

**Priority:** Safety  
**Program Offer Type:** Innovative/New Program  
**Related Programs:**

**Lead Agency:** Sheriff  
**Program Contact:** Monte Reiser

**Program Characteristics:**

**Executive Summary**

There are approximately 30,000 outstanding warrants in Multnomah County including 20000 misdemeanors, citation warrants, and 10000 felony warrants. This is a problem Multnomah County shares with many other jurisdictions – an excessive number of outstanding warrants due to a lack of resources. Warrant backlogs keep wanted persons from being held accountable for their actions and threaten public safety. The addition of two full-time deputies to the existing Warrant Strike Team program offer is necessary to serve misdemeanor and felony warrants, provide additional safety measures to the existing Warrant Strike Team and to provide a positive impact to the community that are affected by wanted persons who are wanted from other jurisdiction and who choose to frequent or reside in Multnomah County.

**Program Description**

The purpose of this program offer is to reduce the number of felony, misdemeanor and “outside Multnomah County” warrants. Our primary partners are the Multnomah County District Attorney’s Office, Department of Community Justice, Portland Police Bureau and Gresham Police Department. The Warrant Strike Team is responsible for arresting persons with felony and misdemeanor warrants issued by the courts to include warrants for Measure 11 offenses. This program’s performance measures include the monthly tracking the number of warrant service attempts, warrant arrests, Measure 11 warrant arrests, non-Multnomah County arrests, number of warrants served and total number of attempts/warrant arrests.

**Program Justification**

The Multnomah County Sheriff’s Office carries an extraordinary responsibility of serving all jurisdictional warrants. This is a function that MCSO currently has two full-time deputies assigned to the Warrant Strike Team. This team’s office is located at the Multnomah County District Attorney’s Office and works closely with DA’s office members to prioritize and manage the execution of specific warrants. The existing program has had a positive impact on the number of wanted persons arrested and number of attempt service of warrants which assists the DA’s office in addressing “speedy trial” issues. This program seeks creative ways to offer persons with warrants an opportunity to have their warrant served. To provide utmost safety for warrant strike team members, it is necessary to have an additional two deputy sheriffs assigned. Most dwelling/building arrests require that two deputies attempt to make contact with wanted persons at the front of the residence while two deputies position themselves at the back of the location to prevent escape and provide security “back up” for the other strike team members. Two additional strike team deputies will provide more efficiency in transporting prisoners, developing intelligence for located wanted subjects and facilitating the transporting of “out of area” wanted subjects to the appropriate jurisdictions. It is anticipated that the strike team will save the community resources by identifying, arresting, and facilitate the transporting of wanted subjects (who have felony and misdemeanor warrants issued by other jurisdictions) as soon as practical to the originating agency that entered the warrant. Removing wanted persons from Multnomah County, who have warrants from other jurisdictions, provides greater safety for visitors and residents, lessens the strain on community-based, jail bed and related resources.

**Performance Measures**

| Measure Type | Primary Measure                | Previous Year Actual (FY06-07) | Current Year Purchased (FY07-08) | Current Year Estimate (FY07-08) | Next Year Offer (FY08-09) |
|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Output       | Total warrant service attempts | 0                              | 0                                | 939                             | 939                       |
| Outcome      | Total warrants served          | 0                              | 0                                | 279                             | 279                       |
| Outcome      | Total warrant arrests          | 0                              | 0                                | 261                             | 261                       |

**Performance Measure - Description**

All measures are new measures.

**Legal/Contractual Obligation**

**Revenue/Expense Detail**

|                               | Proposed General Fund | Proposed Other Funds | Proposed General Fund | Proposed Other Funds |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Program Expenses</b>       | 2008                  | 2008                 | 2009                  | 2009                 |
| Personnel                     | \$0                   | \$0                  | \$227,236             | \$0                  |
| <b>Subtotal: Direct Exps:</b> | <b>\$0</b>            | <b>\$0</b>           | <b>\$227,236</b>      | <b>\$0</b>           |
| Administration                | \$0                   | \$0                  | \$0                   | \$0                  |
| Program Support               | \$0                   | \$0                  | \$0                   | \$0                  |
| <b>Subtotal: Other Exps:</b>  | <b>\$0</b>            | <b>\$0</b>           | <b>\$0</b>            | <b>\$0</b>           |
| <b>Total GF/non-GF:</b>       | <b>\$0</b>            | <b>\$0</b>           | <b>\$227,236</b>      | <b>\$0</b>           |
| <b>Program Total:</b>         | <b>\$0</b>            |                      | <b>\$227,236</b>      |                      |
| Program FTE                   | 0.00                  | 0.00                 | 2.00                  | 0.00                 |
| <b>Program Revenues</b>       |                       |                      |                       |                      |
| Program Revenue for Admin     | \$0                   | \$0                  | \$0                   | \$0                  |
| <b>Total Revenue:</b>         | <b>\$0</b>            | <b>\$0</b>           | <b>\$0</b>            | <b>\$0</b>           |

**Explanation of Revenues**

**Significant Program Changes**

Last year this program was: