

PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS COORDINATING COUNCIL



FY 2016-2017 BUDGET

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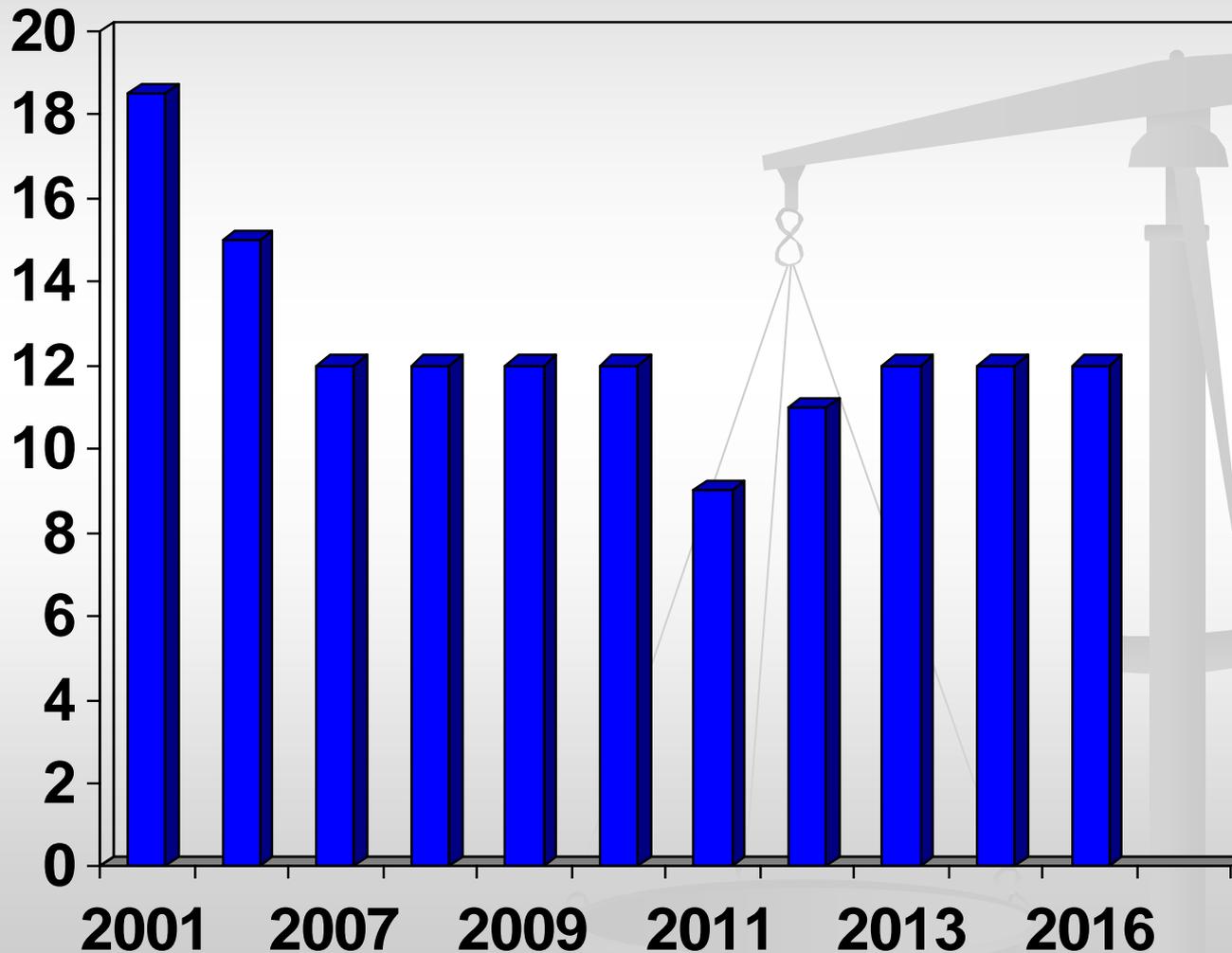


- Is an autonomous agency in the Department of Attorney General
- Established in 1972; MCL 49.101 et seq
- “The council shall keep the prosecuting attorneys and assistant prosecuting attorneys of the state informed of all changes in legislation, law and matters pertaining to their office...”
- To the end that a uniform system of conduct, duty and procedure is established in each county of the state.”
MCL 49.109

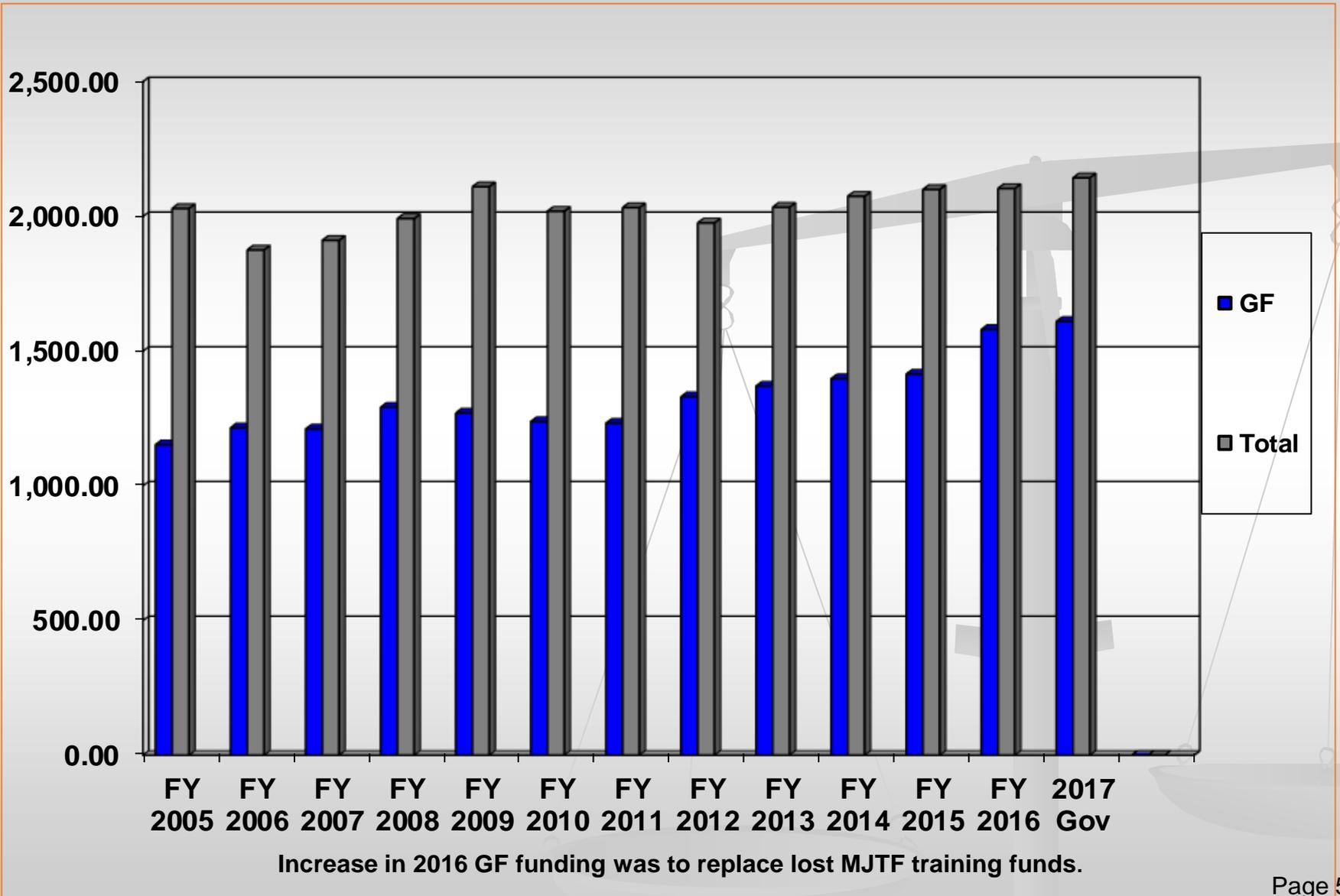
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- Governed by a 5 person council
- Attorney General Schuette
- The president of the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan (PAAM) Currently Michael Wendling of St. Clair County
- Clinton County PA Charles Sherman – Representing counties under 75,000
- Washtenaw County PA Brian Mackie – Representing counties between 75,000 – 400,000
- Kent County PA Bill Forsyth – Representing counties over 400,000

PACC FTE COUNT



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Primary Services

Information Technology

Continuing professional education

Administration of grant-funded services

Coordination of statewide prosecution activities

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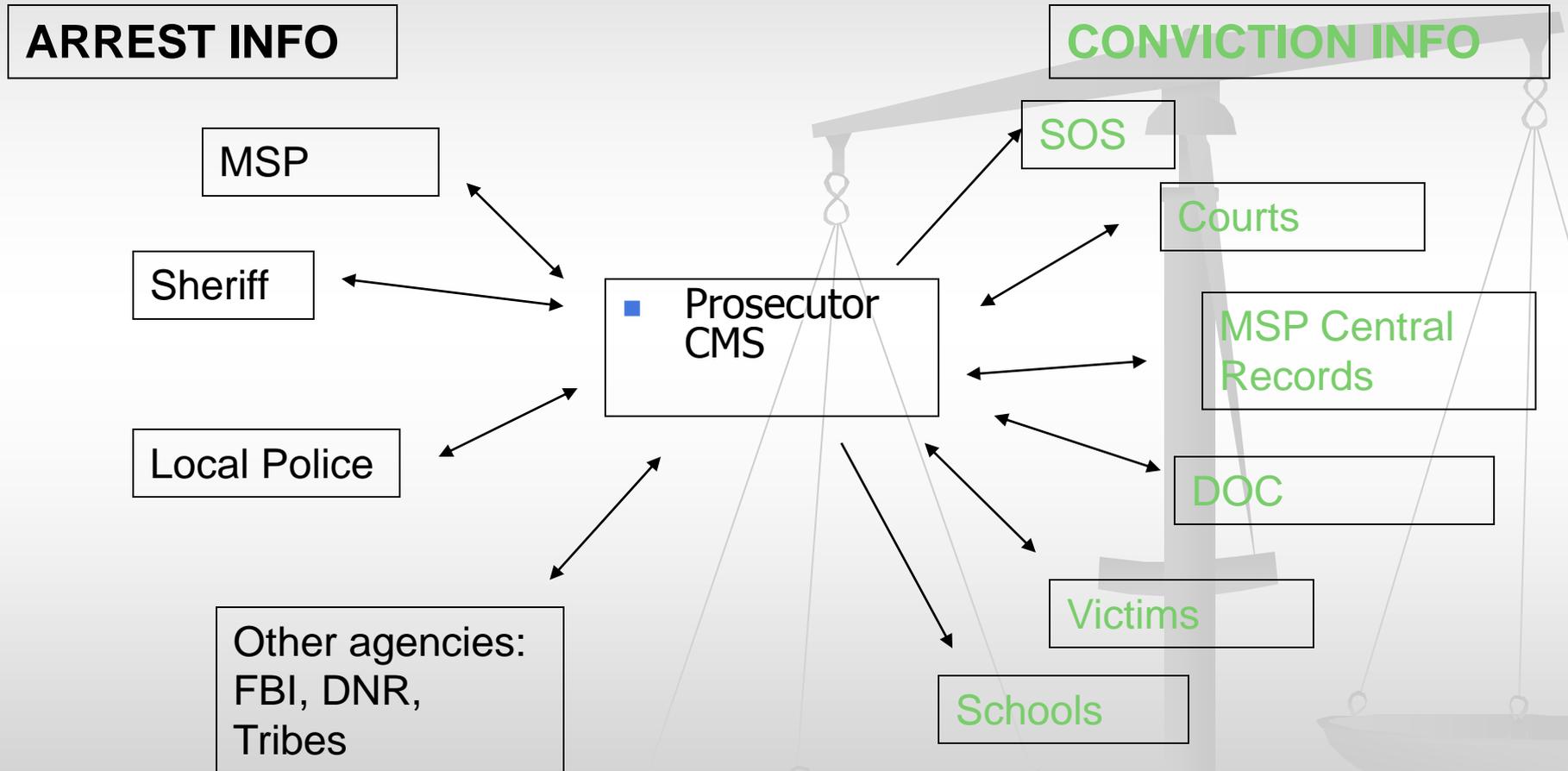
Information Technology Services

Adult/Juvenile case tracking

- A comprehensive computer software package used by 79 of the 83 prosecutor's offices, and the Attorney General's office
- We support 1400 users
- Specifically designed for Michigan's legal system and the needs of Michigan's prosecutors
- Generates all documents, warrants, subpoenas, court notices from an integrated database
- Electronically tracks victim rights and provides those rights to victims
- Links the county prosecutor systems with the state police, department of corrections, DHS, department of community health
- 24/7 help desk support
- **Currently building next generation of case tracking system to replace antiquated system.**

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Why fund PACC to provide these services?

Developing one system insures a more uniform and efficient enforcement of state law

One system allows for timely updates and enhancements for every prosecutor

Economies of scale by designing one system

Experienced staff who know how to integrate programming with the business needs of the office

PACC serves as the focal point for information transfer between the counties and state agencies

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Continuing Professional Education

PACC training programs for 2015/16 includes continuing professional education on the following topics:

- ❖ Trial Advocacy
- ❖ Victim Rights
- ❖ Traffic Safety
- ❖ Domestic Violence
- ❖ Sexual Assault
- ❖ Trial Integrity/Ethics
- ❖ New Assistant Prosecutors
- ❖ Elder Abuse and Financial Exploitation
- ❖ Investigation and prosecution of child abuse
- ❖ Appellate Advocacy
- ❖ Establishment and enforcement of child support
- ❖ Office Professional Development
- ❖ Computer Application Training

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Electronic Legal publications; Newsletters and manuals keep the prosecutors up to date on legal changes affecting them

- Our Electronic *Courtroom Manual* contains all the relevant law a prosecutor needs at his or her fingertips
- Our Electronic *Warrant Manual* contains over 4,200 charges for violations of state law in one convenient place
- New manuals on Discovery and Conflict of Interest

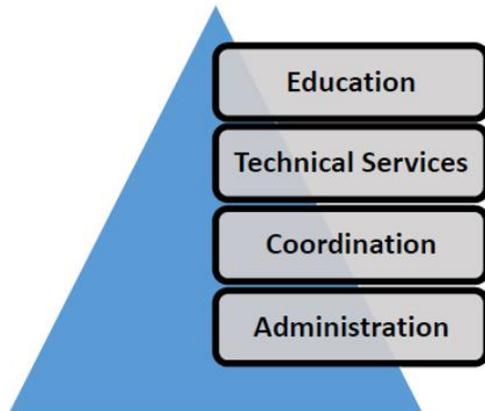
Legal research assistance provides instant legal advice on current issues, such as Identity Theft or discovery of electronic evidence

Newsgroups on traffic safety, sexual assault and domestic violence, child support, victim rights, elder justice and appellate issues.

Training is transitioning from in person to a variety of formats, including webinar and podcasts

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2015 ANNUAL REPORT

The Prosecuting Attorneys Coordinating Council (PACC) was created in 1972 by Public Act 203, as an autonomous entity within the Department of Attorney General. Its statutory mission is to ensure that all 83 of Michigan's prosecutors are "informed of all changes in law and matters pertaining to their offices". PACC has become a nationally recognized leader in the training and advancement of prosecution services. Services provided to offices fall into the following general categories:



Professional Education
Legal Assistance
Grants Administration

Publications and legal updates
Automation and computer services
Coordination of prosecution between offices

♦ PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

This area consists of two separate yet equally important training areas, continuing legal education and trial skills. PACC legal education and trial skills training programs for many years, have been funded in large part by a grant of Michigan Justice Training Funds (MJTF) from the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES). Acting on behalf of all of Michigan's prosecutors, PACC has administered the funds for the offices throughout the state. MJTF funding again supported prosecutor training in 2015, however those funds will no longer be available going forward into 2016.



Commencing with the 2015/16 fiscal year, MJTF funds have been replaced with direct funding by the State of Michigan through the PACC general budget. As local funding for training continues to remain flat or be reduced as county budgets, this new source of State funding is critical to allow professional training for prosecution staff.

PACC staff develops training on current legal issues, management training, new staff programs, child support, trial and appellate advocacy and computer case management. PACC strives to bring best training practices and makes programs and training materials available online and through podcasts and webinars. 2016 will see an expanded training schedule, including new trainings related to child sexual assault trial advocacy, child protection trial advocacy, elder justice financial crimes and forensic trauma exam techniques.

