

**Department:** Community Justice                      **Program Contact:** Patrick Schreiner  
**Program Offer Type:** Existing Operating Program                      **Program Offer Stage:** As Adopted  
**Related Programs:**  
**Program Characteristics:**

**Executive Summary**

The Department of Community Justice (DCJ) computer forensics laboratory is a unique critical service for community justice agencies throughout the state. DCJ maintains a secure digital evidence laboratory in which forensic examinations of electronic storage devices are analyzed using scientific procedures.

**Program Summary**

The anonymity provided by the Internet and the ability to effectively hide volumes of information on computers, cell phones and other electronic storage devices leaves officers at a disadvantage. Non-forensic methods of discovery are ineffective and can compromise cases in court. The forensics lab provides scientifically sound technology for the recovery of electronic evidence in a manner that allows supervising officers to determine an offender's activities. This progressive resource significantly enhances public safety and ensures the highest rates of successful outcomes, permitting parole officers to intervene early and prevent offender behavior from escalating into new criminal activity that involves costly incarceration.

Regional police agencies have limited resources for conducting similar examinations in new criminal cases and are rarely able to offer their services to parole and probation agencies that have different requirements for burden of proof and timely results. Officers apply a range of behavioral and demographic assessments to formulate effective supervision plans, but are hampered in their work by the fact that criminal enterprise can occur virtually unseen and undetected through the use of computers and other digital devices.

Oregon and Washington rank very high nationally in the frequency of identity theft. Drugs are bought and sold online, and sex offenders exchange pornography and solicit underage victims through the Internet. Fraud and identity theft are carried out using computers and peer-to-peer networks. Email is used by domestic violence offenders to threaten and intimidate individuals. Portland has also been identified as a major West Coast hub for human trafficking activity.

In the interest of public safety and best practices supervision, the DCJ forensics lab extends its services to all adult and juvenile officers in Multnomah County and to adjacent county community justice partners that lack access to these services. Lab personnel are highly trained and certified in the collection, preservation, analysis and reporting results of forensic examinations and provide Parole/Probation Officers (PPO) with the information they need to effectively supervise offenders and promote public safety. The lab also collaborates with the Northwest Regional Computer Forensics Laboratory.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY15 Actual	FY16 Purchased	FY16 Estimate	FY17 Offer
Output	Number of gigabytes examined annually	12,313	15,000	17,125	15,000
Outcome	DCJ cases completed	31	40	63	60
Outcome	Non-DCJ cases completed	15	20	24	20
Outcome	Number of items examined through forensic analysis	133	200	510	500

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2016	2016	2017	2017
Personnel	\$286,013	\$0	\$302,063	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$15,206	\$0	\$15,206	\$0
Internal Services	\$20,830	\$0	\$22,003	\$0
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$322,049</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$339,272</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$322,049</b>		<b>\$339,272</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	2.00	0.00	2.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Explanation of Revenues

County General Fund

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2016: 50019-16 Adult Forensics Unit