Program #60230 - Alarm	n Program		5/6/2020	
Department:	Sheriff	Program Contact:	Francis Cop	
Program Offer Type:	Existing Operating Program	Program Offer Stage:	As Proposed	
Related Programs:				

## **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 of 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 Alarms program issues burglary and robbery alarm permits, both for residential and business customers. 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 Multhomah County and through collaborative contracts with east Multhomah County cities.

Effective Alarm-use management increases the probability that law enforcement responds to valid alarms. Additionally reduction of false alarms conserves scarce public safety resources by reducing the time that law enforcement officers have to respond to 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	FY19 Actual	FY20 Budgeted	FY20 Estimate	FY21 Offer		
Output	Number of alarm events	3,054	2,900	2,650	2,900		
Outcome	Number of false alarms dispatches completed	1,359	1,900	1,130	1,900		
Output	Number of new alarm permits issued	762	1,000	1,000	1,000		
Output	Number of existing alarm permits renewed	5,099	6,400	5,575	6,400		

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

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

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	
Program Expenses	2020	2020	2021	2021 202	
Personnel	\$0	\$129,469	\$0	\$145,700	
Contractual Services	\$0	\$97,358	\$0	\$53,586	
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$2,624	\$0	\$2,624	
Internal Services	\$0	\$29,549	\$0	\$34,090	
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$259,000	\$0	\$236,000	
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Program FTE	0.00	1.50	0.00	1.50	
Program Revenues					
Fees, Permits & Charges	\$0	\$154,000	\$0	\$71,000	
Other / Miscellaneous	\$0	\$65,000	\$0	\$133,000	
Beginning Working Capital	\$0	\$40,000	\$0	\$32,000	
Total Revenue	\$0	\$259,000	\$0	\$236,000	

**Explanation of Revenues** 

This program generates \$18,329 in indirect revenues. Special Ops Fund: \$32,000 - Carry-over from Fiscal Year 2020 \$26,000 - Alarms Late Fees \$45,000 - Alarms Permits \$133,000 - False Alarms Fines

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2020: 60230-20 Alarm Program