



- ◆ Directed the office to work with the state in collecting delinquent sales and income taxes.
- ◆ Provided standards of performance in every position, resulting in more efficient handling of the caseload through filing and disposition.

### ***Community Advocate***

- ◆ Partnered with law enforcement agencies, schools, businesses, parents and community groups in establishing the *Inter-Agency Task Force on Gangs & Youth Violence* to pursue prevention, intervention and suppression policies which help keep gang presence in the county minimal.
- ◆ Facilitated the establishment of *Violence Free Families*, a community effort to educate about, prevent and intervene in domestic violence cases.
- ◆ Collaborated with law enforcement agencies, schools, liquor outlets, liquor control, businesses, and parents in establishing new policies to educate about the dangers and intervene in the behavior of underage drinking.
- ◆ Collaborated with the Springfield Public Schools, Community Partnership of the Ozarks and other community groups in attacking truancy, helping achieve the highest attendance rates in the Springfield Public Schools in over twenty years.
- ◆ Worked via our Persons Team, to educate and pursue policies to prevent child abuse and neglect.
- ◆ Collaborated with the Family Violence Center to establish *Kids' Court* to help educate children who are victims and witnesses of crime about the court process in order to aid them in feeling less intimidated by the process.
- ◆ Served on the Salvation Army Advisory Board to see that opportunities are available to meet the physical, spiritual and social justice needs of the least fortunate of our community.
- ◆ Collaborated with the Center for Dispute Resolution of Missouri State University and other community groups in establishing Restorative Justice in the adult criminal courts in Greene County. Also working with a state committee of judges, public defenders, professors and others to bring Restorative Justice to all adult criminal courts in the state
- ◆ Provided leadership for *Ozarks Fighting Back* and the *Community Partnership of the Ozarks* in the implementation of programs for substance abuse prevention and general crime prevention.

### ***Finance***

- ◆ Established, implemented and oversaw annual budgets from \$ 2.5 million to \$ 4 million, with no deficit spending allowed.
- ◆ Pursued and obtained federal and state grants to enhance our crime prevention efforts and prosecution efforts in the areas of underage drinking, and career and violent criminals.
- ◆ Revised our bad check collection procedures that increased restitution to businesses and increased our discretionary revenue part of the budget. In the past decade, we have collected over \$ 6 million owed businesses and \$ 1million in revenue for our budget.
- ◆ Directed the office to work with the state in collecting delinquent sales and income taxes, resulting in the collection of over \$ 1,900,000 in revenues for the state since 2001.