

**Department:** Sheriff **Program Contact:** Francis Cop

**Program Offer Type:** Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Adopted

**Related Programs:**
**Program Characteristics:**
**Executive Summary**

The citizens of Oregon have designated certain activities be regulated supportive of a safe and livable community. One of these activities is the MCSO's Alarm Program which administers and manages the reporting of legitimate and false alarms. False alarms are subject to penalties in an effort to reduce their number and unnecessary responses by law enforcement. The Program presently manages approximately 6,800 alarm customers.

**Program Summary**

Within the Law Enforcement Support Unit, the Alarm component (Alarms) issues burglary and robbery alarm permits, both residential and business. Currently, approximately 6,800 alarm customers are being managed within Alarms. Within Alarms, a False Alarm Reduction Program is run which tracks burglary and robbery alarms in unincorporated Multnomah County and through collaborative contracts with east Multnomah County cities.

Effective Alarm-use management increases the probability that law enforcement responds to valid alarms. This conserves scarce public safety resources by reducing the number of reported false alarms. The program includes penalties for the reporting of false alarms which motivates alarm customers to properly maintain their equipment and exercise sound alarm-use practices. False alarm response is an inefficient use of time and resources and presents potential safety concerns for innocent citizens and law enforcement as a result of an armed response. The efficient use and management of properly-working alarms provides increased security for the community, a reduction in criminal offenses, more effective law enforcement, and cost savings for the County.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY16 Actual	FY17 Purchased	FY17 Estimate	FY18 Offer
Output	Number of alarm events	2651	2700	2800	2800
Outcome	Number of false alarms dispatches completed	1894	1800	1900	1900
Output	Number of new alarm permits issued	654	700	700	700
Output	Number of existing alarm permits renewed	5876	6400	6000	6000

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

The performance measures for the Alarms Unit are all generated out of SAP.

## Legal / Contractual Obligation

Alarm permitting is mandated in Unincorporated by MCC 15.703 and contracts with the cities of Gresham, Troutdale, Wood Village and Maywood Park.

## Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
<b>Program Expenses</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2018</b>
Personnel	\$0	\$125,273	\$0	\$128,991
Contractual Services	\$0	\$139,897	\$0	\$212,747
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$2,624	\$0	\$2,624
Internal Services	\$0	\$39,706	\$0	\$59,138
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$307,500</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$403,500</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$307,500</b>		<b>\$403,500</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	0.00	1.50	0.00	1.50

<b>Program Revenues</b>				
Indirect for Dept. Admin	\$18,790	\$0	\$31,013	\$0
Fees, Permits & Charges	\$0	\$137,500	\$0	\$273,500
Other / Miscellaneous	\$0	\$135,000	\$0	\$95,000
Beginning Working Capital	\$0	\$35,000	\$0	\$35,000
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$18,790</b>	<b>\$307,500</b>	<b>\$31,013</b>	<b>\$403,500</b>

## Explanation of Revenues

Special Ops Fund:  
\$35,000 - Carry-over from Fiscal Year 2017  
\$13,500 - Alarms Late Fees  
\$260,000 - Alarms Permits  
\$95,000 - False Alarms Fines

## Significant Program Changes

**Last Year this program was:** FY 2017: 60069 Alarm Program

In Fiscal Year 2017, this program offer was moved from the Law Enforcement Division to the Business Services Division. This move includes 1.5 FTE.