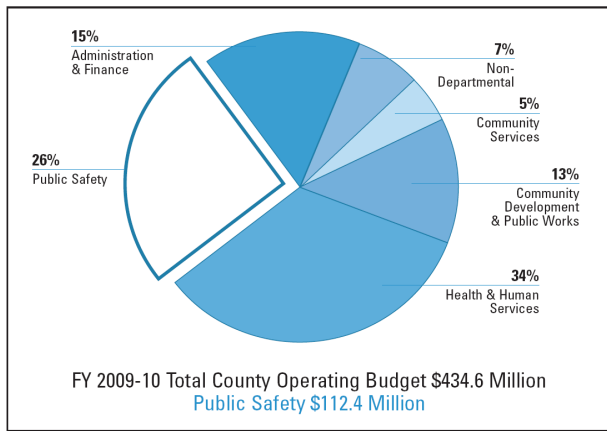




Public Safety

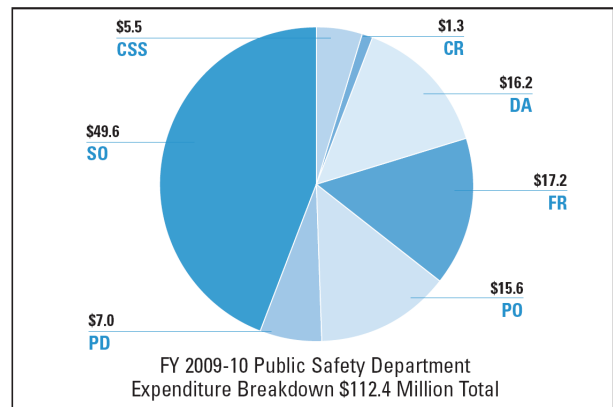


Introduction

The Public Safety Service Area ensures safe communities throughout Marin County. Programs and services include law enforcement and crime prevention, wildfire prevention, emergency preparedness, and criminal justice system.

Public Safety Departments:

- **Child Support Services [CSS]:** Funded by the federal and state governments, primary responsibilities include establishing and enforcing paternity and child support orders
- **Coroner [CR]:** Investigates the cause and manner of all sudden or unexpected deaths within the County, or natural deaths where the person has not been seen under the close care of a physician
- **District Attorney [DA]:** Acts as the public prosecutor responsible for attending the courts and conducting all prosecutions for public offenses on behalf of the people
- **Fire [FR]:** Provides numerous services including fire control and prevention, hazardous materials response, urban search and rescue and general emergency response
- **Probation [PO]:** Core functions include providing supervision and treatment to adults and juveniles under court-ordered probation and managing the County's Juvenile Hall facility
- **Public Defender [PD]:** Provides legal representation for indigent persons charged with felony, misdemeanor, juvenile and family support crimes, as well as for indigent persons against whom County Counsel seeks mental or disability commitments, conservatorships and dependency declarations
- **Sheriff [SO]:** Serves as the lead County law enforcement agency providing services including patrol and investigations, court security, County jail operations, and management of the emergency operations center



PUBLIC SAFETY BUDGET SUMMARY

All Funds	FY 2008-09 Approved	FY 2009-10 Recommended	FY 2009-10 Change	Allocated Positions
Department Expenditures				
Child Support Services	\$5,266,018	\$5,455,561	\$189,543	39.00
Coroner	1,242,457	1,322,216	79,759	7.00
District Attorney	16,417,732	16,216,171	(201,561)	90.75
Fire	17,112,238	17,273,287	161,049	87.14
Probation	16,710,975	15,561,153	(1,149,822)	117.78
Public Defender	7,303,721	6,993,066	(310,655)	44.25
Sheriff	49,915,134	49,601,859	(313,275)	316.30
Total Service Area Expenditures	\$113,968,275	\$112,423,313	(\$1,544,962)	702.22

Highlights of Accomplishments FY 2008-09

- Child Support Services was again recognized by the State as the sixth highest performing child support agency in California, the fifth consecutive year the department ranked in the top ten
- The Coroner's Office closed 98% of its cases within the first two weeks and successfully identified all but two unknown persons
- Public safety departments collaborated with criminal justice partners and the Marin County Superior Court to successfully implement a Family Violence Court to help break the often escalating cycle of domestic violence
- The Fire Department partnered with the State Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, State Parks, local fire departments and vendors to successfully mitigate wild-land fires on Angel Island with neither injuries nor structural damage
- The Probation Department successfully maintained the County's PORTAL (Programs of Responsive Treatment and Linkages) at a reduced level despite the loss of the state grant that funded the program; PORTAL provides a highly effective evidence-based treatment program for the families of children who are most at risk for recidivism
- The Sheriff's Department changed the supervisory staffing levels in the County jail during peak levels of operation to be more effective, efficient and to decrease staffing and overtime costs
- After a successful pilot-program, the Public Defender's Office began representing in-custody clients at arraignment proceedings



Satisfaction with Select Public Safety Programs

Based on 2009 Community Survey

