

Trooper Law Enforcement Equipment**FY2001 Request: \$350,000**
Reference No: 32261**AP/AL:** Appropriation**Project Type:** Equipment**Category:** Public Protection**Location:** Statewide**Contact:** Kenneth E. Bischoff**House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)**Contact Phone:** (907)465-4336**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2000 - 06/30/2001**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

Purchase of new and replacement equipment for the use of State Trooper personnel throughout the state. The Division of Alaska State Troopers historically has relied upon CIP funding for these types of replacement items due to a lack of replacement equipment funding in the AST operating budget. Delayed replacement of equipment will hinder investigations, delay responses to calls for assistance, etc.

| Funding: | FY2001 | FY2002 | FY2003 | FY2004 | FY2005 | FY2006 | Total |
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| Gen Fund | \$350,000 | \$450,000 | \$450,000 | \$450,000 | \$450,000 | \$450,000 | \$2,600,000 |
| Total: | \$350,000 | \$450,000 | \$450,000 | \$450,000 | \$450,000 | \$450,000 | \$2,600,000 |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required | <input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project | <input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new | <input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On-Going |
| 0% = Minimum State Match % Required | | <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment | <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill | |

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

| | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Staff</u> |
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| Project Development: | 0 | 0 |
| Ongoing Operating: | 0 | 0 |
| One-Time Startup: | 0 | 0 |
| Totals: | 0 | 0 |

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

Sec 100, Ch 2, SLA 1999, \$175.0. Sec 131, Ch 139, SLA 1998, \$353.5.
 Sec 82, Ch 100, SLA 1997, \$400.0. Sec 100, Ch 123, SLA 1996, \$175.0.
 Sec 135, Ch 103, SLA 1995, \$34.0. Sec 10, Ch 4, SLA 1994, \$200.0.

Project Description/Justification:**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

This project funds the replacement of various irreparable or poor quality equipment vital for the successful investigation of crimes committed in Alaska and to provide new equipment that will either lower or contain escalating costs of investigations, prosecutions and responses to calls from the public for assistance.

PROJECT NEED STATEMENT

This project is needed to provide basic law enforcement equipment that is necessary for State Troopers to provide service to the public. This equipment regularly is in need of replacement because of constant use that is wearing out components making them useless and leaving Troopers without the resources they need. Replacements have been delayed for several years and further delays will directly impact the effectiveness of commissioned personnel. Much of the equipment is needed to assist in successful criminal prosecutions, which often depend upon the quality of evidence presented during trial. Frequently, both the availability of evidence and its quality are directly dependent upon adequate equipment being available to gather, process and document the material. Successful prosecutions based upon quality evidentiary matter often saves time for DPS, DOL and the Court System, which translates into lower costs or contained cost increases that would otherwise negatively affect the Criminal Justice System.

This project will provide funding for the following:

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. Replacement and upgraded microcomputers, printers, monitors and software are needed throughout the Division to provide word processing and data retention capabilities through telecommunications links and to tie into the Alaska Public Safety Information Network (APSIN). Timely access to APSIN and other information systems for criminal history records and warrant checks is essential for efficient field operations.

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| 30 x Microcomputers with software @ \$2,400 = | \$72,000 | |
| 8 x Large color printers @ \$3,000 = | \$24,000 | |
| 10 x Lap top microcomputers w/ software @ \$2,500 = | \$25,000 | |
| 20 x Large laser printers @ \$1,000 = | \$20,000 | |
| 18 x Large monitors @ \$339 = | \$6,100 | |
| 6 x Scanners @ \$400 = | <u>\$2,400</u> | |
| | subtotal | \$149,500 |

. Replacement snow machines and trailers for rural posts. Replaced machines are 7 to 10 years old and are not reliable for Search & Rescue and other law enforcement work. Replacements are needed for Kotzebue (2), Bethel (2), Nome, Haines, Talkeetna, Glennallen, Galena and Big Lake. A double wide snow machine trailer is also needed in Haines.

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| 10 x Long & wide track snow machines @ \$7,100 = | \$71,000 | |
| 1 x Double wide snow machine trailer | <u>\$1,100</u> | |
| | subtotal | \$72,100 |

. Portable Breath Test instruments are utilized to test the breath of persons suspected of driving while intoxicated, minors suspected of consuming alcohol, or a person suspected of possession of a firearm while intoxicated. These instruments are used to obtain probable cause to give the suspected person a complete breath test utilizing a more sophisticated, non-portable instrument located at the nearest AST post. The instruments to be replaced are approximately ten years old and are wearing out.

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| 100x Portable breath test instruments @ \$400 = | \$40,000 |
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. A river boat is needed to support search and rescue operations and enforcement on the Kenai Peninsula and in the surrounding area. This boat will operate out of Seward & Cooper Landing, to include areas of Whittier and Kenai Lake. It will also be used in the Soldotna area for Tustumena Lake.

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| 1 x 19 foot center console river boat with twin outboards and trailer | \$36,000 |
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. Vehicle radios capable of dealing with the FCC-mandated migration to 12.5/6.25 KHz are needed to replace radios which have become inoperative, or are so old and worn out that they are not capable of being placed in new replacement vehicles as they are set up for service.

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| 10 x Vehicle radios @ \$2,000 = | \$20,000 |
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. Hand held recorders are needed by State Troopers and Investigators to use during field work. Recorders are essential to criminal investigations. The recording of interviews and other statements is mandated by the Alaska Supreme Court. These recorders are necessary to the day to day business of the Alaska State Troopers and continually require replacement due to constant wear and tear.

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50 x Portable recorders @ \$225 =

\$11,250

. Laser mapping devices are utilized to measure distances at serious injury accident scenes to assist in investigations. This type of precision is very often required when providing subsequent court testimony.

2 x Laser mapping devices @ \$5,000 =

\$10,000

. Portable radios are needed as replacements for units damaged during field operations.

8 x Several models at various prices

\$11,150

TOTAL

\$350,000

The funding requested for FY02 through FY06 will address the continuing yearly replacement of various equipment as the items reach the end of their useful lives.

DOCUMENTATION OF ESTIMATED CAPITAL COSTS

Cost estimates are based upon contacts with local vendors and existing awards.

CIP History:

FY97 - \$175.0, FY98 - \$400.0, FY99 - \$353.5, and FY2000 - \$175.0.

ANALYSIS OF ESTIMATED OPERATING COSTS

All operating costs are budgeted in the AST Operating Budget. No increases are anticipated to result from the acquisition of these predominantly replacement items. Conversely, if this equipment is not obtained, repair and maintenance costs will escalate.

IDENTIFICATION OF ALTERNATIVE CONSIDERED

. Continue to use the current equipment that is on hand - This will result in less effective use of limited manpower that is available. It also may result in unsafe situations for State Troopers and the public when communications and other equipment fails, criminal cases are lost or response to calls for assistance from the public are delayed.

. Lease the equipment - The AST operating budget can not sustain lease payments for equipment without substantial impact upon its existing staffing level.

IMPACT OF NOT RECEIVING THIS REQUEST

This is an annual Capital Improvement Project (CIP) which established funding for procurement of equipment needed to effectively perform the law enforcement function of the Alaska State Troopers. Without annual equipment replacement, the protection of life and property of the public through an effective and efficient law enforcement organization can not be carried out. In effective law enforcement, it is crucial to have operational equipment which is readily available for the Troopers use. If not, the life of the Trooper or the citizens and their property that he or she is sworn to protect may be in jeopardy. No alternative funding exists for this project.