

Lead Agency: Sheriff
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

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Executive Summary

The Civil Unit is the enforcement arm of the civil and probate court system. Notice and enforcement actions originate through the civil, probate, and family courts and are processed through the delivery and services made by this unit. Civil enforcement actions are statutorily mandated to the Sheriff.

Program Description

The Civil Unit is the ministerial arm of the Circuit Court. All court actions are initiated through a written notification to parties of a pending action and these documents are delivered by the Civil Unit. Through the Civil Unit, court orders to seize and sell property, satisfy landlord/tenant actions, and enforce child custody disputes are enforced in an objective, fair, and equitable manner in compliance with Oregon statutes and rules on civil procedure. Through probate court, families, police officers and other interested parties seek involuntary commitment for allegedly mentally ill persons suffering from episodes so debilitating that they are a danger to themselves or others. The Civil Unit deputy locates, transports, and provides security for the person and the court. When domestic violence threatens the family unit, deputies in the Civil Unit serve domestic violence restraining orders to protect family members from violence and aggressive behavior.

Civil Unit deputies experience incidents of physical resistance when performing their duties. In particular, evictions may involve subjects who barricade themselves requiring a substantial dedication of resources and time. Often times, these incidents require the skill of the Multnomah County Special Weapons and Tactics Team to perform a tactical entry into the residence to execute the eviction while providing safety for nearby citizens. Persons subject to the court's orders have threatened to kill uniformed staff, displayed firearms, discharged firearms, and fortified apartments and homes to prevent the court action. It is routine for persons to hide within dwellings to avoid being contacted by civil deputies. A balanced public safety system provides citizens the ability and right to address their grievances in a safe, fair and equitable manner.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY08-09)	Current Year Purchased (FY09-10)	Current Year Estimate (FY09-10)	Next Year Offer (FY10-11)
Output	Number of individuals served through civil process	13,845	15,000	14,756	14,300
Outcome	Percent successfully served documents	79.7%	80.0%	80.0%	80.0%
Outcome	Percent protective orders served	81.2%	79.0%	80.0%	80.0%
Outcome	Number of evictions	717	1,006	750	734

Performance Measure - Description

Next Year Offer is the average of Previous Year Actual and Current Year Estimate. Data are based on Calendar year 2009 and 2010 calendar year estimate.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

ORS 107.720-730, 206.010-070 and 180, 433.355, 93.530 and Chapter 23. Oregon Rules on Civil Procedure Rule 7

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2010	2010	2011	2011
Personnel	\$1,520,231	\$0	\$1,487,947	\$0
Contracts	\$1,066	\$0	\$1,082	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$37,759	\$0	\$38,326	\$0
Internal Services	\$95,734	\$0	\$102,183	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$1,654,790	\$0	\$1,629,538	\$0
Program Total:	\$1,654,790		\$1,629,538	
Program FTE	14.00	0.00	13.50	0.00
Program Revenues				
Fees, Permits & Charges	\$106,000	\$0	\$132,000	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$186,000	\$0	\$176,300	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$292,000	\$0	\$308,300	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

\$132,000 - Civil Process Fees \$171,300 - Circuit Court Revenue \$5,000 - State Extraditions Reimbursement

Significant Program Changes

✔ **Significantly Changed**

Last year this program was: #60064, MCSO Civil Process
 Converted 2.5 Civil Deputy Positions to 2.0 Enforcement Deputie positions.