

Division: Corrections Facilities Division

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. 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).

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. All members of CERT/CNT are full time MCSO employees with other duties and are continuously on call to respond to emergent situations at any time of the day or night.

CERT/CNT is currently one of the most diverse units within MCSO. Members are comprised of individuals from various ethnicities, ages and cultural backgrounds. This staff diversity parallels the diversity of the population served in Multnomah County. Selection occurs through a thorough and robust process.

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

Equity Statement

MCSO CERT and CNT provide emergency and high-risk response services for County jail facilities, utilizing a trauma-informed and racially equitable approach.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	2026 General Fund	2026 Other Funds	2027 General Fund	2027 Other Funds
Personnel	\$198,450	\$0	\$204,100	\$0
Contractual Services	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$83,000	\$0	\$88,000	\$0
Internal Services	\$8,401	\$0	\$30,739	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$291,851	\$0	\$324,839	\$0
Total Expenses:	\$291,851		\$324,839	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Performance Measures

Performance Measure	FY25 Actual	FY26 Estimate	FY27 Target
Number of CERT/CNT call outs	24	30	30
Number of training sessions	26	26	26