Crime Strategies Unit (CSU)

There are 10 police districts in the city and county of San Francisco.

9 CSU prosecutors are embedded in police district stations.

6 Strategic, operational, and tactical crime analysts.

2 District attorney investigators coordinate and assist on large-scale operations.

Efficient and Innovative Strategies

In 2014, District Attorney George Gascón established the Crime Strategies Unit (CSU) to incorporate the use of data and predictive analytics for strategic prosecution and crime prevention. CSU is a multi-disciplinary team of nine prosecutors, six analysts and two investigators that uses a data–driven approach to resourcefully address the City’s most pressing crime problems.

CSU’s role is to make effective use of the vast amounts of information available from the thousands of cases prosecuted and investigated each year and to find innovative ways to make this information available throughout the Office, when and where it is needed the most.

CSU Mission Statement

“To conceive, develop, and implement innovative strategies and programs that improve public safety through the efficient prevention, investigation, and prosecution of crime.”

Community Impact

CSU Prosecutors work shoulder to shoulder with our law enforcement partners, neighborhood stakeholders, and the community to develop long lasting solutions to the City’s major crime issues. They also work to build connections between the SFDA and community stakeholders, enhancing the accessibility of the criminal justice system, and strengthening the community’s trust. CSU Prosecutors spend the majority of their time out in the field looking for ways to promote public safety through meaningful community engagement and enforcement. CSU Prosecutors also charge appropriate cases through the traditional court process and, in certain instances, personally handle those cases that are of particular importance to their neighborhood.

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