

City Attorney's Office Criminal Division Overview

Public Safety, Civil Rights and Emergency
Management Committee
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Jurisdiction

- The Minneapolis City Attorney's Office prosecutes all adult misdemeanor, gross misdemeanor and petty misdemeanor crimes with the City of Minneapolis.

Case load

- Handle approximately 25,000 cases per year
- Offenses include:
 - Domestic assault
 - DWI
 - Weapons
 - Livability offenses
 - Theft-related offenses
 - Traffic: moving, DL, insurance

3 Divisions

- Community Prosecution
- Domestic Assault
- General Prosecution Teams

Staffing

- 2014 Criminal Division FTE's: 53
 - 26 Attorneys
 - 12 Paralegals
 - 5 Victim Witness Assistants (VWA)
 - 10 Support Staff
- 2014 budget added 1 FTE (from 4 to 5 VWA's)

Staffing

- Attorney break-down:
 - 16 Prosecutors
 - 5 Community Attorneys
 - 1 Downtown 100 Prosecutor
 - Deputy and 3 Supervising Attorneys

Community Prosecution

- Community Attorneys
- Court Watch Groups
- Citywide Top 200
- Downtown 100 & Focus 18-24

Court Watch Groups

1st Precinct:

- Downtown
- Cedar Riverside

2nd Precinct Court Watch

3rd Precinct:

- Little Earth
- Franklin Avenue
- Property Crimes

4th Precinct Court Watch

5th Precinct:

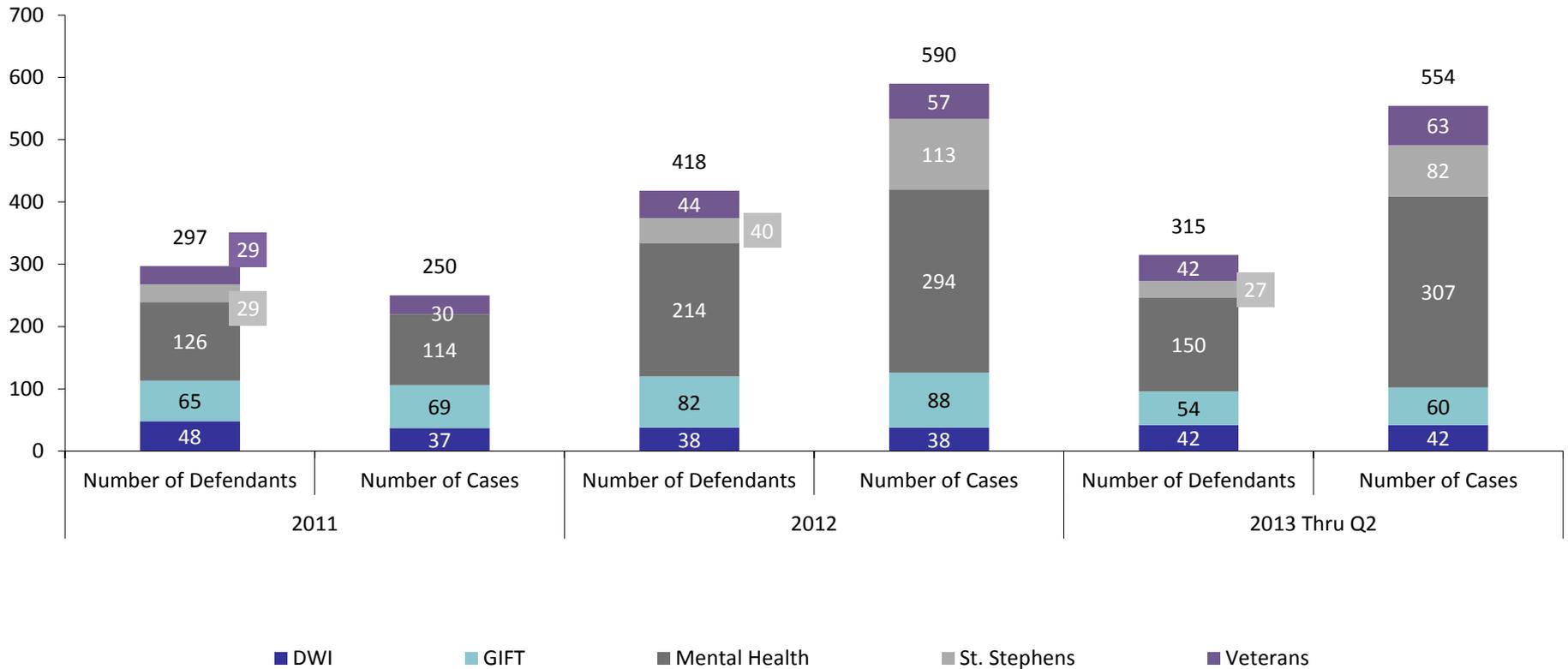
- Lyndale
- Kingfield and Stevens Square Crime and Safety Committees

Problem Solving Courts

- DWI Court
- Mental Health Court
- Veteran's Court
- St. Stephen's Court
- GIFT Calendar

Problem Solving Courts

Minneapolis City Attorney's Office Participation in Problem Solving Courts



Source: CAO and Hennepin County District Court

Downtown 100

- It is a collaborative program involving, police, prosecutors, social service agencies and private entities, funded in part with a DID grant.
 - **80%** reduction in new offenses in 1st Precinct
- Focus 18-24 – new initiative:
 - **77%** reduction in new offenses in 1st Precinct
- Housing, other services provided
- Expanding in 2014

Community Prosecution Awards

- International Association of Chiefs of Police
- U.S. Dept. of Justice – 10 most innovative community prosecution initiatives
- Humphrey Institute Government Innovations Award
- National Downtown Council Innovation Award

Diversion Programs

- Specific programs
 - Restorative Justice
 - Restorative Justice Community Action
 - Minor Consuming Police Diversion Program
 - Restorative Justice Prostitution Patron Program (RJPPP)
 - Driving Diversion Program
 - Shoplifting Diversion Program - New

Domestic Assault Team: The Minneapolis Model

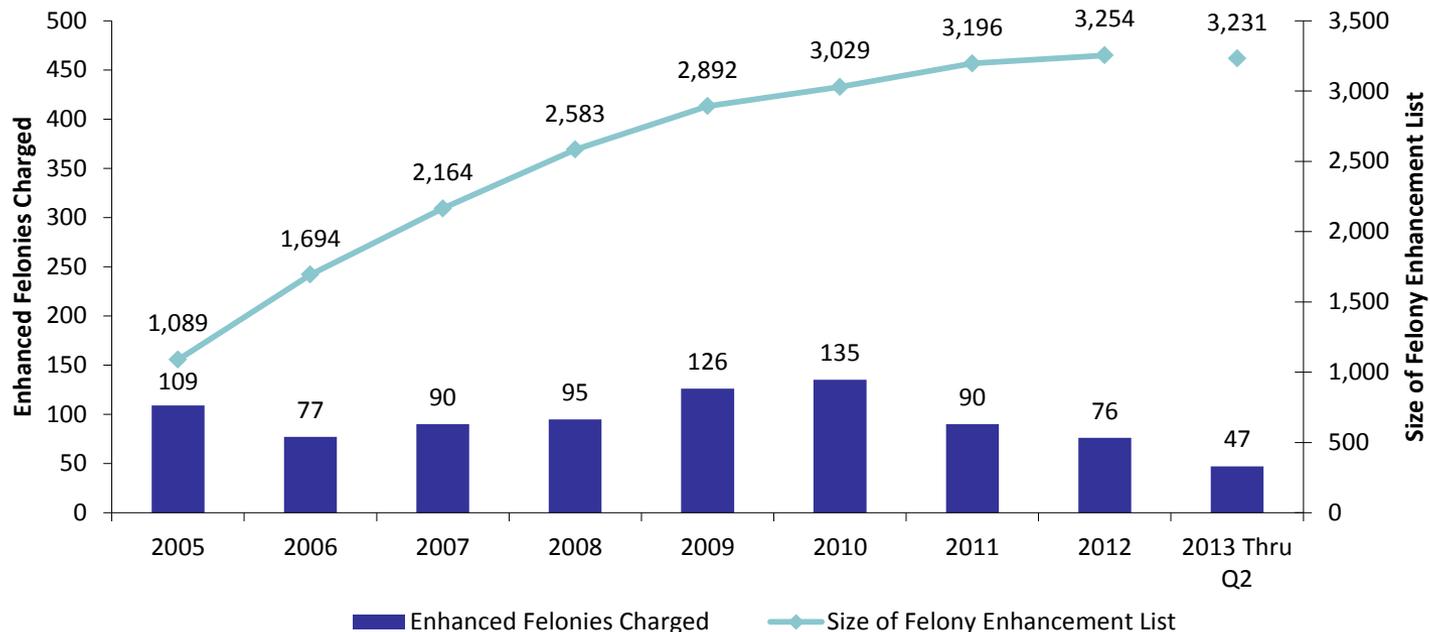
- Handles all domestic violence cases involving people who have been married or involved in an intimate partner relationship.
- Increased conviction rate in domestic violence cases by **50%** over 5 years.
- Maintained a **70%** conviction rate for the last 3 years.

Domestic Assault Initiatives

- Pilot: on call investigators and advocates
- Knock and Talks
- VAWA grant
- On-going training for law enforcement regarding DV police reports

Enhanced Domestic Violence Felonies Charged by Hennepin County

Enhanced Domestic Violence Felonies Charged by Hennepin County after Minneapolis City Attorney's Office Referral and Number of Individuals on Felony Enhancement List (cumulative)



Note: Since 2004, the CAO has had 949 felony level offenses charged by the Hennepin County Attorney's Office following a referral by the CAO for a case which was originally identified by MPD as a misdemeanor level offense.

Source: CAO