

Priority: Safety

Lead Agency: Sheriff

Program Offer Type: New Program

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Related Programs:

Program Characteristics: One-Time-Only Request

Executive Summary

This program would provide the Sheriff's Office booking facility with a digital recording system to replace the outdated VHS tape system. Recording activity in the booking area provides evidence to mitigate risk claims against the County and increases safety of arrestees and staff through constant monitoring and documenting. The new system adds cameras, improves quality of recordings, has more storage and access capabilities, and requires less maintenance. This is a one time only investment.

Program Description

The current recording system in the Sheriff's Office booking facility is comprised of four cameras with poor multidirectional audio and uses VHS tapes. These tapes must be changed every 24 hours. The proposed new system would allow digital recordings from 20-25 cameras. Each camera will have its own audio microphone to produce a superior audio and video recording. Recording would be done directly onto hard-drives and record continuously for at least 30 days.

This system also provides "Remote Access" whereby a digital copy of any recorded video can be placed on a secure drive on the MCSO network. From there, it can be viewed from any MCSO computer that has been set up with prior authorization and current password. This provides a convenient way to view any requested video.

Program Justification

The new Oregon State Administrative Rules states "(54) Jail Monitoring Records: Records include audio and video recordings of prisoners booked into the jail facility. Video recordings are also made during inmate altercations and incidents where the Corrections Emergency Response Team (CERT) members are utilized for inmate control. These recordings typically contain footage of use of force that are used in staff training sessions, but may also serve as evidence in criminal proceedings."

Booking staff often receive requests from attorneys to view booking procedures. These recordings can mitigate potential risk claims against the County.

This new system will ensure compliance with the new Oregon State Administrative Rules and that legal proceedings are provided with requested materials.

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	Subpoena attorney requests for video	0	0	48	48
Outcome	% of subpoena requests where no video tape was available	0%	0%	25%	5%
Output	Letters sent in response to a booking complaint with video cited as evidence	0	0	12	12
Outcome	% of people receiving letters citing video review that still pursue their case	0%	0%	0%	0%

Performance Measure - Description

The Booking unit started recording attorney requests for video in September 2005. Because tape needs to be manually changed every 30 hours, sometimes video is not available upon subpoena. The new digital recording system should lead to an increase in attorney requests for video being filled.

When a complaint is received regarding booking, the tape is reviewed and a letter is sent to the complainant citing the video. Of the people receiving this letter, none have pursued the case further.

No historical data is available for these measures.

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	\$0	\$0
Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital Outlay	\$0	\$0	\$105,000	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$105,000	\$0
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$0	\$105,000	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$105,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	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: