

OFFICE OF THE STATE PROSECUTOR
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Response to DLS Budget Analysis

Background

The Office of the State Prosecutor (OSP) is an independent agency within the Executive Branch of government. OSP continues its mission to increase public confidence in, and ensure the honesty and integrity of State government and elections by conducting thorough, independent investigations and, when appropriate, prosecutions of allegations of criminal conduct affecting the integrity of our State and local government institutions, officials, employees and elections. Only as an independent agency is OSP able to protect against even the appearance of a conflict of interest.

Emmet C. Davitt is the present State Prosecutor. Mr. Davitt announced his retirement effective August 1, 2019, however, he remains extremely dedicated to the continued success and growth of the Office.

Analysis in Brief

OSP is fully respectful of the Department of Legislative Services recommendation for a budget reduction of \$19,496. Being mindful of the budget climate, OSP is requesting a reconsideration of the reduction amount. OSP is anticipating increased expenses in the areas of both travel and supplies. OSP must upgrade office equipment to compliment what our contemporaries in law enforcement are able to perform. Violators are using advanced equipment and OSP must continue to upgrade its IT infrastructure to optimize effective investigations. Furthermore, sophisticated crimes are happening across jurisdictions, which require travel expenses for both investigations and training.