



**Program #60085 - MCSO Hornet Trail Rescue and Wilderness Law Enforcement Services Team** 4/21/2014

**Department:** Sheriff **Program Contact:** Monte Reiser  
**Program Offer Type:** Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Proposed  
**Related Programs:**  
**Program Characteristics:**

**Executive Summary**

Members of the MCSO "Green Hornet Trail Rescue Team" are specially trained endurance athletes, tasked with the reducing search and rescue response times to missing and endangered persons at or near Columbia River Gorge trail locations.

**Program Summary**

Annually, the Multnomah County Sheriff’s Office Search and Rescue Unit (SAR) experiences a high volume call workload from May through September in the late afternoon and early evening hours. Typically, a tourist hiker that has gone for a day hike at one of the many trailheads in the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area and, due to reduced daylight, has become disoriented which may result in injury or death. The MCSO "Green Hornet Trail Rescue and wilderness Law Enforcement Team" mission will be to decrease the Search and Rescue response times to missing and endangered person's calls at or near Columbia River Gorge trail locations.

MCSO currently has members who are physically fit endurance athletes who are experienced with hiking, trail running, map reading, etc. By providing SAR training and necessary equipment, this program will significantly decrease SAR response call times and increase the opportunity to locate the lost and possibly injured persons much faster resulting in reduced overtime expense to MCSO (SAR related overtime averages approximately \$100,000 per year). Six team members can provide preventative and proactive law enforcement/education functions during trailhead heavy use days, further reducing search incidents and impacting high incidents of property crime at these locations.

In FY 2014, the Green Hornet Trail Rescue and Wilderness Law Enforcement Services Team utilized a majority of its budget to train members under newly established Oregon State Sheriff's Association search and rescue standards. This training added new capabilities which allow the team to be more effective in evening and night hours better meeting the needs of the hikers who find themselves lost and requiring rescue services. In the past, many searches had to wait for the next day break, this changes the outcome in favor of the lost hikers by the rescue team being less restricted by night conditions. For FY 2015, this program seeks to train and equip members for nighttime deployment.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY13 Actual	FY14 Purchased	FY14 Estimate	FY15 Offer
Output	Number of searches for lost/missing hikers conducted	-	20	10	20
Outcome	Percentage of searches resulting in a found/rescued person	-	90%	90%	90%
Output	Number of people provided hiking safety information	-	50	50	50

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

The Hornet Trail Rescue Team is a new program which began implementation in July of 2013. A majority this year was spent in training and equipping team members. In 2013 the Oregon State Sheriff’s Association implemented new certification requirements which required all members to be properly certified to conduct search and rescue operations. By April 1, 2014, all members will be certified for deployment.

## Legal / Contractual Obligation

Oregon Revised Statutes Chapter 404 - County sheriff's search and rescue authority and obligations

## Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2014	2014	2015	2015
Personnel	\$5,081	\$0	\$9,854	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,200	\$0
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$15,081</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$20,054</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$15,081</b>		<b>\$20,054</b>	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

## Explanation of Revenues

## Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: