

Our Mission...

***Seek Justice,
Serve Justice,
Do Justice***

Community Prosecution Mission...

*Provide proactive response to
community concerns and
increase accountability to the
communities we serve.*

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COMMUNITY PROSECUTION

The Sacramento County District Attorney Community Prosecution Unit (CPU) focuses on targeted criminal acts and code enforcement issues to ensure public safety and uphold quality of life in our communities. In partnership with law enforcement, the community, and public and private organizations, our combined efforts work to identify community issues and prevent crime.

WHAT DO COMMUNITY PROSECUTORS DO?

- Prosecute quality of life crimes including trespassing, vandalism, graffiti, drug activity, prostitution, and disturbing the peace
- Form partnerships with police officers and community members to improve the quality-of-life in targeted areas
- Participate in neighborhood meetings to discuss public safety concerns
- Take concerns to the courthouse through community victim impact statements
- Serve as a prosecutorial resource to police officers and community members
- Develop and implement innovative strategies to educate the public about the criminal justice system and crime prevention



COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

• **CITIZENS ACADEMY April 14—June 16, 2009**

A 10-week course to engage all ethnic and cultural communities in communication; participation; and mutual learning on the criminal justice system; diversity; and racial issues within the framework of the criminal justice system.

• **G.I.F.T. (GUN-VIOLENCE INFORMATION FOR TEENS)**

A two hour collaborative presentation partnering with law enforcement, fire department, and a community prosecutor. The GIFT team goes into middle school classrooms to educate students on the medical, emotional, and legal consequences of gun violence.

• **DRIVING IT HOME**

The DA's Office and the Elk Grove P.D. have joined forces to bring this nationally recognized driving safety program to Sacramento County. Speed is the #1 killer of teens as drivers and passengers until the age of 20. This program educates teens & adults about safe driving choices and the consequences of poor decisions. Local stories of driving-related teen fatalities are featured through personal stories, graphic video, as well as the actual wrecked vehicle of an Elk Grove teen that died as a result of a car crash.

• **CHOICES**

A one hour interactive classroom presentation to educate local 5th and 6th grade students about the dangers associated with guns. Taught by a prosecuting attorney and a police officer/sheriff's deputy, students learn about the emotional and legal consequences of using a gun.

• **OPERATION SUCCESS**

The District Attorney's Office works with school administrators to identify students with a

number of unexcused absences. District Attorney Jan Scully sends a letter to the student's parents informing them of the truancies and requests they attend a general assembly to discuss their child's attendance and their legal responsibilities.

• **YOUTH ACADEMY**

A high school course based on the Citizens Academy curriculum with the same goal of engaging our youth in communication, participation, and mutual learning of the criminal justice system.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

• **NUISANCE & RED LIGHT ABATEMENT**

A partnership with multiple agencies to abate drug houses, prostitution, illegal dumping, and nuisance properties

• **M.A.G.I.C (Multi-Agency Graffiti Intervention Committee)**

A monthly task force involving law enforcement, county and city agencies, and the community to share information and to promote community awareness in eradicating graffiti

• **FORECLOSURE TASK FORCE**

A partnership with the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency, City and County staff (Code Enforcement, Neighborhood Services, City Attorney) to take strategic action aimed at reducing the rate of foreclosures and minimizing the impact on neighborhoods

• **LANDLORD TRAINING**

A partnership with multiple agencies to provide education and enforcement in effort to eliminate nuisance rental housing