

GENERAL OFFICE MEMORANDUM 19-114

TO: ALL DISTRICT ATTORNEY PERSONNEL

FROM: JACKIE LACEY   
District Attorney

SUBJECT: DUI TRAINING AND PROSECUTION SECTION  
DEPUTY-IN-CHARGE

DATE: OCTOBER 21, 2019

On October 1, 2016, I created the DUI Training and Prosecution Section (DTAPS) to be prepared to address the evolving complexities and challenges in the prosecution of alcohol and drug impaired driving cases. We obtained funding for DTAPS from the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS), for three full time Deputy District Attorney (DDA) III positions and partial funding for a DDA IV, who would act in a supervisory role of DTAPS in addition to other responsibilities.

DTAPS responsibilities include: DDA training on the prosecution of alcohol and drug impaired driving cases; consultation and support for trial deputies in all driving under the influence (DUI) cases, including vehicular homicide cases where the suspect was DUI at the time of the crime; coordinating and providing training to law enforcement, filing deputies and supervising DDAs on the type and quantity of evidence necessary to support a criminal prosecution in DUI cases; advocating for the increase of the number of Drug Recognition Evaluators (DREs) throughout the county and providing guidance and training to local law enforcement as well as other County Agencies; reviewing for filing consideration all cases where a homicide occurred as the result of impaired driving, and at the time of filing, the suspect was believed to have been impaired by drugs or a combination of drugs and alcohol; and organizing quarterly regional roundtable trainings with local law enforcement agencies to discuss issues in DUI cases.

As a result of the growing volume and impact of the work accomplished by DTAPS, there is a need for a full-time supervisor. We were successful in obtaining additional funding from OTS for a full-time DDA IV to act as the Deputy-in-Charge (DIC).

The DTAPS DIC will report to the Head Deputy of the Training Division.

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