

Priority: Safety
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating
Related Programs:

Lead Agency: Sheriff
Program Contact: Monte Reiser

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

This program provides for the investigation of crimes involving the sale, distribution, and manufacturing of dangerous drugs. The Special Investigations Unit is charged with the responsibility for enforcing state narcotics laws, prostitution activities, and assisting other law enforcement units in the enforcement of general criminal law statutes. The magnitude of each of these investigative areas requires that priorities be established to determine allocation of resources. Enforcement of narcotics laws is so important that first priority within the Special Investigations Unit will be narcotics investigations. Emphasis will be placed on narcotics distributors who are suppliers to street level dealers, as well as suppliers to other distributors which are referred to as mid to upper mid level narcotics traffickers. Drug investigations will center on the drugs which are most abused in the Multnomah County.

Program Description

The purpose of the Special Investigations Unit (SIU) is to investigate illegal drug activities in the Metro area, and other criminal activity as directed by the Sheriff. The unit conducts criminal investigations regarding street level illicit drug activity, up to and including the prosecution of federal narcotics crimes. The SIU gathers evidence in both criminal and civil forfeiture cases. The SIU conducts investigations into clandestine meth labs. Their investigations take them into areas considered hazardous to health and public safety. Investigations conducted by the SIU detectives have resulted in indictments and prosecutions in numerous meth lab cases. SIU coordinates clean up of drug labs.

Program Justification

This program supports several aspects of the Safety Priority, of which the community has identified methamphetamine as a growing problem impacting the community's safety and livability. The Detective Special Investigations Unit is currently tackling this ever-growing problem and meeting this concern and the impact it has on the citizens of Multnomah County. This program functions as part of the Adult and Juvenile Public Safety System through the strategies of the Treatment Service Continuum, Juvenile Intervention, Agency Collaboration and Offender Accountability, and enhances Communities through Violence and Drug Free Schools.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY05-06)	Current Year Purchased (FY06-07)	Current Year Estimate (FY06-07)	Next Year Offer (FY07-08)
Output	SIU drug cases	346	224	224	346
Outcome	% of SIU drug cases that are methamphetamine	63.0%	0.0%	40.0%	50.0%
Output	Number of searches	175	0	116	175
Outcome	% of searches resulting in an arrest	92.0%	0.0%	92.0%	92.0%

Performance Measure - Description

 **Measure Changed**

The output measure SIU drug cases indicted is no longer used. There is no data available. The outcome measure, percent of drug cases indicted that are found guilty, is no longer used. There is no data available. The output measure, SIU drug cases, is a new measure. The output measure of number of searches executed is a new measure. The outcome measure, % of searches ending in an arrest, is a new measure. Special investigations unit investigates drug cases that involve the possession, distribution or manufacturing of dangerous drugs. These investigations originate or continue within the Multnomah county jurisdiction. The dollar value of drugs seized includes either illegal or prescription drugs that are found as a result of a dangerous drug investigation. The dollar value is figured by the weight of the drug multiplied by the street market value. The drugs that are included in this measure are: cocaine, heroin, methamphetamine, LSD tabs, marijuana, ecstasy, ephedrine, red phosphorous, iodine, hashish, GHB, mushrooms, and oxycotin. The dollar value will not be used as a measure in the future. The percent of SIU Drug cases that are methamphetamine related will be replace that measure. This was the recommendation of the Multnomah County Auditors Report. Because the outcome measure, % of SIU drug cases that are methamphetamine, is a new measure there is no current year purchased information. A search can be executed under three different scenarios. A search can result from a search warrant, a consent search or a search incident to arrest. The percent of searches includes all three types of searches (search warrant, a consent search or a search incident to arrest). The percent is calculated by dividing the number of arrests by the number of searches. An arrest is a seizure of a person.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2007	2007	2008	2008
Personnel	\$325,425	\$43,470	\$363,380	\$58,593
Materials & Supplies	\$19,106	\$11,924	\$3,506	\$11,908
Internal Services	\$1,228	\$3,606	\$21,331	\$4,999
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$345,759	\$59,000	\$388,217	\$75,500
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Program Support	\$498,477	\$0	\$34,889	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$498,477	\$0	\$34,889	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$844,236	\$59,000	\$423,106	\$75,500
Program Total:	\$903,236		\$498,606	
Program FTE	1.85	0.00	3.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$2,243	\$0	\$3,372	\$0
Fees, Permits & Charges	\$0	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$29,000	\$0	\$45,500
Other / Miscellaneous	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$2,243	\$59,000	\$3,372	\$75,500

Explanation of Revenues

IG-OP-Direct Fed revenue in the amount of \$1,500 is for ROCN reimbursement for Aircraft usage.
 IG-Charges for Services revenue in the amount of \$36,000 is for Overtime reimbursement from ROCN.
 Sales to the Public revenue in the amount of \$20,000 is for Auto Auctions of seized vehicles.
 Fines and Forfeitures revenue in the amount of \$10,000 is for State Forfeitures.
 IG-OP-Direct St revenue in the amount of \$8,000 is from Marijuana Eradication funding.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #60024G, MCSO LE: Special Investigations Unit
 Restored 1 Enforcement Deputy and 1 Enforcement Sgt which was cut due to a savings package in the adopted FY 07 budget.