



Program #60550 - Hornet Trail Rescue and Wilderness Law Enforcement Services Team FY 2024 Proposed

Department: Sheriff **Program Contact:** Brent Laizure
Program Offer Type: Existing **Program Offer Stage:** Proposed
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The Multnomah County Sheriff’s Office (MCSO) Green Hornet Trail Rescue Team consists of deputies who are specially trained endurance athletes. They are tasked with reducing search and rescue response times to missing and endangered persons at various trail locations throughout the Columbia River Gorge. Through collaborating with various community partners, the team seeks to improve the probability of early detection and create efficiencies throughout search and rescue’s response to community needs for finding the lost, providing basic care, and coordinating the rescue.

Program Description

The MCSO Green Hornet Trail Rescue Team provides specialized emergency response to public requests for finding and rescuing lost community members and visitors throughout Multnomah County and the vast Columbia River Gorge trail system. Their mission is to decrease search and rescue response times to missing and endangered persons by collaborating with our community support groups such as Mountain Wave, Multnomah County Search and Rescue, Corbett Fire District, and the Corbett Community Patrol Program to quickly find those that are lost. This elite team is equipped with basic first aid and the highest level of familiarity of the trail systems throughout the Gorge. The team will usually be a first responder to the scene and is able to quickly deploy to the trails, locate the lost person(s), professionally assess the scene, and deploy additional resources as needed. They will care for the person(s) and coordinate any rescue as needed.

By providing search and rescue training and specialized equipment to deputies assigned to this team, the program seeks to significantly decrease response times and increase the opportunity to locate the lost and possibly injured persons much faster. By quickly deploying and locating the lost, this team provides a level of comfort and support to the lost or injured in what may be the most traumatic experience for them. This reduces the level of trauma, mental anguish, and emotional suffrage, often leading to the protection of life.

Team members also provide innovative and proactive education functions during trailhead heavy use days. These functions provide an opportunity for law enforcement to contact the community in a soft, comfortable environment resulting in a positive interaction. The presence of the team reinforces the safety and security of the remote areas ensuring the Columbia River Gorge can be enjoyed by all.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY22 Actual	FY23 Budgeted	FY23 Estimate	FY24 Offer
Output	Number of searches for lost/missing hikers conducted	12	15	20	18
Outcome	Percentage of searches resulting in a found/rescued person	75%	90%	90%	90%

Performance Measures Descriptions

Legal / Contractual Obligation**Revenue/Expense Detail**

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2023	2023	2024	2024
Personnel	\$10,364	\$0	\$11,577	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$10,404	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$20,768	\$0	\$16,577	\$0
Program Total:	\$20,768		\$16,577	
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 2023: 60550 Hornet Trail Rescue and Wilderness Law Enforcement Services Team