

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

Lead Agency: Sheriff
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Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Patrol protects citizens residing and/or recreating on the west side of Multnomah County by responding to emergencies, patrolling neighborhoods, traffic safety and educating communities about crime prevention, drug awareness, and gang activities. Patrol provides emergency preparedness and assistance and intervention as part of the emergency services continuum. The current single Deputy deployment significantly reduces response times to West side calls for service. North and South district deployment will improve community safety, officer safety, and increase the amount of self-initiated community policing to maintain livability.

Program Description

Patrol provides 24/7 coverage for the residents living in the unincorporated areas of West Multnomah County by responding to calls through the 911 system or non-emergency lines. Law Enforcement state-certified Deputies are the first responders to any emergency requiring immediate response. If the emergency event is of disastrous magnitude, deputies stabilize and manage the event until emergency preparedness resources can be deployed. Working with schools, businesses, and neighborhood associations, Deputies seek to understand community needs and use problem solving skills to assess, investigate, and intervene in criminal and gang related activities. When criminal intervention requires additional or more specialized resources, deputies refer cases to investigative units for follow-up. Criminal intervention sometimes results in disruption of the family unit and deputies use social service providers to help stabilize children and families through housing, health, and mental health services. Traffic safety through education and intervention provide safe streets to access commerce and recreation opportunities of the community.

Program Justification

A visible public safety system is an important factor to citizens feeling safe at home school work, and play. Evidence through the Bureau of Justice Administration studies shows that community policing is a proven and historical strategy to community safety. Culturally competent programs such as classes to help Spanish speaking applicants successfully pass their driver's license exam enables creates access to jobs and to safely move about the community. The west side patrol actively works with community groups to understand the dimensions of the community and their need to feel safe. This patrol unit acts as a first line toward introducing county wide social service programs to the community based on their needs. Problem solving strategies are critical elements to a citizen's perception of safety. The current district size and possible response times of 45 minutes to one hour are not acceptable to the public. The most recent study conducted by the Portland Police Bureau suggested a deployment of 2.5 officers to this area. Sauvies Island continues to attract large numbers of community events, recreation, and agricultural related activities. Cornelius Pass Road as the primary rural arterial and the surrounding roadways continue to see significant traffic increases.

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	Response to West side calls for service	3,005	6,465	2,190	2,200
Outcome	Response time to West side calls for service in half	20	17	18	9

Performance Measure - Description

West side patrol data are for districts 10 and 20.

Previous year actual (FY06-07) includes 1342 dispatched calls and 1663 self-initiated calls. The average response time was 19.39 minutes for dispatched (only) calls.

The current year estimate is based on data from Jul to Dec 2007 and includes 513 dispatched calls and 582 self-initiated calls. The average response time was 18.01 minutes for dispatched calls.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Sheriff has statutory authority and obligation for all of unincorporated Multnomah County including its land, roads, and rivers as well as primary first responder responsibility for all state highways per the 1994 interagency public safety agreement.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2008	2008	2009	2009
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$634,831	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$13,000	\$0
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$24,000	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$671,831	\$0
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$46,285	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$86,904	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$133,189	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$0	\$805,020	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$805,020	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	5.46	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: