

**Department:** Sheriff **Program Contact:** Chris Austin  
**Program Offer Type:** Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Adopted  
**Related Programs:**  
**Program Characteristics:**

**Executive Summary**

Members of the Facility Security Unit (FSU) serve as ambassadors of MCSO, and are often the first point of contact for persons accessing the Multnomah County Courthouse, Justice Center, and the East County Courthouse. Facility Security Officers (FSO) deter the introduction of weapons into the courts by screening entrants via x- ray and metal detection equipment and provide emergency response to alarms, medical issues, and disruptions to the court process. In addition, FSOs serve as a primary source of information to the public and professional staff entering the court facilities.

**Program Summary**

Facility Security Officers serve as the first point of contact for public and professional visitors to all county courthouses. Their comprehensive understanding of the judicial process and familiarity with the courthouses and their functions is critical to providing accurate information to assist in expediting access to the judicial system.

FSOs provide citizens and employees with a safe and secure environment to conduct their business by screening all persons entering the court facilities. This mission is accomplished by utilizing electronic security screening and conducting security patrols of both internal and external areas of the facilities.

Persons entering the courts may be emotionally distraught, under the influence of intoxicants, or involved in situations of abuse. FSOs are focused on providing a positive point of contact, aimed at calming the tension that can exist in volatile court matters. This is accomplished through effective communication skills and providing information to those less familiar with the judicial system.

The core functions of the FSU are public safety, security, emergency assistance, information, and referrals. The presence of uniformed FSOs aids in deterring disturbances and criminal activity in the courts and assists in increasing the efficiency of court processes, saving public resources. The effectiveness of FSOs is demonstrated in the high number of public contacts, low ratio of exclusions to the number of persons screened, and the number of prohibited items detected during security screening.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY19 Actual	FY20 Budgeted	FY20 Estimate	FY21 Offer
Output	Number of members of the public screened for entry	463,865	500,000	448,474	475,000
Outcome	Number of employees/other agency staff screened	17,738	370,000	20,396	23,000
Outcome	Number of prohibited items found during screening	13,639	15,000	14,050	15,000
Outcome	Courtroom standbys	301	400	248	400

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

Courts include Courthouse, East County Courthouse, and the Justice Center. Data from the FSO statistics database.

## Legal / Contractual Obligation

ORS 206.010 – General duties of sheriff ORS 206.210 – Authority of sheriff over organization of office ORS 206.345 – Contracts with cities; authority under contract  
ORS 166.360 thru 166.380 – Possession of firearms, examination of devices and firearms ORS 137.308 thru 137.309 – Assessment Contracts with Central Library & Parenting Education Class, & State Court Subsidy

## Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2020	2020	2021	2021
Personnel	\$1,096,089	\$691,484	\$1,141,516	\$730,382
Materials & Supplies	\$23,307	\$5,014	\$23,307	\$5,008
Internal Services	\$0	\$83,947	\$0	\$91,882
Capital Outlay	\$143,500	\$0	\$143,500	\$0
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$1,262,896</b>	<b>\$780,445</b>	<b>\$1,308,323</b>	<b>\$827,272</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$2,043,341</b>		<b>\$2,135,595</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	8.60	6.00	8.60	6.00

Program Revenues				
Other / Miscellaneous	\$15,029	\$780,445	\$15,715	\$827,272
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$15,029</b>	<b>\$780,445</b>	<b>\$15,715</b>	<b>\$827,272</b>

## Explanation of Revenues

This program generates \$91,882 in indirect revenues.

General Fund:

\$15,715 - Security Services for Parenting Classes (4.5 Hrs X 70 Classes X \$49.89)

Special Ops Fund:

\$827,272 - Court Revenues for Court Security Services. This amount is based on what was received during the first 6 months of Fiscal Year 2020.

## Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2020: 60415A-20 Facility Security - Courts