

*LAKE COUNTY
STATE'S ATTORNEY
OFFICE:
2024 ANNUAL
REPORT TO LAW &
JUDICIAL
COMMITTEE*



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VIOLENCE

PREVENTION

INITIATIVE



2023 & 2024 Reduction in Gun Violence



MILESTONES:

- Published Violence Reduction Plan
- New Victim Services Division



CONTINUED FUNDING SINCE APRIL
2023 – Byrne, OFVP, ILGA \$1,838,000

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COUNTYWIDE SHOOTING HOMICIDE 2023 vs 2024 (to date)

- 8 shooting homicides 2024 vs 11 in 2023 **27% Reduction**
- Clearance Rate of 88% in 2024 vs 73% in 2023
- 3 Domestic Violence related shooting homicides in 2024 vs 3 in 2023

WAUKEGAN, ZION, NORTH CHICAGO SHOOTING HOMICIDES

2023 vs 2024 (to date)

- 4 shooting homicides in 2024 vs 8 in 2023 **50% Reduction**
- Clearance Rate of 100% in 2024 vs 75% in 2023
- 0 DV related shooting homicides in 2024 vs 3 in 2023
- 18 non-fatal shooting injuries in 2024 vs 22 in 2023 **18% Reduction**

LAKE COUNTY GUN VIOLENCE: 2022 VS. 2023

- 55% decrease in all homicides countywide between 2022 and 2023
- 47% decrease in GV homicides countywide
- 41% reduction in GV homicides in North Chicago, Zion, Waukegan
- 44% reduction shootings causing non-fatal injuries in NC, WKGN, Zion



HUMAN TRAFFICKING PROSECUTION TASK FORCE

Grant secured in late 2021 as one of six prosecutor offices nationwide to host a collaborative task force in a prosecutor's office

Between 2017 and 2021, there was only 1 trafficking case brought by SAO; since 2022, four formal prosecutions have been filed and there are currently 16 active investigations

Consistent communication with federal partners leads to local investigations and vice versa

Law enforcement & fire department roll call trainings

Assisting McHenry County with its trafficking task force

September 18: Third Annual "Open" Task Force meeting

ENHANCING

LAW

ENFORCEMENT

RESOURCES

Trainings: DV; DIH; FRO; Cyber & Financial

Commitment to Data: Task Force (HB2323)

Domestic Violence Fatality Review

New Behavioral Threat Assessment & Management with DePaul University

New Electronic Detection Canine: GRIP

INCREASING RESOURCES FOR VICTIMS

First ever written U/T Visa Policy

New Sexual Assault Response Team

THREE new GVPI victim support professionals

New SAFE-T Act victim specialist & earlier communication

Launching forensic medical Unit at CAC

RESPONSE TO OPIOID CRISIS



Drug Dealer Accountability

- Two annual police trainings on DIH
- Faraday Bag Program with Coroner
- SAO Phone Investigations
- New Program Request for investigator
- SAFE-T Act allows us to hold dealers of fentanyl

Harm Reduction

- Settlement dollars will be turned into grants for internal partners and/or CBOs
- Settlement dollars for direct funding of educational programs through ROE
- Social media campaign for awareness
- NARCAN & fentanyl test strips
- Expand treatment-based deflection via MacArthur Grant

***FIGHTING
FOR
LAKE
COUNTY
CONSUMERS***

Insulin Price Fixing Litigation

Opioid Settlement Funds

JUUL/vaping class action settlement

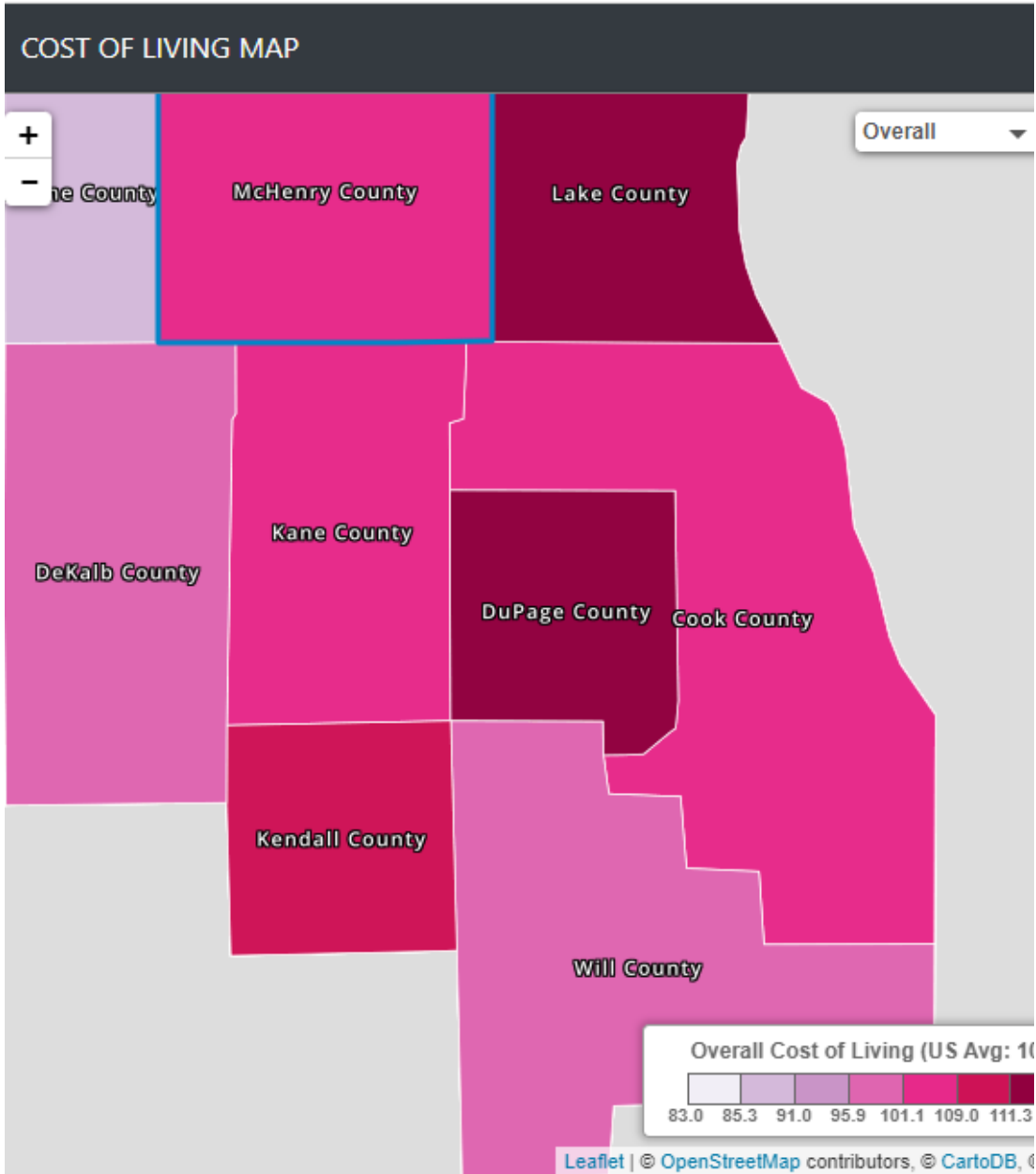
Aggressively pursuing insurance tenders in cases where Lake County has indemnity rights

Reducing number of outside counsel referrals for non-conflict cases

Successful in Habdab breach-of-contract case against Mundelein (preparing for arguments in Supreme Court to defend the victory secured in the appellate court)

\$ *SAO GRANT SUCCESSES*

- Total grant revenue \$8.28M
- Since 2020, we have secured 26 grants (15 new to SAO);
- The GVPI and safe storage are now funded at \$4.9M
- Grants fund 33 number of positions out of 155 in the office
- Grants that we are seeking to renew: *Human Trafficking, CIU, JJC, LRWC, GVPI*



COST OF LIVING – COLLAR COUNTIES + COOK

- Cost of living ranked:
 - DuPage – 120.7
 - Lake – 114.4
 - Kane – 110.0
- McHenry – 109.1
 - Cook – 109.0
 - Will – 100.9



Despite the first non-COLA increase in 20 years in 2023, Lake County starting salaries remain at the bottom of the collar counties:

- **DuPage - \$82,500**
Increase since '18: 17K
- **Will - \$82,500**
Increase: 22.5K
- Kane - \$75,000
Increase: 9K
- McHenry - \$75,000
Increase: 9K
- **Lake - \$70,411**
Increase: 10K

UPCOMING EVENTS REFLECT OUR OFFICE'S VALUES & PRIORITIES

- Supporting police partners through *National Night Out – August 6, 2024*
- Supporting trauma treatment & prevention: *Suicide Prevention Walk 5K – September 7, 2024*
- Outreach to ALL communities: *National Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15-October 15)*
- Supporting those in recovery: *National Rally for Recovery / LCOI & NIRCO – September 21*
- Supporting victims and survivors: *Domestic Violence Awareness Month October 2024*