

**Program #60345 - Corrections Emergency Response Team and Crisis Negotiations
Team (CERT & CNT)**
FY 2026 Adopted
Department: Sheriff

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Program Offer Type: Operating

Program Offer Stage: Adopted

Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:
Program Description

The MCSO Corrections Emergency Response Team (CERT) and Crisis Negotiations Team (CNT) respond to emergency situations that represent a potential hazard to a facility, loss of life, serious injury to staff, Adults In Custody or the public, or when significant property loss is imminent. Protecting and preserving human life is the top priority for the MCSO CERT/CNT.

CERT/CNT is currently one of the most diverse units within MCSO. Members are comprised of individuals from various ethnicities, age and cultural backgrounds. This staff diversity parallels the diversity of the population served in Multnomah County. Selection is a thorough, robust and improved process, leading to a racially diverse team with various skills and problem-solving abilities. CERT/CNT callouts are often situations involving Adults In Custody suffering mental health crisis. Utilization of CERT/CNT ensures a higher skillset and specialized training, mitigating potential injury to staff, Adults In Custody and agency liability. The mission of CERT/CNT is to manage dynamic, high risk, high liability situations in a safe, secure and efficient manner. Members receive specialized training to deal with a large variety of emergencies in the safest manner possible for both Adults In Custody and staff. When called upon, CERT/CNT will always strive to accomplish the stated objective through negotiations or tactical operations using only the amount of force necessary to accomplish the intended goal(s). CERT/CNT will always attempt to resolve all situations with no injuries to staff or Adults In Custody. The MCSO CERT/CNT consists of 1 CERT/CNT Commander, 2 CERT Team Leaders, 2 CERT Assistant Team Leaders, 10 CERT members, 2 CNT Team Leader and 4 CNT members. CERT is divided into 2 teams of 7 members each. CERT teams rotate one month on primary call-out duty and one month on secondary call-out duty. The CNT is also made up of two teams, which alternate on-call duty monthly. All members of CERT/CNT are full time MCSO employees and are continuously on call to respond to emergent situations at any time of the day or night. All CERT/CNT members only serve on an "On-Call" status; there are no full time CERT/CNT members. Program funding supports supplies, equipment and training exclusively. CERT/CNT is used primarily to respond to incidents in an MCSO Corrections Facility, but may be called upon to respond to other County Facilities, such as the Juvenile Detention Home, or to respond as mutual aid to another jurisdiction if requested. CERT/CNT has also been contracted to respond to emergencies at the Northwest Regional Re-entry Center (NWRRC).

The Corrections Emergency Response and Crisis Negotiations Teams:

- Respond to emergency situations at County jail facilities
- Manage high-risk, high-liability situations in a manner that maximizes safety for all involved parties

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budgeted	FY25 Estimate	FY26 Target
Output	Number of CERT/CNT call outs	28	25	25	30
Output	Number of training sessions	11	24	24	24

Performance Measures Descriptions

Legal / Contractual Obligation

IGA with Norwest Regional Re-Entry Center

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2025	2025	2026	2026
Personnel	\$146,529	\$0	\$198,450	\$0
Contractual Services	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$40,000	\$0	\$83,000	\$0
Internal Services	\$9,063	\$0	\$8,401	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$197,592	\$0	\$291,851	\$0
Program Total:	\$197,592		\$291,851	
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: FY 2025: 60345 Corrections Emergency Response Team (CERT) and Crisis Negotiations