



# KENTUCKY OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL JACK CONWAY

## 2008-2009 ACCOMPLISHMENTS



### Cybercrimes & Cybersafety Education

- ▶ Launched 80 child porn investigations
- ▶ Seized 46,058 child pornographic images and videos
- ▶ Made 14 arrests
- ▶ Assisted 35 local law enforcement agencies process digital forensics
- ▶ Processed 464 hard drives and removable devices at our digital forensics lab
- ▶ Completed 61 computer forensics examinations on 148 hard drives
- ▶ Presented 100 cybersafety programs reaching 24,000 Kentuckians



### Cybersafety Legislation

2009 General Assembly passed General Conway's comprehensive cybercrimes legislation (HB 315) which:

- ▶ Makes it a crime for sex offenders to visit social networking sites like MySpace and Facebook
- ▶ Criminalizes online distribution and exposure violations performed via webcam
- ▶ Amends Kentucky's stalking statute to include the crime of cyberstalking
- ▶ Requires sex offenders to update their email addresses and online identifiers with the Kentucky Sex Offender Registry

### Drug Diversion

- ▶ OAG receives \$50,000 National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators (NADDI) Seed Grant
- ▶ General Conway launches Kentucky's first statewide prescription drug abuse task force
- ▶ Seized 4,495 pills
- ▶ 291 drug investigation cases opened
- ▶ Made 111 arrests on 348 counts
- ▶ 76 indictments on 301 counts
- ▶ Participated in 13 drug round-ups, including Kentucky's largest drug sweep resulting in more than 300 arrests by state and federal authorities
- ▶ Prescription drug diversion training: approximately 300 local law enforcement, prosecutors and health care professionals
- ▶ Currently have full time investigators assigned to Operation UNITE to fight prescription drug abuse



### Consumer Protection

- ▶ Reached settlements totaling \$107,500 with eight retail stations as part of a gas price-gouging investigation in the wake of Hurricane Ike and the subsequent windstorm in Kentucky
- ▶ Participated in "Operation False Charity" law enforcement sweep to crack down on fraudulent charitable solicitors claiming to help police, firefighters and veterans. Kentucky sheriffs and their deputies receive needed equipment as part of settlement with United States Deputy Sheriffs Association (USDSA) and its paid solicitor over allegedly deceptive fundraising practices
- ▶ Civil penalties, restitution and recovery of investigative costs

2008 — **\$6,884,065.24**  
2009 — **\$4,878,452.86**  
TOTAL: **\$11,762,518.10**

## Gas Price Investigations

- ▶ Lawsuit seeks \$89 million from Marathon Oil after alleged price-gouging in the wake of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita
- ▶ Federal Trade Commission review of merger of Marathon and Ashland Oil after investigation into wholesale price of gasoline in Louisville



## Medicaid Fraud & Abuse

- ▶ Tripled the number of elder abuse investigations
- ▶ Recovered or ordered nearly \$100 million for the Kentucky Medicaid Program (includes global settlements and average wholesale price lawsuits). These are settlements and lawsuits relating to pharmaceutical giants overcharging Medicaid and taxpayers. The dollars recovered go back to the Medicaid program.

2008—**\$25,687,988.09**

2009—**\$43,540,723.61** (total federal and state recoveries)

2009 – **\$30,700,000.00** from jury verdicts (\$14.7 million in Astra Zeneca case and \$16 million from Sandoz verdict)

**TOTAL: \$99,928,711.70** ordered or recovered

## Rate Intervention

- ▶ Reached a rate increase settlement with E.ON U.S., parent company of LG&E and Kentucky Utilities, saving ratepayers nearly \$68 million
- ▶ Reached a settlement with Columbia Gas of Kentucky that reduced the company's demand for a rate hike by almost 50%. Agreement limited Columbia to a general increase of \$6.125 million, a decrease of \$5.44 million from its original request of approximately \$11.57 million
- ▶ Settlement with Duke Energy Kentucky reduced the company's original request for a rate increase by more than 25%, or \$4.49 million



**Total savings for consumers: \$102.8 million in proposed rate increases from utility companies**

## Other Accomplishments

- ▶ General Conway sued state to stop the early release from prison of violent felons and sex offenders
- ▶ Asked the United States Supreme Court to review the ruling by the Kentucky Supreme Court that lifts the residency restrictions for all registered sex offenders who committed their crimes before July 12, 2006
- ▶ For fiscal year 2010, the Child Sexual Abuse & Exploitation Prevention (CSAEP) Board has awarded nearly \$170,000 to regional and statewide child sexual abuse prevention programs as well as children's advocacy centers across Kentucky to defray the costs of child sexual abuse medical exams not covered by insurance or Medicaid
- ▶ General Conway launched Kentucky's first Badges for Baseball program in partnership with the Kentucky Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs, Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation and Louisville Slugger. Badges for Baseball pairs at-risk youth with law enforcement professionals who serve as mentors and coaches to the youth
- ▶ General Conway applied for and received a nearly \$4 million grant to provide funding to complete implementation of Kentucky's Electronic Warrant Management (eWarrants) System