Program #60565 - Alarm Program | FY 2026 Proposed

Department:	Sheriff	**Program Contact:**	Francis Cop
Program Offer Type:	Operating	**Program Offer Stage:**	Proposed
Related Programs:			
Program Characteristics:			

Program Description

The citizens of Oregon have designated certain activities be regulated in support of a safe and livable community. One of these activities is the MCSO's Alarm Program which administers and manages the reporting of legitimate and false alarms. False alarms are subject to penalties in an effort of reduce their number and unnecessary responses by law enforcement. The Program presently manages approximately 8,000 alarm customers.

Within the Law Enforcement Support Unit, the Alarms program issues burglary and robbery alarm permits for both residential and business customers located in unincorporated Multnomah County as well as in five cities located in East Multnomah County. Approximately 8,000 alarm customers are managed within the Alarms program. A False Alarm Reduction Program is operated for all residents and business, inclusive of all ethnicities, cultures and diverse backgrounds, which tracks burglary and robbery alarm events in the areas we serve.

Effective alarm use management increases the probability that the alarm calls law enforcement responds to will be valid alarm calls. Additionally, reducing false alarm calls conserves scarce public safety resources by reducing the time that law enforcement officers respond to false alarms. The program includes penalties for the reporting of false alarms, which motivates alarm customers to properly maintain their equipment and exercise sound alarm-use practices. False alarm response is an inefficient use of law enforcement time and resources and presents potential safety concerns for innocent citizens and law enforcement, as a result of an armed response. Additionally, we continue to increase our alarm education outreach to the general public to focus particularly on those who install their own alarms to ensure they know the laws, are compliant, and have information on maintaining alarms for optimum safety. Making this information accessible to everyone is a priority for the Sheriff's office. The efficient use and management of properly working alarm systems provides increased security for the community, a reduction in criminal offenses, more effective law enforcement, and cost savings for Multnomah County and the cities we serve.

The Alarm Program:
- Issues new and renews existing alarm permits for both residential and business customers
- Responds to false alarms and administers applicable penalties

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budgeted	FY25 Estimate	FY26 Target
Output	Number of alarm events	3,097	3,000	3,300	3,400
Output	Number of alarm permits (new & renewed)	7,260	9,750	7,600	8,000

Performance Measures Descriptions

Legal / Contractual Obligation

Alarm permitting is mandated in Unincorporated by MCC 15.703 and contracts with the cities of Gresham, Fairview, Troutdale, Wood Village and Maywood Park.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	**2025**	**2025**	**2026**	**2026**
Personnel	$0	$182,928	$0	$190,164
Contractual Services	$0	$55,000	$0	$55,000
Materials & Supplies	$0	$25,140	$0	$29,006
Internal Services	$0	$36,932	$0	$36,709
Total GF/non-GF	**$0**	**$300,000**	**$0**	**$310,879**
Program Total:	**$300,000**		**$310,879**	
Program FTE	0.00	1.50	0.00	1.50

Program Revenues				
Fees, Permits & Charges	$0	$150,000	$0	$170,879
Other / Miscellaneous	$0	$120,000	$0	$140,000
Beginning Working Capital	$0	$30,000	$0	$0
Total Revenue	**$0**	**$300,000**	**$0**	**$310,879**

Explanation of Revenues

This program generates $30,864 in indirect revenues.
Special Ops Fund:
$30,879 - Alarms Late Fees
$140,000 - Alarms Permits
$140,000 - False Alarms Fines

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2025: 60565 Alarm Program