

Division: Law Enforcement Division

Program Characteristics:

Program Description

The Detective Unit is responsible for responding to crime scenes, conducting preliminary and follow-up investigations, preparing investigative reports, apprehending the suspect, preparing the case for successful prosecution, and testifying in court. Detectives also conduct threat assessments and investigate approximately 80-100 cases a year spanning threats against elected officials, judges, elections offices, or schools.

Detectives are responsible for a wide range of investigative efforts, including those related to child abuse, domestic violence, and major crimes countywide. Trained and experienced detectives objectively and thoroughly investigate nearly 150 allegations of child abuse each month, determine if a violation of criminal law occurred, identify and apprehend the offender, and file appropriate criminal charges while ensuring the child's needs are met. The Detective Unit also has a dedicated detective to conduct follow-up investigations and provide services for victims impacted by domestic violence.

MCSO detectives are also members of the East County Major Crimes Team, as well as other inter-agency teams, which promote collaboration of multiple resources and leverage personnel for more efficient and effective results. The goal of the East County Major Crimes Team (MCT) is to provide a successful outcome to all serious person crimes, and other high-profile investigations throughout all communities in Multnomah County.

The Detectives Unit:

- Conducts preliminary and follow-up investigations of criminal activity
- Collaborates with other area agencies to address major crimes
- Investigates reports of highly sensitive crimes including those against children and victims of domestic violence

Equity Statement

The Detective Unit works to ensure victims of crime, including children and survivors of domestic violence, are supported throughout the investigative process by providing access to needed resources. The Unit outreaches to impacted communities to reduce barriers, build awareness and improve trust.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	2026 General Fund	2026 Other Funds	2027 General Fund	2027 Other Funds
Personnel	\$3,364,050	\$0	\$3,663,762	\$0
Contractual Services	\$14,000	\$0	\$15,000	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$151,000	\$0	\$157,000	\$0
Internal Services	\$264,332	\$0	\$244,090	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$3,793,382	\$0	\$4,079,852	\$0
Total Expenses:	\$3,793,382		\$4,079,852	
Program FTE	13.00	0.00	13.00	0.00
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Performance Measures

Performance Measure	FY25 Actual	FY26 Estimate	FY27 Target
Total cases investigated	1,680	1,650	1,650
Total cases cleared	1,390	1,250	1,250