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Salt Lake County District Attorney

Budget Presentation
November 12, 2019

District Attorney Budget Goals

- ▶ Be as open and transparent with our budget as possible, so that you can make the best and most informed decisions for the County and its citizens.
- ▶ Continuously identify areas where we can achieve greater efficiencies and cut costs.
- ▶ Identify the resources needed to vigorously prosecute crime and provide superior legal services to the County.



District Attorney

2019 Mayor Recommended Budget

Mandated

- ▶ Addition of 3rd District Criminal Court – 2 Prosecuting Attorneys, 1 Paralegal, 1 Legal Investigator \$ 495,376

High Priority

- ▶ Personnel Sector Annualization Adjustment 237,765
- ▶ Special Victims Unit – 6 Prosecuting Attorneys 763,568

Budget Neutral

- ▶ Transfer of FTEs from Tax Admin to General Fund 347,557

Technical Adjustments

- ▶ Revenue True Up and Debt Service Adjustment (314,075)

- ▶ **Total Mayor Recommended** **\$ 1,530,191**
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Addition of 3rd District Criminal Court – West Jordan

2 Prosecuting Attorneys, 1 Paralegal, 1 Legal Investigator – \$495,376

- ▶ SB92 – Increased the number of 3rd District Court Judges, resulting in the creation of a new Criminal Court in West Jordan.
 - ▶ Unfunded Mandate – While District Attorney and other criminal justice agencies are required to staff this new court, the associated funding was not appropriated by Legislature.
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District Attorney Budget Savings 2011 – 2018

Personnel Sector Annualization Adjustment - \$237,765

- ▶ Adjustments for:
 - ▶ Equity & New Hires
 - ▶ HR recommendations
 - ▶ Promotion & grade progression
 - ▶ Restructuring & organizational need

- ▶ Between 2011 and 2018, the District Attorney's Office has returned \$4.78 million to the general fund and is projected to return an additional \$850,000 for 2019.

- ▶ Current year budget sufficient to absorb increase, but will require adjustment to 2020 budget.



Special Victims Unit Request

6 Prosecuting Attorneys – \$763,568

Estimated to screen over 1,900 Special Victims cases for the year – 10% of all cases screened by our office and nearly 250 more than 2018.

Estimated to file over 900 Special Victims cases for the year – over 200 more than 2018.

Length of prosecution for SVU cases is typically much longer than other cases and very common for cases to extend multiple years.

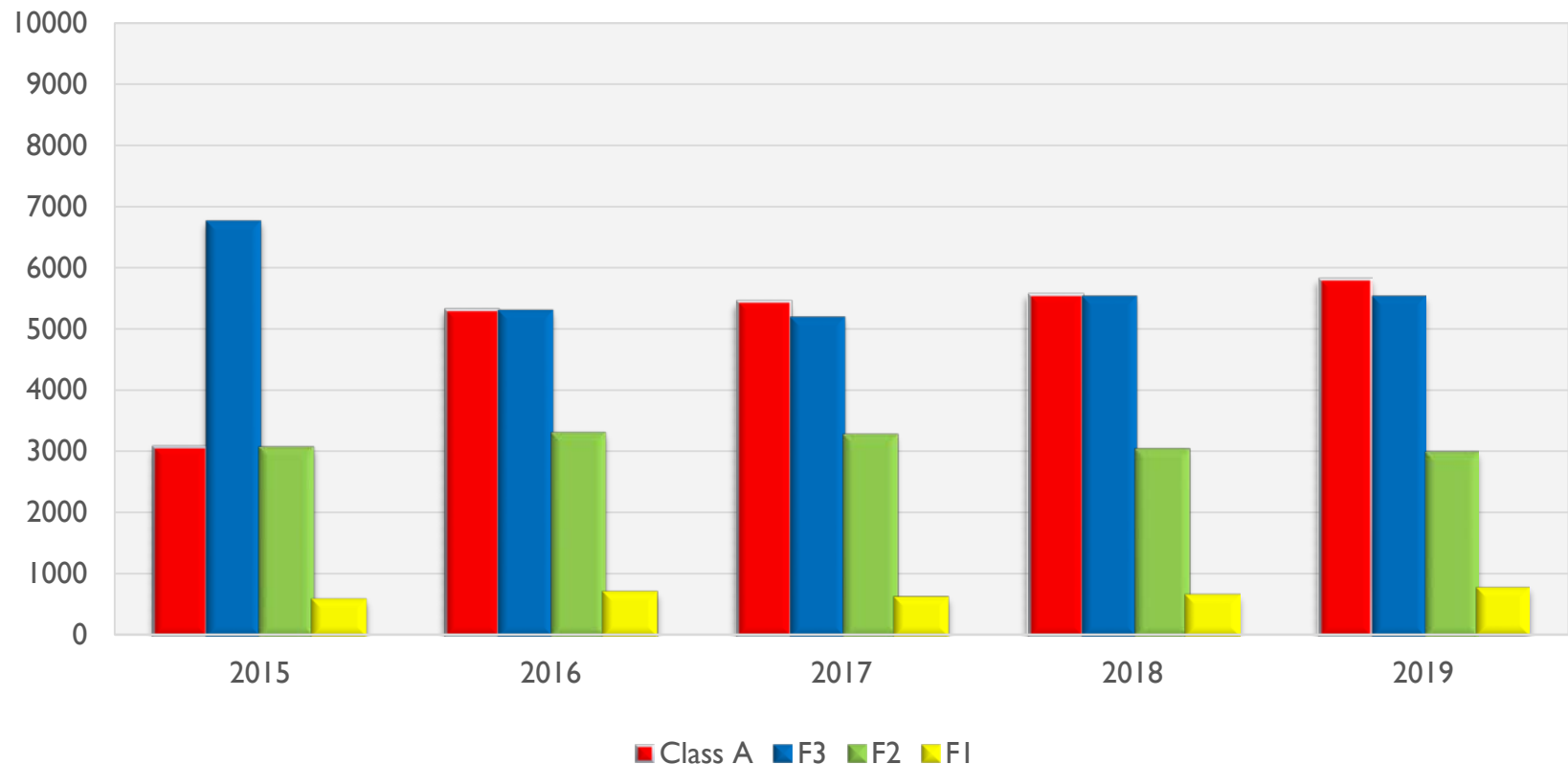
Additional attorneys will help to lower caseloads and allow them to devote more times to victims.



Filed Cases and Workloads

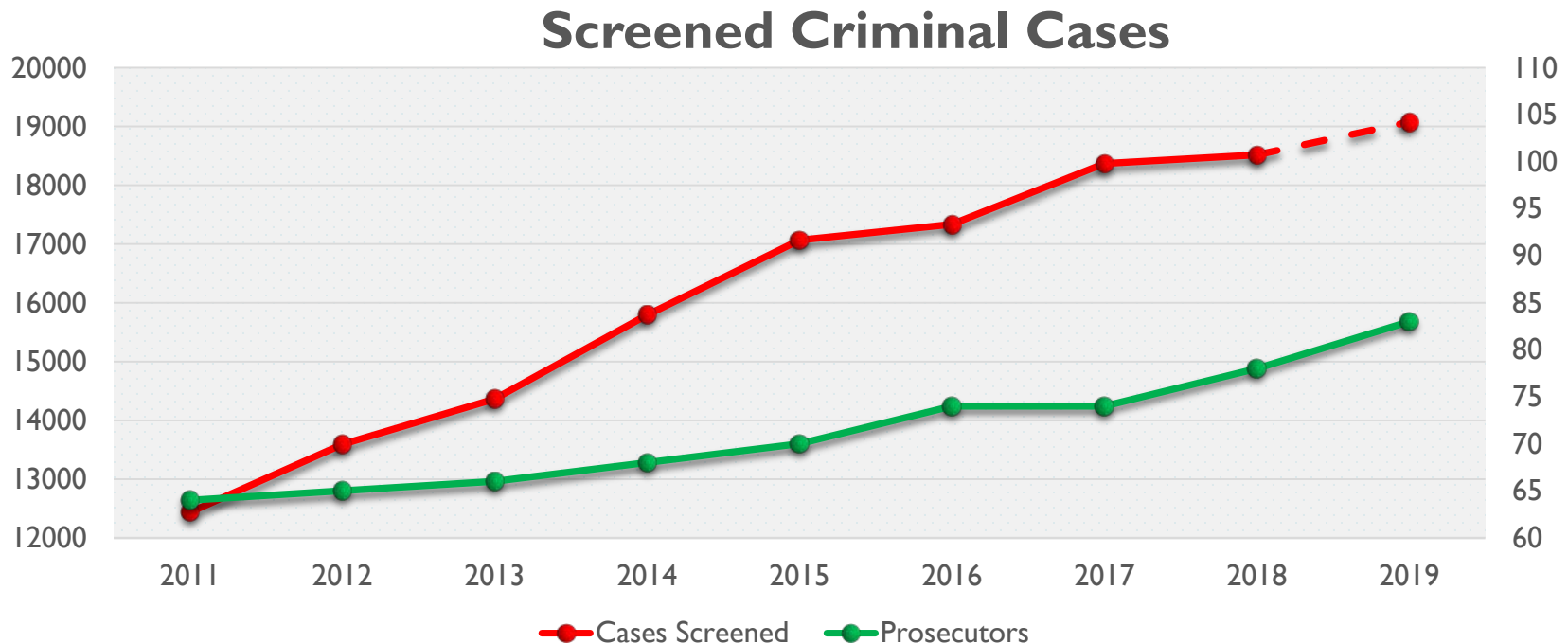
More than 90% of cases filed are Felonies and Misdemeanor A, aka *Felony Light*

Case Types Filed



Continued Increase in Screening of Adult Criminal Cases

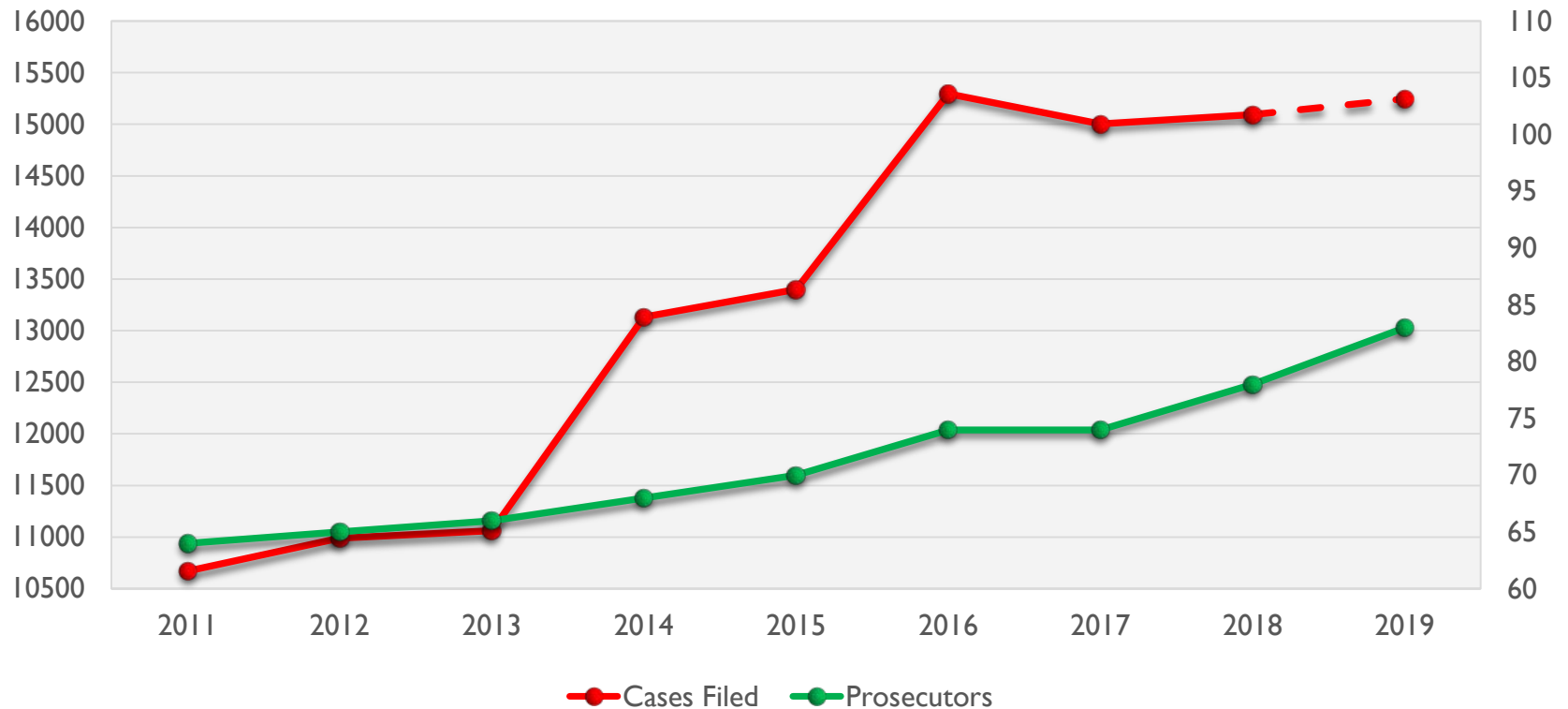
- ▶ In 2011, the District Attorney's Office screened **12,436** cases for criminal charges.
- ▶ In 2019, the District Attorney's Office is on track to screen **19,074** cases for criminal charges.



Continued Increase in Filing of Adult Criminal Charges

In 2019, the District Attorney's Office is on track to file 15,248 criminal cases.

Cases Filed



Percentage of Cases Filed

- ▶ Since 2011, we have consistently filed between 77%-85% of cases received for screening and are on track to file 79% of cases received in 2019.

