

VICTIM WITNESS PROGRAM

The Victim/Witness Assistance Program (operated by the Circuit Solicitor's Office) provides information to victims and acts as an intermediary between victims and the criminal court systems. During the period between the arrest of the defendant and the court date, the victim/witness staff keeps their clients informed about the latest developments in their case. The issues discussed include reimbursement for medical expenses and lost wages, restitution, counseling, emergency referrals, property return assistance and the preparation of the Victim Impact Statement. Victim advocates communicate with over 7,000 victims each year.

In FY 03, the Office of the Crime/Victim Ombudsman (part of the State of South Carolina Governor's Office) recognized the 7th Judicial Circuit as being one of the top performing regions in the state in terms of quality victim service.

DEPT NUMBER: 1-9267	VICTIM WITNESS PROGRAM					
FUNDING SOURCE(S)	FY 2007/08 ACTUAL	FY 2008/09 ACTUAL	FY 2009/10 ACTUAL	FY 2010/11 BUDGET	FY 2011/12 BUDGET	INC/DEC FY 12 - 11
General Fund	147,207	159,482	160,328	157,474	159,363	1,889
EXPENDITURES						
Personnel Services Expenditures	147,207	159,482	160,328	157,474	159,363	1,889
Operating Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0	0
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$147,207	\$159,482	\$160,328	\$157,474	\$159,363	\$1,889
AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL	3	3	3	3	3	0

FY 2011/12 Budget Highlights & Initiatives

- Personnel Services increase due to the SC Retirement System employer contribution rate increase.