

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	FY17 Actual	FY18 Purchased	FY18 Estimate	FY19 Offer
Output	Number of alarm events	2,741	2,800	2,900	2,900
Outcome	Number of false alarms dispatches completed	1,756	1,900	1,900	1,900
Output	Number of new alarm permits issued	1,732	700	1,500	800
Output	Number of existing alarm permits renewed	5,950	6,000	6,300	6,400

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
Program Expenses	2018	2018	2019	2019
Personnel	\$0	\$128,991	\$0	\$134,178
Contractual Services	\$0	\$212,747	\$0	\$121,785
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$2,624	\$0	\$2,624
Internal Services	\$0	\$59,138	\$0	\$28,413
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$403,500	\$0	\$287,000
Program Total:	\$403,500		\$287,000	
Program FTE	0.00	1.50	0.00	1.50

Program Revenues				
Indirect for Dept. Admin	\$31,013	\$0	\$10,895	\$0
Fees, Permits & Charges	\$0	\$273,500	\$0	\$167,000
Other / Miscellaneous	\$0	\$95,000	\$0	\$80,000
Beginning Working Capital	\$0	\$35,000	\$0	\$40,000
Total Revenue	\$31,013	\$403,500	\$10,895	\$287,000

Explanation of Revenues

Special Ops Fund:
\$40,000 - Carry-over from Fiscal Year 2018
\$7000 - Alarms Late Fees
\$160,000 - Alarms Permits
\$80,000 - False Alarms Fines

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2018: 60024 Alarm Program