

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

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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 assist with advanced surveillance of major criminal cases. 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 is 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. SIU is a local law enforcement resource for investigating and apprehending suspects involved in domestic and/or foreign Human Trafficking of children.

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 of street level illicit drug activity, up to and including the prosecution of federal narcotics crimes. Investigations often lead to Drug Trafficking Organizations (DTO's) that transport and eventually sell dangerous drugs for a profit. SIU 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. With the changing needs and priorities of our communities, SIU has modified its mission over the past several years to accommodate the significant impacts of Methamphetamine and other dangerous drugs infesting our neighborhoods, schools, recreational areas and work places. Statistics show that about 90% of all crime can be attributed to dangerous drugs in our community. The SIU program is partially funded through grants, revenues received from forfeitures and federal case funding.

SIU has the responsibility to proactively identify, investigate, prepare the required investigative reports, apprehend the suspect(s), prepare the case for a successful prosecution and testify in court in all cases dealing with illegal drugs and vice activities.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY11-12)	Current Year Purchased (FY12-13)	Current Year Estimate (FY12-13)	Next Year Offer (FY13-14)
Output	SIU drug cases	190	182	125	120
Outcome	Percent of SIU drug cases that are methamphetamine	41.0%	50.0%	60.0%	50.0%
Output	Number of searches	93	75	65	60
Outcome	Percent of searches resulting in an arrest	86.0%	99.0%	100.0%	99.0%

Performance Measure - Description

Data are compiled from an Excel database reported monthly.

The numbers of drug cases conducted are tied solely to the unit's manpower.

The number of searches are down because of: limited manpower, larger upper level dealer cases (less street level cases). Next Year Offers lower due to the reduction of a detective due to a grant running out.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2013	2013	2014	2014
Personnel	\$605,747	\$126,626	\$639,068	\$198,718
Contracts	\$0	\$8,431	\$0	\$45,674
Materials & Supplies	\$3,676	\$10,242	\$3,759	\$9,279
Internal Services	\$42,354	\$12,161	\$34,828	\$19,710
Total GF/non-GF:	\$651,777	\$157,460	\$677,655	\$273,381
Program Total:	\$809,237		\$951,036	
Program FTE	5.00	0.25	5.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$9,138	\$0	\$14,231	\$0
Fees, Permits & Charges	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$20,000
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$97,460	\$0	\$173,381
Other / Miscellaneous	\$0	\$50,000	\$0	\$80,000
Total Revenue:	\$9,138	\$157,460	\$14,231	\$273,381

Explanation of Revenues

Public Safety Fund:

\$40,000 - ROCN Reimbursement for Overtime

\$20,000 - Auto Auction Sales

\$80,000 - Civil Forfeitures

\$10,000 - Other Federal Forfeitures

Federal/State Fund:

\$30,000 - Federal Equitable Sharing Forfeitures

\$25,381 - JAG Meth Grant

\$8,000 - Marijuana Eradication Grant

\$60,000 - High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Grant

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #60067A, MCSO Special Investigations Unit