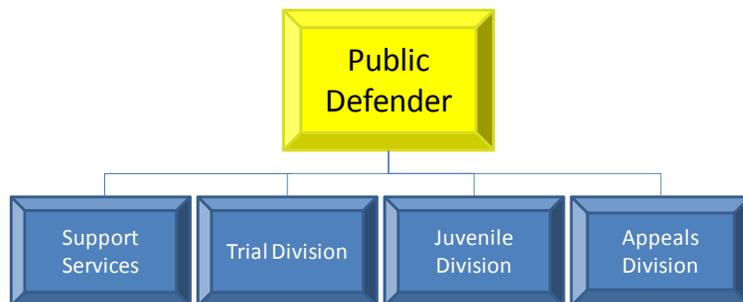


MISSION STATEMENT

Public Defender: To protect the fundamental rights of all individuals by providing effective legal representation for indigent defendants facing criminal charges, juvenile adjudications, and mental health commitments, when appointed by Superior Court in Yuma County and Yuma County Justice Courts.

ORGANIZATION



The department is managed by the Public Defender.

MAJOR FUNCTIONS

Support Services: Executes support functions for all divisions. Assignment of staff is made on an as-needed basis.

Trial Division: Represents defendants who are charged with crimes and who cannot afford a lawyer. Clients are also represented for matters involving their possible mental commitment.

Juvenile Division: Provides legal representation to eligible minors in criminal matters.

Appeals Division: Provides legal representation to indigent defendants (1) who have been convicted of criminal offenses at trial, and (2) believe a valid basis exists to challenge the legality of the conviction or sentence.

PUBLIC DEFENDER



PERFORMANCE REPORTING

Performance Measure Actuals & Benchmark -Public Defender

The following measures are departmental priorities identified in the County-wide Strategic Plan:

Department Goal: Measure:	Target/Benchmark				
	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018
To continuously search out ways to improve efficiency and reduce taxpayer costs.					
% of PCR cases kept in house.	25%	26%	27%	28%	30%
% of appeal cases kept in house.	30%	35%	40%	45%	50%
% of juvenile adjudication cases kept in house.	50%	55%	60%	65%	75%
% of cases closed within 3 days of final disposition.	75%	80%	85%	90%	100%
% of opened new cases that are assigned in house within 24 hours of receiving it.	75%	80%	85%	90%	100%
% of cases adjudicated within 180 days.	65%	68%	70%	72%	75%
% of serious felony cases assigned in house.	70%	71%	72%	73%	75%
% of non-conflict capital defense cases kept in house.	50%	55%	60%	65%	75%

STRATEGIC GOALS

Appeals Division

County Resources

Goal: To continuously search out ways to improve efficiency and reduce taxpayer costs.

Objective: Handle 30% of Post Conviction Relief (PCR) cases in house by FY2018.

Indicator: Percent of PCR cases kept in house.

Current Status: 25%

Strategy: Support and retain attorneys and staff qualified to handle PCR cases.

Objective: Handle 50% of appeal cases in house by FY2018.

Indicator: Percent of appeal cases kept in house.

Current Status: 30%

Strategy: Support and retain attorneys and staff qualified to handle appeal cases.

Juvenile Division

County Resources

Goal: To continuously search out ways to improve efficiency and reduce taxpayer costs.

Objective: Handle 75% of juvenile adjudications in house by FY2018.

Indicator: Percent of juvenile adjudication cases kept in house.

Current Status: 50%

Strategy: Support and retain attorneys and staff qualified to handle juvenile adjudication cases.



PERFORMANCE REPORTING

Support Services

County Resources

Goal: To continuously search out ways to improve efficiency and reduce taxpayer costs.

Objective: Close 100% of cases within 3 days of final disposition by FY2018.

Indicator: Percent of cases closed within 3 days of final disposition.

Current Status: 75%

Strategy: Implement support staff procedures and tracking for closing cases.

Objective: Open 100% of new cases assigned in house within 24 hours of receiving them by FY2018.

Indicator: Percentage of opened new cases that are assigned in house within 24 hours of receiving it.

Current Status: 75%

Strategy: Implement support staff procedures and tracking for opening new cases.

Trial Division

County Resources

Goal: To continuously search out ways to improve efficiency and reduce taxpayer costs.

Objective: Complete 75% of cases through adjudication in 180 days or less by FY2018.

Indicator: Percent of cases adjudicated within 180 days.

Current Status: 65%

Strategy: Train attorneys and staff to develop efficient case management skills.

Objective: Handle 75% of serious felony cases (Class 1-3) in house by FY2018.

Indicator: Percent of serious felony cases assigned in house.

Current Status: 70%

Strategy: Support and retain attorneys and staff qualified to handle serious felony cases.

Objective: Retain 75% of non-conflict capital defense cases in house by FY2018.

Indicator: Percent of non-conflict capital defense cases kept in house.

Current Status: 50%

Strategy: Support and retain attorneys and staff qualified to handle capital cases.



PERFORMANCE REPORTING

SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ✓ The Yuma County Public Defender's Office has successfully completed all capital cases with non-death dispositions.
- ✓ The Yuma County Public Defender's Office has been able to retain approximately 71% of serious and complex felonies appointed over the FY2012-2013 Year.

QUICK FACT:

LEGAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Under supervision of staff attorneys, interns are immersed in the daily operations of the Public Defender's office. Interns participate fully in all aspects of criminal defense including courtroom representation of the defendant for approved interns. Interns are fully involved in interviewing clients and witnesses, investigation of criminal cases, case staffing, legal research, motion practice and assisting Public Defender attorneys in court proceedings.



INITIATIVES NEW FOR 2014

- Secure a paralegal position to support appeals and post conviction defense.
- Expand in-house expertise in handling Sexually Violent Predator cases.
- Participate in and support Mental Health Court.

INITIATIVES PRIOR YEAR STATUS

Public Defender:

- Handle more serious offense cases in-house that are currently being contracted out.
Status: Ongoing
- Fund the Public Defender's Office Summer Law Intern Program.
Status: Ongoing



PUBLIC DEFENDER

STAFFING LEVELS

Authorized Positions by Funding Source

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
General fund	22.58	22.58	22.58	22.58
Special revenue fund	1.42	1.42	1.42	1.42
Total	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00

Authorized Positions by Major Function

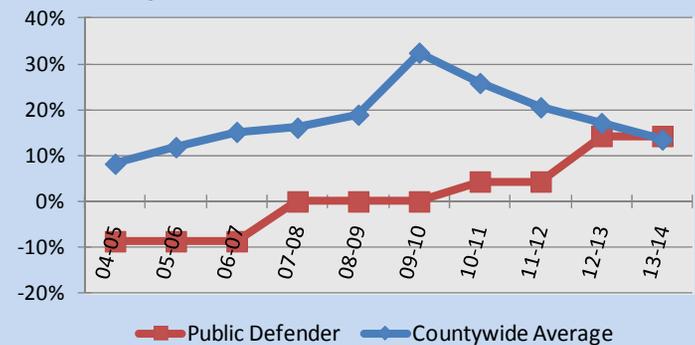
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Public Defender:				
Defender	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Staff Attorneys	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Capital Defense Attorneys	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Appellate Attorneys	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Support	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00
Total	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00

There are no staffing changes for fiscal year 2013-2014.

Authorized Positions by Classification

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Legal Secretary Trainee	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Administrative Legal Assistant	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Legal Office Supervisor	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Legal Secretary II	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
Legal Secretary III	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
Attorney I	2.00	2.00	0.00	0.00
Attorney II	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
Investigator	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Principal Attorney	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Attorney III	1.00	1.00	3.00	3.00
Attorney Supvr/Sr Trial Attorney	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
Capital Attorney	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Appellate Attorney	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Public Defender	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Total	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00

Public Defender's Growth in Positions Compared to FY04 Base Yr. - All Funds



Public Defender's staffing level has increased 14.3% since fiscal year 2003-04. This is above the Countywide Average of 13.5%.



FUNDING LEVELS

Revenue: General Fund support is at the level needed for General Fund expenditures. There are no significant changes in Special Revenues.

Personnel: There are no substantial changes this fiscal year.

Supplies and Services: The net increase is primarily due to moving \$60,000 of Witness Fees budget authority from the Non-Departmental budget to the Public Defender budget.

Capital Outlay: There is no Capital Outlay budget this fiscal year.

Public Defender	Actual 2010-11	Actual 2011-12	Budget 2012-13	Estimate 2012-13	Budget 2013-14	% Change
Sources						
General Revenue	\$ 2,090,355	\$ 2,093,714	\$ 2,156,758	\$ 2,278,288	\$ 2,268,555	5.18%
Special Revenue	110,378	75,833	68,907	87,107	67,388	-2.20%
Balance Forward	122,050	87,730	29,636	(41,466)	11,066	-62.66%
Total Sources	\$ 2,322,783	\$ 2,257,277	\$ 2,255,301	\$ 2,323,929	\$ 2,347,009	4.07%
Uses						
Personnel	1,851,403	1,867,011	1,923,004	1,917,164	1,958,180	1.83%
Supplies & Services	399,404	388,794	322,910	448,722	377,752	16.98%
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Reserves & Contingencies	-	-	9,387	367	11,077	18.00%
Total Uses	\$ 2,250,807	\$ 2,255,805	\$ 2,255,301	\$ 2,366,253	\$ 2,347,009	4.07%
Other Sources & Uses						
Transfers In	-	686	76,570	129,960	102,424	33.77%
Transfers Out	-	(27,351)	(76,570)	(76,570)	(102,424)	33.77%
Total Other Sources & Uses	\$ -	\$ (26,665)	\$ -	\$ 53,390	\$ -	N/A
Other Restricted	\$ 71,976	\$ (25,193)	\$ -	\$ 11,066	\$ -	N/A

Unbalanced amounts due to funds 02319, 02326 and 02342 shared with other departments.