

Department: Sheriff **Program Contact:** James Eriksen
Program Offer Type: Innovative/New Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Requested
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: Out of Target

Executive Summary

The Multnomah County Sheriff's Office River Patrol Unit collaborates with the Oregon State Marine Board, the Port of Portland, and the U.S. Coast Guard to provide safe commercial and recreational access and passage to the County's 110 miles of waterway along the Columbia River, Willamette River, Sandy River, and the Multnomah Channel. The River Patrol Unit provides law enforcement and search and rescue services to all of the rivers, lakes, shorelines, and islands located in Multnomah County.

Program Summary

The Deputies assigned to the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office River Patrol Unit provide protection for the numerous County moorages, marinas, and houseboat communities. The nation's fifth largest port requires unobstructed ingress and egress of commercial ship movement into the region. Marine Deputies respond to all life threatening marine calls for service, such as boat collisions, drownings, missing persons, suicidal subjects and environmental activities. River Patrol Unit Deputies provide boater safety education and intervention through classroom lectures, boat inspections, and enforcement activities.

Currently, the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office River Patrol Unit is funded for 12.5 full-time employees (FTE). This is a reduction of two Deputy Sheriff FTE, which was realized in Fiscal Year 2019. With the restoration of two River Patrol Unit Deputy Sheriff positions, this Unit would be able to exceed the requirements of the Oregon State Marine Board contract, have the ability to staff Chinook Landing and the Sandy River (primarily throughout the extremely busy summer months), as well as implement a two-person team dedicated to collaborating with the Homeless Outreach and Programs Engagement (HOPE) Team, Portland Police Behavioral Health Unit, Metro, and the City of Portland to address the ongoing challenges surrounding abandoned and derelict vessels. Additionally, the restoration of these positions would allow the River Patrol Unit the flexibility to provide focused enforcement efforts with emphasis in high complaint areas.

The River Patrol Unit participates in numerous agency collaborations and is key to emergency preparedness on and near the regional waterways, which provides a significant function to a visible public safety system.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY19 Actual	FY20 Budgeted	FY20 Estimate	FY21 Offer
Output	Hours of community water safety education	NA	NA	NA	40
Outcome	Number of citizens issued boater examination reports, warning, and citations	NA	NA	NA	215

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Requested General Fund	Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2020	2020	2021	2021
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$236,104	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$236,104	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$236,104	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	2.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: