



Office of the Pima County Attorney Significant Accomplishments 2019

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

1. The Victim Services Division in FY 2018/19 utilized 120 trained community volunteers to provide crisis and court advocacy services to 1,331 crime victims on scene and 1,000+ victims in court and in the office. These trained volunteers, working along with our Victim Advocates, contributed 21,101 hours last fiscal year, gifting Pima County with \$410,836.00 in donated victim services.
2. The Crime Victim Compensation Program processed 264 new victim claims and paid out \$430,029 from the Compensation Fund and monies received from restitution awards, assisting victims' payments for medical, mental health, lost wages, crime-scene cleanup, transportation, and funeral expenses. Victims also received \$167,095 worth of services that did not have to be paid for because staff successfully negotiated discounts with medical and mental health providers, resulting in a combined total assistance of \$597,125.
3. The Adult Diversion Program collected \$15,570 in restitution and \$128,257 in revenue sent directly to the general fund for a total of \$143,827 for FY 2018-19.
4. The Bad Check Diversion Program served a total of 9,482 individuals and merchants participating in the program as victims of bad checks. For FY 2018-19, the Program successfully returned \$69,562 in restitution to the victims of bad checks. The Bad Check Program continues to be the top program of its kind in the nation and is a pre-indictment program diverting thousands of cases from prosecution in the criminal justice system.
5. The 88-CRIME Program has, since inception, approved \$1,698,820 in cash rewards and assisted in the recovery or seizure of cash and property valued at \$20,451,230, seized drugs valued at \$91,097,638, and 543 weapons. Tips received by 88-CRIME have resulted in 6,105 arrests. For FY 2018-19, 88-CRIME received 3,662 tips assisting law enforcement in protecting our community.
6. The Civil Division Tort Unit handled very complex and emotionally charged cases alleging wrongful death, catastrophic and serious bodily injury cases, and civil rights violations. The cases handled in 2018-2019 included a claim of wrongful death arising out of the death of an inmate in the Pima County Adult Detention Center, claims of unconstitutional conduct by sheriff's deputies and prosecutors, and serious injury cases arising out of automobile accidents caused by a county employee (driver) and a claim that a county-owned roadway was negligently designed, constructed, or maintained. The Unit also handled a number of less serious personal injury cases where a permanent or catastrophic injury is not alleged, such as minor car accidents involving county employees or trip and fall cases.
7. In FY 2018-2019, the Tort Unit opened 66 new matters consisting of 34 new claims, 29