

Priority: Safety

Lead Agency: Sheriff

Program Offer Type: New Program

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Related Programs:

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

This program is an enhancement to the Civil Process protective order service. Focusing on cases involving domestic violence and related issues including assaults and child abuse, deputies seek a 90% rate of serving restraining orders and to make a first service attempt on protective orders within 24 hours. These deputies will increase the ability to investigate and locate skipped respondents and enhance weekend service. Additionally, deputies seek to serve elder abuse and stalking/court orders above other civil notice papers and will be available in court to assist petitioners through the protective order process. This program helps provide victims protection and services to pursue safe lives and enables communities to hold offenders accountable.

Program Description

This enhancement to the Civil Process focuses on providing help to victims of domestic violence as well as children and elders. This program increases accountability of offenders by ensuring, to the maximum extent possible, that they are served warrants, restraining orders, and other documents such as writs of assistance, divorce papers and small claims.

Due to the large number of court orders, warrants are often served during the course of other law enforcement activity. Deputies in this unit take a proactive role by finding domestic violence, child and elder abuse-related offenders and making them accountable to the law.

In addition, a deputy in this unit will act as liaison and will be stationed at the Courthouse after daily ex-parte (1330 to 1530 hours) to focus exclusively on petitioners. Responsibilities include assisting with move-out restraining orders and obtaining written "consent to search," providing information on the court process, and coordinating child custody transfers.

Deputies from this unit were formerly funded in the Traffic Safety Unit.

Program Justification

Domestic violence and elder abuse are crimes that require the criminal justice system to hold offenders accountable for their actions through investigation, arrest, and prosecution. Close judicial scrutiny and management of offender behavior is needed to keep victims safe.

This program enhancement, while primarily focused on protective orders, also benefits victims by increasing self-sufficiency through speedier service of child support, domestic relations papers and Juvenile Court actions. The speed and overall effectiveness rate of protective order service would increase.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY04-05)	Current Year Purchased (FY05-06)	Current Year Estimate (FY05-06)	Next Year Offer (FY06-07)
Output	Protective orders received for service	3,019	0	2,947	3,000
Outcome	% of Protective orders served	72%	0%	69%	90%
Output	Letters to petitioners notifying of inability to serve in 10 days	0	0	0	0

Performance Measure - Description

As an new program offer to enhance a current service, current year purchased data are not available. Letters to petitioners data will be added. These letters are sent to petitioners to notify them that the deputy was not able to serve papers in 10 days. Often, additional information is needed from the petitioner to serve papers.

This program adds redirects 4 deputies to focus on domestic violence, child and elder abuse. Their serving protective orders related to these cases would free up the Civil Unit's time to serve other paperwork and mental hearings.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2006	2006	2007	2007
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$481,289	\$0
Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$14,767	\$0
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$8	\$0
Capital Outlay	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$496,064	\$0
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$10,662	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$121,636	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$132,298	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$0	\$628,362	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$628,362	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	4.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Fees, Permits & Charges	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other / Miscellaneous	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: