

**Lane County, Oregon**

**FY 08-09 Service Options Sheet**

Service: **Search & Rescue and Wildland Law Enforcement**  
 Dept: Public Safety/Sheriff's Office  
 Program Contact: Wm. Thompson/Randy Smith  
 Contact Phone: 682-6527/ 682-4433

BCC Service Priorities: **1,2,3,4**  
 Fund: **124** Dept. Org ID: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dept. Priority: \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
 Fund Priority: **26** of **46**

**Executive Summary**

This service gives the Sheriff's Office the ability to provide land and water search and rescue services throughout the county. This service is heavily dependant on volunteer resources, which are solely managed by the Search and Rescue Coordinator. Wildland law enforcement provides a uniformed police presence in the forest and backcountry areas, which make up over 40% of Lane County and include many popular recreation locations.

**State/Federal Mandate**

ORS 401.560 provides that the Sheriff of each county is responsible for search and rescue. (related ORS include ORS 401.015 to 401.105, 401.260 to 401.325 and 401.355 to 401.580.) ORS 206.010 General Duties of the Sheriff.

**Outcome Measure/s**

The demand for service and frequency of search and rescue incidents requiring response will remain largely unchanged (1 SAR call every 3.8 days). In 2007, wildland units handled almost 500 criminal enforcement actions and were first responders to approximately 60 search and rescue calls. Any reduction in funding from current levels will delay initial SAR response and virtually eliminate wildland policing.

**Service Level Descriptions. Level 1 (very bottom) = Threshold Level Below Which Service Cannot Be Provided**

X=Funded	Proposed Service Funding >>	Other Funds			FTE
		Expense	Total	General Fund	
		0	0	0	0.00
	<b>SEARCH &amp; RESCUE PROGRAM - TITLE III FUNDED</b>	293,260	310,268	17,008	1.00
	<i>In order to restore the Search and Rescue program to include a dedicated SAR coordinator and one extra help administrative support person should federal funds (Title III) be received. See Levels 1 &amp; 2 to fund the program entirely with General Funds.</i>				
	<b>NO GENERAL FUND REQUIRED - SAR/Forest Patrol - 2 Sworn</b>	258,937	258,937	0	2.00
	BCC service priority 2, 4. This level maintains current staffing of Search and Rescue and wildland policing services. Below this level, capacity to respond diminishes; response times increase and many types of responses to forestland incidents will be eliminated.				
	<b>Level 4: SAR/Forest Patrol - 3 Sworn Positions</b>	428,352	428,352	0	4.00
	BCC service priority 2, 4. This level provides an additional deputy, supervisor and support, increasing capacity to respond as described in level 3. The addition of a sergeant makes possible administrative functions related to grant aquisition and management for wildland policing. Below this level, there will be less capacity to accept some grant funding.				
	<b>Level 3: SAR/Forest Patrol - 2 Sworn Positions</b>	808,547	737,526	(71,021)	3.00
	BCC service priority 2, 4. Deputies assigned to wildlands are first responders to SAR missions during the early, critical hours and maintains a minimal police presence to address illegal drug manufacture, youth alcohol abuse and environmental crimes. Belwo this level, over 40% of county land will have virtually no patrol presence.				
	<b>Level 2: SAR Support</b>	0	10,598	10,598	0.00
	BCC service priority 1(c), 3. One (1) extra help employee responsible for mandated record keeping regarding training/certification levels of volunteers and SAR incidents. Below this level, all SAR related record keeping and administrative management reverts to the SAR coordinator. See Level 8 for cost to restore with federal funds (Title III).				
	<b>Level 1: SAR Coordinator - GENERAL FUNDS</b>	0	247,748	247,748	1.00
	BCC service priority 1(c), 2,3. Funds a dedicated SAR coordinator, responsible for field operations, training and management for almost 200 volunteers representing 20,000 hours of service. This level sustains the provision of state required reporting functions in addition to direct oversight of approx 100 missions per year. Below this level, SAR function reverts to patrol staff as available. See Level 8 for cost to restore with federal funds (Title III).				

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- "Shall" Mandate
- Related Mandate
- No Clear Mandate
- Highly Leveraged to County provided service (100% return or greater)
- Leverages Funds to County
- Leverages Funding for Citizens and/or Community Organizations

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**Leverage Details**

	\$241,868	back to the General Fund
At the FY 07-08 level of service, the	\$0	into other County Funds
GF portion of this program leverages:	\$0	directly or via subcontract to community orgs
	\$0	directly to citizens via services provided

<b>93.62%</b>	General Fund Leverage Ratio
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For the purpose of this comparison, only include leveraged funds that are dependent on General Fund revenue. Do not include funds that would still be leveraged if the General Fund portion of the service were decreased or eliminated.

**Please use this space to explain the Proposed Service Level Funding impact on leverage of the varying levels of service described above.**

The funds listed are the Title III funds in the Search & Rescue Program (SAR). SAR is approximately 50% funded by Title III with the remaining funds coming from the General Fund. Without the General Fund, it is difficult to predict what level of SAR services could be provided, and therefore whether the Title III funds would continue to be received if the General Fund were removed. Note that this was a Sheriff's Office program before Secure Rural Schools funding was ever received by the county. The Forestland Patrol Program services, an entirely Title III funded program, are also listed on this S.O.S. The amount of Title III in the Forestland Deputies Program is \$1,193,323 (the funding is not listed because it is not reliant on the General Fund).