

Lead Agency: Sheriff
Program Offer Type: Innovative/New Program
Related Programs:

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Program Characteristics: One-Time-Only Request

Executive Summary

Annually, the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue Unit (SAR) experiences a high volume call workload from May through September in the late afternoon and early evening hours. Typically, a tourist hiker that has gone for a day hike at one of the many trailheads in the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area and, due to reduced daylight, has become disoriented which may result in injury or death. The MCSO "Green Hornet Trail Rescue Team" mission will be to decrease the Search and Rescue response times to missing and endangered person's calls at or near Columbia River Gorge trail locations.

Program Description

MCSO currently has members who are physically fit endurance athletes who are experienced with hiking, trail running, map reading, etc. By providing SAR training and necessary equipment, this program will significantly decrease SAR response call times and increase the opportunity to locate the lost and possibly injured persons much faster resulting in reduced overtime expense to MCSO (SAR related overtime averages approximately \$100,000 per year). Six team members can provide preventative and proactive law enforcement/education functions during trailhead heavy use days, further reducing search incidents and impacting high incidents of property crime at these locations. This program offer is for start-up costs for this team to include training, equipment and overtime.

An additional written project proposal is available upon request.

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	Number of searches for lost/missing hikers conducted	0	0	0	20
Outcome	Percentage of searches resulting in a found/rescued person	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	90.0%
Output	Number of people provided hiking safety information	0	0	0	50

Performance Measure - Description

In FY 2011, MCSO had 36 land-based Search and Rescue service calls in the Columbia River Gorge. Data are from the Search and Rescue coordinator.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Oregon Revised Statutes Chapter 404 - County sheriff's search and rescue authority and obligations

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2013	2013	2014	2014
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$5,081	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$0	\$15,081	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$15,081	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues**Significant Program Changes**✔ **Significantly Changed****Last year this program was:**

New Program Offer.

At the FY 14 budget adoption hearing, the Board approved an amendment that provided on the first quarter (\$748,014) of General Fund overtime in the Sheriff's Office adopted budget. The overtime for the remaining three quarters of the year (\$2,244,042) was placed in General Fund contingency. This action reduced this program's requested overtime funds by \$4,919. These funds will be appropriated quarterly through budget modifications with the expectation of a quarterly report by the Sheriff's Office in front of the Board on issues surrounding overtime, hiring and retirements.