General County Programs (GCP) contains those programs and projects which are not directly associated with one specific department. General County Programs has a staff of 31.0 full-time equivalents (FTEs) and is organized into eight divisions, as described below.

**Transfers to Other Governments and Organizations:**
This division is responsible for making fund transfers to the Cities of Santa Barbara, Santa Maria, and Lompoc for library services in the unincorporated County areas, the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), and the Montecito Fire District for the Westmont Housing Annexation.

**Contributions to Other Funds:**
This division processes monthly General Fund Contribution transfers to Public Works-Roads, Sheriff, Public Health, Department of Social Services, Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services (ADMHS), Courts and Debt Service.

**Redevelopment Agency:**
The Santa Barbara County Redevelopment Agency (RDA) manages redevelopment activities within the 423 acre Isla Vista Redevelopment Project Area. The objectives of the RDA are to eliminate blight, encourage housing rehabilitation, develop public infrastructure improvements, address parking issues, acquire environmentally sensitive property, construct a community center and increase public open space.

**Special Construction Funds:**
This division contains two sub-divisions (Criminal Justice Facility Construction Fund, Courthouse Construction Fund) whose purpose is to purchase, lease, construct, rehabilitate or maintain criminal justice and court facilities, and criminal justice information systems. Revenue is generated through the collection of fines, penalties and forfeitures for criminal offenses and traffic violations.

**Organization Development:**
The sub-divisions in this division were established to support special programs and projects directed by the Board of Supervisors that have no direct relationship to one individual department. The Countywide Performance Measures and Project Reporting projects are budgeted in this division.

**Reserves and Designations:**
This division documents the status of various Countywide designations (both increases and releases) and which projects are funded by the designations.

**Developing Programs:**
This division contains new programs to the County that are in the developing state of their life-cycle. When fully developed and stabilized, the programs may transition to a department for management. This division funds the Emergency Operations, the County of Santa Barbara TV, the Public Information Office programs and oversees the spending of the franchise grant funds for Public and Educational Access.

**First 5 Children and Families Commission:**
The First 5 Children and Families Commission of Santa Barbara County is committed to working with families and communities to improve the lives of young children and their families through a countywide, comprehensive, integrated and sustainable system of support and services that promotes optimal childhood development. This division is organized into seven sub-divisions with a staff of sixteen FTEs.

**First 5, Early Care and Education measure:**
Support approximately 275 individuals in the early care and education (ECE) workforce to continue their professional development.

Note: New measure in FY 2006-07.

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**General County Programs Key Trend Analysis**

**Professional Development Support**

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Sub-Div 09: Developing Programs

Program: $2.5M / $1.5M
FTE: 10.0

Sub-Div 13: Public Information Officer

Program 4110: Public and Educational Access

Program 1005: NPDES/Clean Water

Program 1700: Public Information Officer

Program 1750: County Santa Barbara TV (CSBTV)

Program 6030: Emergency Operations/Admin

Program 6031: Emergency Operations/Energy Planning

Program 6032: Emergency Operations/Emergency Mgmt Planning

Program 8020: Emergency Operations/Admn

Subject: To establish a means to inform the public and the media with accurate and up-to-date information.

Subject: To serve as the lead management agency for the SB County Operational Area.

Subject: To create a more professional and effective government, establish an annual media training program that includes countywide staff development opportunity.

Subject: To create a more professional and effective government, establish a joint information operations center through coordination with the Emergency Operations Center by the end of FY 2007-08.

Subject: To share pertinent information with County residents, work with Office of Emergency Services (OES) to test County of Santa Barbara TV (CSBTV) and radio Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) quarterly emergency operations exercises to complement OES operations. To create a more professional and effective government, establish an annual media training program that includes countywide staff development opportunity.

Subject: To share pertinent information with County employees, distribute a quarterly e-newsletter so that employees stay well informed.

Subject: To bring countywide consistency to press release standards and templates, ensure 100% of 18 departments use standard press release template during FY 2008-09.

NOTE: This cost center is for fiscal tracking purposes only.

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To conduct Basic Standardized EMS training segments for EU "Business of Local Government" new employee orientation courses.

To coordinate 2 combined SEMS/NIMS trainings for 8 operational area cities.

To conduct NIMS/SEMS training for county staff assigned to Emergency Operations Center functions.

To conduct monthly set-ups of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to ensure readiness.

To conduct monthly tests of the Emergency Alert System (EAS) to ensure readiness.

To promote disaster preparedness within the community through attendance at public events and forums.

To conduct site visits with operational area cities to ensure that city emergency plans are in coordination with the County's Emergency Plan.

To conduct 1 emergency Operations Center exercise that addresses a contemporary emergency management scenario.

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