



Multnomah County Sheriff's Office and Fairview Police Department Consolidation Frequently Asked Questions

Will the Sheriff's Office have a different philosophy than our current Police Department?

Both agencies focus on community policing strategies and engaging with citizens. A high standard of exemplary customer service will be their priority.

What will happen to the police department the citizens know today on August 1, 2017?

The officers will become deputies of the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office. The officers will be the same initially and the department will be managed and equipped similarly. Citizens will likely discern no major difference other than more police presence. You will continue to see patrol cars marked "Fairview Police" patrolling your neighborhoods, but they will be operated by Multnomah County Deputy Sheriffs (many of whom are the Officers you know today!)

Where do I go to conduct routine business with the Sheriff's Office?

Routine services such as requesting a copy of a police report, obtaining a vehicle release, or other Records Unit functions will take place at the Sheriff's Office Troutdale location: 234 SW Kendall Ct. Troutdale, OR 97060. The public telephone number of that office is 503-988-7300. Information may also be found at the Sheriff's Office website: www.mcso.us.

The Multnomah County Sheriff's Office will also be taking responsibility for Alarm Permits for residents and businesses within the City of Fairview. Information will be sent out to inform residents of the processes and locations for applying for an alarm permit, paying fees, paying fines, etc.

Will there still be a police presence in Fairview City Hall?

Yes. The Sheriff's Office plans to move its Detective Unit from the Troutdale offices to Fairview City Hall. If you find yourself at City Hall and have a policing question, there will be personnel during business hours at the "Police Department" window available to answer your question, take a report, or point you in the right direction to help you take care of business.

Will the districts patrolled by Fairview Police change when they become part of the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office patrol districts?

The patrol districts will not change from the current Fairview Police patrol districts. As the consolidation moves forward, districts will be renamed as part of the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office patrol district configuration and current service levels will be enhanced.

Who will manage the consolidated department?

The Multnomah County Sheriff is an elected official. Multnomah County Sheriff Michael Reese is the current Sheriff and is the head of the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office. Currently, MCSO Captain Harry Smith is acting Chief of Police for Fairview Police Department. Captain Smith will continue as "Chief of Police" for the City of Fairview, and with the assistance of Chief Deputy Jason Gates and the entire MCSO Enforcement Command Team, they will ensure police service is being adequately delivered to the residents of Fairview.

What involvement will the City of Fairview City Council and City Administrator have with the Law Enforcement services provided to the City by MCSO?

The Chief of Police appointed by the Sheriff will be considered a City Department manager and will report to and coordinate with the City Administrator and attend City meetings as requested. MCSO will provide oral reports to the City Council as well as monthly written reports.

Will the quality of service provided to residents rise or fall, and does this consolidation lead to duplication of services?

Service levels will be enhanced by the full range of services offered by the Sheriff's Office. Patrol services will be enhanced through 24/7 Patrol Supervision and through operational efficiencies within the Patrol Unit. Duplication of service is unlikely; redundant systems and operations will be eliminated to achieve the same or greater service levels to citizens.

Will we still see patrol cars marked "Fairview Police" on the streets of Fairview?

Yes. The cars patrolling in the Fairview district will be marked "Fairview Police." Future cars will feature markings that state, "Proudly Served by the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office." You will also be seeing cars with traditional Sheriff's Office markings providing service to the city.

Will MCSO have a presence at City of Fairview events?

Yes. MCSO will be present and participating in events such as Fairview National Night Out and Christmas Tree Lighting. The Sheriff's Office and City will continue to work together to ensure that the Deputy Sheriffs working within the City stay engaged in civic activities as a means to meaningfully connect with Fairview residents.

Is consolidation generally viewed as the best use of tax dollars?

Elected officials and city administrators have an obligation to provide the best possible services at the lowest cost to the public. Consolidation is viewed as an excellent way of achieving these competing goals. It is not a panacea for all issues with respect to policing, though it is a viable alternative to make the delivery of police services more efficient and cost effective.

Will the current officers and civilian employees of the Fairview Police Department still have jobs?

Under ORS (Oregon Revised Statutes) 236.610 Rights of employee when duties assumed by different public employer, employer duties:

- (1) No public employee shall be deprived of employment solely because the duties of employment have been assumed or acquired by another public employer.

All of the employees from Fairview Police Department will transfer and become employees of the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office. Seniority and other benefits earned while in the employment of the Fairview Police Department are items that have been negotiated between the various bargaining organizations involved in the consolidation process. In general, consolidation seeks to recognize and protect the standing of all employees involved.

How many employees does the Sheriff's Office currently have?

The Multnomah County Sheriff's Office has approximately 800 employees: 579 sworn officers and 221 civilian employees.

What areas does the Sheriff's Office currently patrol?

From Sauvie Island in the west, south to Dunthorpe, and extending east to the Columbia River Gorge, Sheriff's Office patrol deputies cover over 280 square miles of unincorporated Multnomah County; vast areas that surround the incorporated cities of Portland, Gresham, Troutdale, and Fairview where approximately 28,400 people live. The Sheriff's Office has contracts to provide law enforcement services to the cities of Wood Village, Maywood Park, and Troutdale.

What services does the Sheriff's Office offer that Fairview Police Department doesn't have currently?

The Multnomah County Sheriff's Office brings several new services to Fairview including a Narcotics and Vice enforcement unit (SIU), comprehensive investigative services, Dive Team, motorcycle/traffic team, drug lab/HAZMAT mitigation team, swift water rescue team, full service Search and Rescue (SAR), narcotics and tracking K9 Unit, Community Resource Officers, annual Citizen's Academy, Inmate Work Crews, special events management, and more.

In addition, many services provided by the Fairview Police Department will be enhanced by the consolidation with the Sheriff's Office, including 24/7 sergeant staffing, 24/7 full service Records Unit, full time dedicated Training Unit, full service Property/Evidence Unit, full service Detectives Unit, River Patrol Unit, Reserve Officer program, and full command structure of the Sheriff's Office.

Currently, due to staffing shortages, the Fairview police do not staff a supervising Sergeant around the clock. This consolidation model provides for additional staffing which is an officer safety issue and a general public safety enhancement.