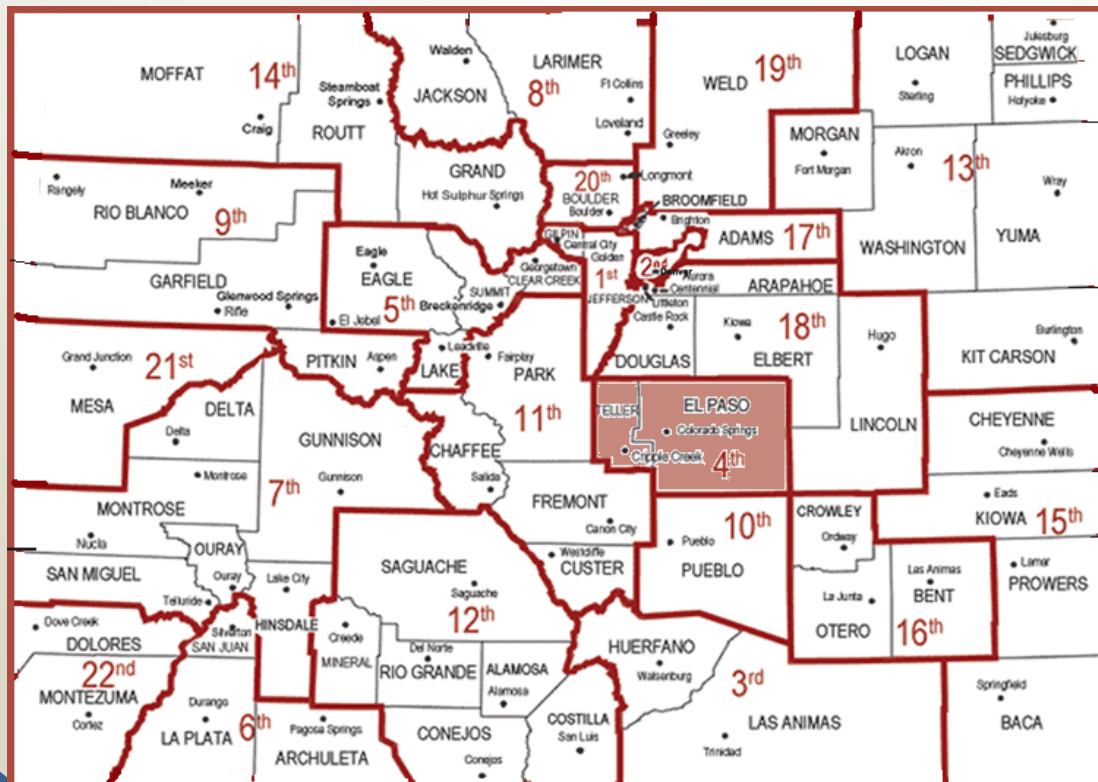




4th Judicial District in 1900



4th Judicial District in 1965



YOUR 4TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

- **Covers El Paso and Teller Counties**
- **Receives reported crimes from 22 different law enforcement agencies**
- **79 Attorneys, 22 sworn Investigators and another 119 in Support Staff**



YOUR 4TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

- **17 District Court Judges with Felony dockets**
- **11 County Court Judges with Misdemeanor dockets**
- **4 Juvenile District Court Divisions**
- **5 Specialty Courts – Drug Court, DUI Court, Domestic Violence Court, Heals Court, Veteran's Court**



Partner Agencies

- **Colorado Springs Police Department**
- **El Paso County Sheriff's Office**
- **Teller County Sheriff's Office**
- **Manitou Springs Police Department**
- **Colorado State Patrol**
- **Fountain Police Department**
- **Woodland Park Police Department**
- **Green Mountain Falls Police Department**
- **Victor Police Department**
- **Cripple Creek Police Department**
- **Calhan Police Department**
- **Palmer Lake Marshal's Office**
- **Monument Police Department**
- **Colorado Bureau of Investigation**
- **Colorado Division of Wildlife**
- **Colorado Division of Gaming**
- **Colorado Attorney General's Office**
- **United States Attorney's Office**
- **Ft. Carson Judge Advocate General's Office**
- **United States Air Force Academy Judge Advocate General's Office**
- **Fire Departments within El Paso and Teller Counties**
- **Humane Society**
- **Agencies of the United States Government, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Internal Revenue Service, Immigration and Naturalization Service, U.S. Marshall, Drug Enforcement Administration, and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.**



YOUR 4TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

- **8 Specialty Divisions – SVU, Economic Crime, Felony Intake, Investigations, Victim Witness, Diversion services, Neighborhood Justice Center services, Veteran's Court**
- **Major Units:**
 - **District Court – Prosecutes Felony Cases**
 - **County Court – Prosecutes Misdemeanor Cases**
 - **Juvenile Division – Prosecutes Juvenile Criminal Cases**
 - **Discovery – fulfills discovery for 30,000 – 35,000 criminal cases each year**
- **Other Programs – Not One More, Human Trafficking, Prescription Drug, Stop Program**



MAJOR METRO COMPARISON

Judicial District	Felony	Juv	Traffic	Misd.	Budget	Population	Total Staff
4 th - EL PASO	6,538	3,294	15,965	7,829	\$12,887,000	685,521	220
2 nd - DENVER	5,761	3,241	*	*	\$22,840,594	693,060	194
18 th - ARAPAHOE	4,541	3,184	19,869	6,815	\$20,927,000	960,970	230
17 th - ADAMS	4,166	2,020	14,320	5,398	\$17,153,177	491,337	171
1 st - JEFFERSON	4,080	2,335	12,211	6,142	\$22,098,000	558,532	177

* The majority of Denver traffic cases are prosecuted by City Attorneys in city court. Includes traffic and misdemeanor cases.



2016 BUDGET COMPARISON

USING 10-COUNTY SURVEY

	ADAMS	ARAPAHOE	DOUGLAS	BOULDER	EL PASO	JEFFERSON	LARIMER	MESA	PUEBLO	WELD
DAO BUDGET	\$17,153,000	\$13,871,000	\$7,056,000	\$5,369,000	\$12,887,000	\$22,098,000	\$7,951,000	\$3,532,000	\$4,028,000	\$5,418,000
POPULATION	491,337	628,323	332,647	321,872	685,521	558,532	333,577	152,357	163,591	276,089
COST PER CITIZEN	\$31.94	\$22.08	\$21.21	\$16.68	\$18.80	\$39.56	\$23.84	\$23.18	\$24.62	\$19.62



2016 STATISTICS

- **32,546 cases were prosecuted by this Office**
- **Over 5 million dollars was collected in restitution for victims of crime**
- **Victim's Compensation awarded \$1,104,256 to victims of crime and their service providers**



2016 STATISTICS

- **In 2016, there were 25 homicides. In 2017 we have had 23 homicides to date.**
- **In 2016, we took 3 homicide cases to trial. In 2017, we have taken 10 homicide cases to trial to date.**
- **196 felony cases were tried in 2016. This is more than any other jurisdiction in the State and translates to over 557 days in trial. In 2017, we have tried 178 felony trials to date which translates to 544 days in trial.**



FELONY FILINGS INCREASE

- **Felony filings are up 36% over the past 3 years across the State of Colorado**
- **Felony filings in El Paso County are up 41% over the past 3 years**
- **Law Enforcement is increasing staff to deal with this increase across the state**
- **Salary equity adjustments to-date are still below median making it very difficult to retain qualified staff to prosecute increased felony cases**



AWARDS

Diana Colon – CDAC Victim Advocate of the Year Award 2017

Victoria McCartney – DV Summit Porch Light Award Above and Beyond 2017

Jeff Lindsey – CDAC Trainer of the Year 2017

Robyn Shaw – Association of Fraud Examiners Distinguished Service Award 2016

Michelle Nelson – Cindy Nelson Administrator of the Year Award 2015

Margaret Vellar – EPC Bar Association Portia Award 2015

Debbie Pearson – CDAC Prosecutor of the Year

Sam Burney – Dept. of Human Services Prosecutor of the Year 2014

Shannon Gerhart – CDAC Prosecutor of the Year

Kelson Castain – Safe Passage Team Partner of the Year 2013

Larry Martin – CDAC Sustained Performance 30+ Yrs of Service

Robyn Cafasso – CDAC Prosecutor of the Year

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Dan May – CDAC Past President

Ed Butler – CDAC Investigator of the Year

Joy Mitchell – EPC Bar Association Liberty Bell Award

Jeff Harwood – DEA Prosecutor of the Year

Gwen Stein – Kaleidoscope Award

Rafael Chanza & Patricia Kuhl – Team Volunteer Award

Marshall Tuttle – DOVIA Volunteer of the Year



2017 EPC - DAO BUDGET

SALARIES & FICA	\$12,978,688	95%
OPERATING	<u>\$ 717,047</u>	4%
TOTAL	\$13,695,735	



CRITICAL NEEDS 2018

4th Judicial District Attorney's Office



SALARY NEEDS

- **Minimum salary inequities within El Paso County make it difficult to retain employees at the District Attorney's Office**
- **County records show that 191 of the employees at the District Attorney's Office are an average of 13.1% below the midpoint, some employees are actually 25% below midpoint**



PERSONNEL – FUTURE NEEDS

- **Deputy District Attorney – Floater**
- **Investigator**
- **Sr. Paralegal**
- **2 Legal Support Staff**

