



# **Administrative Hearings FY2014 Budget Presentation**

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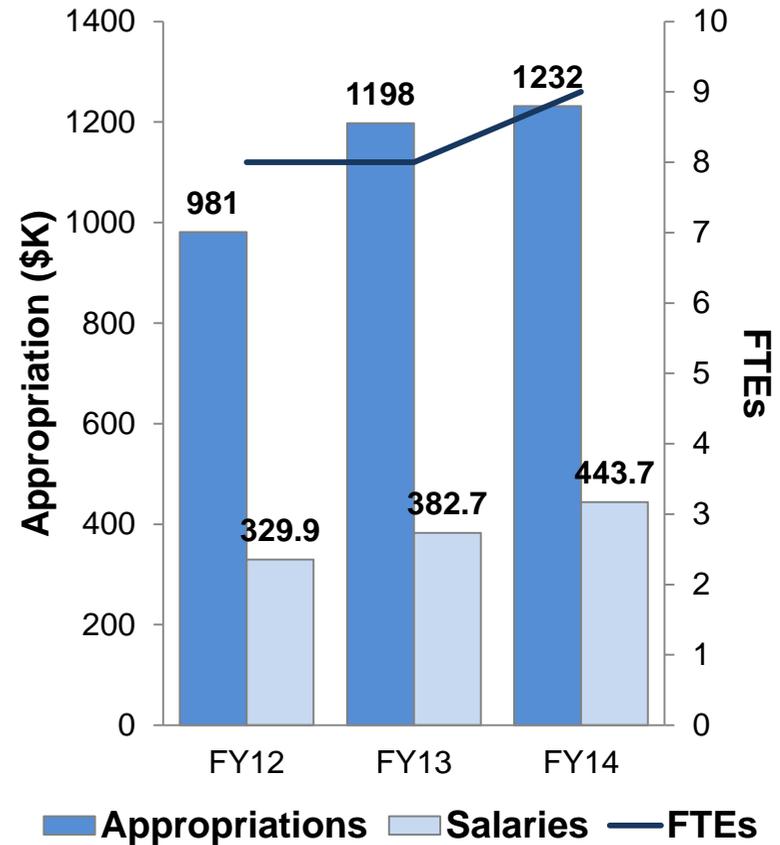
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## Mission

The Department of Administrative Hearings was created to allow fair, efficient and impartial hearings of ordinance violations issued by County departments, the Cook County Forest Preserve District and Office of the Sheriff.

## Budget and staffing



# Administrative Hearings – FY2013 Accomplishments

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- Increased the number of County Departments that are connected to the case management system which allows for more productive use of staff time and allows each client agency to better monitor their caseload. Rather than make a formal request for case updates or for copies of a docket, new client agencies are able to get that information directly from the source.
- Restructured the docketing system to better handle the cigarette cases. By separating arraignment matters from the cases that are ready to be tried, the Department of Revenue can better allocate its investigators so they are not waiting for a hearing that may or may not be heard. The separate dockets also allow the Office of the State's Attorney to better prepare or negotiate the matters brought before Administrative Hearings.
- Commenced the adjudication of old automobile use tax cases which assists the Department of Revenue in eliminating the backlog of uncollected taxes. By increasing the caseloads that can be heard to 500 cases per day with one hearing day set every two weeks, the backlog of cases is diminishing rapidly.



# Administrative Budget – FY2014 budget highlights

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- **New Public Nuisance Offenses** – Recently, the County Board enacted a series of County violations that are adjudicate in the Department of Administrative Hearings that are intended to reduce the occurrence of public nuisances experienced by constituents
- **Human Rights Hearings** – By absorbing the administrative hearings component of the Commission on Human Rights, the County can experience a \$30,000 savings
- **Recorder of Deeds** – Pursuant to a new state law, fraudulent deeds and liens can be declared invalid by Administrative Hearing, allowing constituents a practical way to free themselves from nuisance and costly filings against their property
- **Procurement Disqualification Enhancement** – Working with the CPO and the Independent Inspector General, the County and its vendors have a fair process of determining when a disqualification by the Chief Procurement Officer can occur.



# Administrative Hearings – 2014 STAR Goals

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Performance Metric	FY2012 Actual	FY2013 Projected YE	FY2014 Target
Number of Cases Heard	30,005	39,000	42,000
Amount of Fines Assessed	\$16,579,947	\$9,500,000	\$11,000,000
Professional Service Expenditures	707,109	675,000	710,000

## Average Cost per Case

