

PROSECUTOR

2023 Budget Presentation



2022 Overview

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Criminal Cases Docketed: 3,675

Homicides: 9 (9 solved)

UCPO Generated/Primary Investigations: 1,155

(includes investigations initiated by UCPO and investigations UCPO serves as lead agency on)

Criminal Justice Reform Detention Hearings Held:

- **1,686 CJP/First Appearance Hearings**
- **806 Detention Hearings**

Guns & Drugs removed from the street:

- **204 grams of fentanyl**
- **3,000 grams of heroin (5,225 folds)**
- **1,777 grams of crack/cocaine**
- **327 grams of cocaine**
- **48 firearms + 94 Turn-Ins**



2022 Accomplishments

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- **“Safe Place” Initiative**
 - In partnership with local law enforcement, businesses and community leaders, UCPO implemented a network of establishments bearing a “safe place” decal where victims of crime or harassment, particularly those involving Bias and Hate, can seek shelter and refuge. UCPO has been named recipient of the OAG Excellence in Policing Award for this Initiative.
- **Operation Helping Hand 24/7/365**
 - Continued access to the County’s 24/7/365 program, which provides access to rehabilitative services for anyone arrested for a low-level possessory offense involving opioids.
 - Hosted OHH 24/7/365 pop-up events in communities impacted by addiction. In 2022, 66 people were offered rehabilitative services.
- **Domestic Violence Non-Fatal Strangulation Program**
 - Established a program whereby, a Forensic Nurse Examiner, will be available 24/7 to respond to incidents of non-fatal strangulation and suffocation at partnering medical facilities. Trained nurses will conduct examinations, collect evidence, and provide referrals, allowing us to better serve victims and ultimately prosecute these acts of domestic violence.
- **Law Enforcement Jobs Fair**
 - Partnered with Union County Commissioners and Kean University to host a Law Enforcement Jobs Fair to increase law enforcement career interest and recruit more diverse candidates.
- **Policing Reform & Transparency**
 - Expanded the Body-Worn Camera Performance Review Pilot Program to facilitate a system of performance monitoring and early intervention.
 - Increased capacity of CIT trainings to pre-pandemic frequency to better equip law enforcement, first responders, and mental health professionals in their interaction with persons with mental illness.



2023 Goals and Objectives

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- **Operation Arrive Together**
 - Support and provide legal guidance to the expansion of pilot programs that partner certified mental health screeners with CIT-trained law enforcement officers to respond together to mental health crisis calls, when safe to do so, to assist in de-escalation and immediate referral for treatment.
- **Gun Buy Back & Turn-In Programs**
 - Due to the success of the 2021 Buy-Back (520 firearms) and 2022 Turn-In (94 firearms) programs, UCPO is committed to co-hosting additional programs with our local and County partners.
- **All-Hazards Plan**
 - Following UCPO's 2022 co-hosting of "Lessons Learned – Case Study of the Marjorie Stoneman Douglas School Shooting," attended by 450 first responders and school officials, UCPO shall continue to collaborate with all law enforcement, OEM and education partners to create mass casualty incident preparedness plans for coordinated and life-saving response. Such plans shall require collaboration, resource sharing, training and County-wide support to achieve the paramount goals of public safety.
- **Policing Reform Expansion**
 - Further expand de-escalation training and techniques to promote officer safety and reduce use-of-force incidents and to promote use of the least amount of force necessary to safely achieve the legitimate law enforcement objective under the circumstances.
- **Partnering to Establish a County-Wide Autism Registry**
 - Coordinate Law Enforcement Training & Community Outreach on Wandering and Drowning Within the Special Needs Community.



FINANCIAL CHART

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Description	2022 Adopted Budget	2022 Modified Budget	2022 Expenditures	2023 Budget Request
Salaries & Wages	24,201,825	24,201,825	21,577,540.07	24,526,035
Overtime	815,000	815,000	607,000.76	615,000
Seasonal	25,000	25,000	20,621.50	25,000
Per Diems	-	-	-	157,021
Other Expenses	916,000	916,000	880,296.01	916,000
Total	25,957,825	25,957,825	23,085,458.34	26,239,056
NO NEW POSITIONS				

