

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

Lead Agency: Sheriff
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Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Multnomah County Courthouse court security includes: providing armed deputies for the courts, escorting prisoners from jails to court proceedings, taking persons into custody when ordered by the court, providing public service within the court building, and maintaining Court Holding areas for prisoners. Deputies are on-call to other court locations.

Program Description

Court Services Unit - Courthouse provides security for and interacts with the State Courts and is on-call to provide security to the Arraignment Court at the Justice Center, Juvenile and Family Court, Gresham Court and Traffic Court. CSU is responsible for the supervision of prisoners in court, which includes operation of the Court Temporary Holding; deputies also provide security escorts to and from bus transport and supplement security in the lobby and courthouse building. Depending on the behavior, charges and classification of the prisoner, it may require more than one deputy be present in the courtroom. CSU supervises an average of 60-80 court matters a day. These proceedings may take from 30 minutes up to a full 8-10 hour day, if the matter is a jury trial. This program will provide security for the Courthouse courts with reduced numbers and relief; the program will restrict the amount of on-call assistance available to other courts, due to a staff complement reduced to those FTE available only at the courthouse. Impact to the courts will also mean impact to other parts of the criminal justice system, e.g., District Attorney, Defense Counsel, jails and police.

Program Justification

The Sheriff is mandated to provide security for the Courts and to provide access to the court for prisoners, a direct link to Offender Accountability. Delays result in a multitude of criminal justice complications, which may lead to legal action or other proceedings by the Courts. Delays contribute to slow courts, which directly affect populations held in the correctional facilities awaiting hearings and trials and limit housing available for arrestees. Jail populations impact Community Safety since police have fewer options to confine arrestees prior to being seen by the Courts, which tends to negate Offender Accountability and impacts crime in our communities.

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	Number of inmates escorted to court activity	15,626	14,034	16,608	16,608
Outcome	Number of incidents and emergencies*	86	0	264	264
Outcome	Number of individuals taken into custody**	1,774	1,091	2,316	2,316
Output	Number of inmates escorted to court who do not appear at proceedings	4,349	0	3,792	3,792

Performance Measure - Description

 **Measure Changed**

*Number of incidents and emergencies replaces number of major incidents, and includes bomb threats, medical assistance calls, panic alarms, and other calls for emergency response service. A new method for tracking incidents and emergencies has also been implemented, hence more incidents are expected to be reported in subsequent years.

**Number of individuals taken into custody represents book and keeps and warrants.

Number of inmates escorted to court who do not appear at proceedings is a new measure.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2008	2008	2009	2009
Personnel	\$2,588,238	\$0	\$2,917,160	\$0
Contracts	\$2,639	\$0	\$2,639	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$211,473	\$0	\$222,719	\$0
Internal Services	\$207,712	\$0	\$214,529	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$3,010,062	\$0	\$3,357,047	\$0
Administration	\$196,002	\$0	\$113,749	\$0
Program Support	\$436,016	\$0	\$213,575	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$632,018	\$0	\$327,324	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$3,642,080	\$0	\$3,684,371	\$0
Program Total:	\$3,642,080		\$3,684,371	
Program FTE	20.00	0.00	22.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
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: #60018A, MCSO Court Services - Courthouse