

State of Alaska FY2002 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Public Safety
Commissioner's Office
Component

Component: Commissioner's Office

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Component Mission

The mission of the Office of the Commissioner is to provide support and policy direction to divisions within the department.

Component Services Provided

The Commissioner is responsible for making sure that departmental employees work with other departments to improve service delivery to the public and consider innovative partnerships with local authorities.

The Commissioner's Office coordinates the department's legislative requests and responses. This includes reviewing proposed legislation to determine if it will have an impact on the department, and ensuring that complete and accurate information is presented to the legislature in a timely manner. The Commissioner's Office also coordinates departmental testimony at legislative hearings; this includes appearing personally or sending a division or agency person to testify.

The Commissioner's Office is responsible for reviewing existing statutes and recommending changes, as well as reviewing and updating the regulations previously adopted by the department.

The Commissioner's Office reviews and approves all annual reports prepared and distributed by the department, reviews and approves or denies all requests for outside employment for compliance with the Executive Branch Ethics Law, and coordinates all responses to Legislative Audits. As a result of the Commissioner's direct involvement with these reports and reviews, he can evaluate and address potential problems and work to correct them.

A staff member of the Commissioner's Office is a part of the state team that negotiates with the Public Safety Employees Association (PSEA), the unit which represents commissioned members of the department below the rank of First Sergeant. The Commissioner's Office also administers the PSEA Agreement at the department level by drafting letters of Agreement with the Association, researching and responding to grievances, and representing the department at arbitration hearings. Numerous labor issues are resolved at the Commissioner's level. The Commissioner's Office staff works with all labor organizations to resolve issues prior to the formal complaint process.

The Commissioner's Office works with division directors and agency heads on a continual basis to provide short and long-term direction, resolve problems and issues, and set goals and objectives for the department.

The Commissioner's Office staff also supervise other programs within the department, including the Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory and Planning and Research. They also provide administrative support to the Alaska Police Standards Council, Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, and the Violent Crimes Compensation Board.

Component Goals and Strategies

To maintain a commitment to all Alaskans to help ensure a safe, orderly, and positive environment, so children and families can work, live, and learn without fear of violence, the Commissioner's Office sets department policy and provides overall management to best address the Department's mission and work toward the following goals:

- Preserve the public peace, enforce specific laws
- Provide statewide criminal justice training, information, person identification and forensic services
- Promote ways to protect life and property against fire and explosion

The Commissioner is required to travel extensively throughout the state reviewing programs and operations to ensure that they are being well managed and meeting the needs of the public. The detailed information gathered during

these trips allows the Commissioner to evaluate the department's strengths, weaknesses, and needs on a statewide basis, and make informed decisions as to how they best can be addressed.

Key Component Issues for FY2001 – 2002

The key issues for this component are reflected throughout the department's budget in the various BRUs and components.

Major Component Accomplishments for FY2000

The goals, objectives, and performance measures for the various divisions and programs of the department are outlined in their respective BRU and component forms.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

Department of Public Safety (AS 44.41)

Key Performance Measures for FY2002

Measure: Percentage of divisions that meet assigned performance measures.

(Developed jointly with Legislature in FY2001.)

Current Status:

The department is tracking 33 performance measures developed jointly with the legislature for FY2001. After the first quarter of FY2001, 4 are "on track," 25 are "too soon to tell," and 4 are "not likely to achieve."

Benchmark:

This is the first year that this measure has been instituted and annual data has not yet been compiled, so there is no benchmark measurement yet.

In FY2000, there were a total of 15 performance measures, 8 for AST and 7 for CDVSA. In FY2001, there are a total of 25 new performance measures. The legislature and department agreed that the 6 new performance measures for CDVSA replaced their previous measures. In total for FY2001, there are 33 performance measures that were jointly developed with the legislature.

Background and Strategies:

Each division director or program manager is responsible for taking appropriate management strategies to work toward achievement of his or her performance measures.

Measure: Total crimes per 100,000 population.

(Not yet addressed by Legislature.)

Current Status:

Calendar year 2000 data will be available 6-9 months after the year is over.

Benchmark:

National data is compiled by the FBI and published in "Crime in the U.S."

1994 in the benchmark year selected.

1999 is the most current data available for comparison.

National data for 1994 & 1999 respectively: 5,373.5 and 4,292.4 total crimes per 100,000 population.

Alaska data for 1994 & 1999 respectively: 5,915.0 and 4,307.7 total crimes per 100,000 population.

Alaska urban data for 1994 & 1999 respectively: 7,479.2 and 5,140.6 total crimes per 100,000 population.

Alaska rural data for 1994 & 1999 respectively: 2,721.3 and 2,865.2 total crimes per 100,000 population.

Background and Strategies:

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) compiles Uniform Crime Reports of all reported crimes from all states for comparison purposes. Each year, the FBI publishes "Crime in the United States" and later, the Department of Public Safety publishes, "Crime Reported in Alaska" which contains data of all crime reported in Alaska by participating police agencies.

There are eight crime index offenses which are divided into violent crimes (against people) and property crimes. Violent crimes include: murder, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault. Property crimes include: burglary, larceny-petty theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson.

Crimes are reported from both urban and rural police departments, so crime index rates can also be displayed as rural or urban rates, though not all police departments submit data to be compiled for statewide statistics.

Measure: Total violent crimes per 100,000 population.
(Not yet addressed by Legislature.)

Current Status:

Calendar year 2000 data will be available 6-9 months after the year is over.

Benchmark:

National data is compiled by the FBI and published in "Crime in the U.S."

1994 in the benchmark year selected.

1999 is the most current data available for comparison.

National data for 1994 & 1999 respectively: 713.6 and 526.8 total violent crimes per 100,000 population.

Alaska data for 1994 & 1999 respectively: 827.4 and 621.9 total violent crimes per 100,000 population.

Alaska urban data for 1994 & 1999 respectively: 1,020.8 and 772.3 total violent crimes per 100,000 population.

Alaska rural data for 1994 & 1999 respectively: 932.3 and 856.6 total violent crimes per 100,000 population.

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(Not yet addressed by Legislature.)

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Benchmark:

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1994 in the benchmark year selected.

1999 is the most current data available for comparison.

National data for 1994 & 1999 respectively: 4,660.0 and 3,7657.7 total property crimes per 100,000 population.

Alaska data for 1994 & 1999 respectively: 5,087.6 and 3,685.8 total property crimes per 100,000 population.

Alaska urban data for 1994 & 1999 respectively: 6,905.6 and 4,894.7 total property crimes per 100,000 population.

Alaska rural data for 1994 & 1999 respectively: 1,789.0 and 1797.4 total property crimes per 100,000 population.

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Status of FY2001 Performance Measures

	<i>Achieved</i>	<i>On track</i>	<i>Too soon to tell</i>	<i>Not likely to achieve</i>	<i>Needs modification</i>
• Percentage of divisions that meet assigned performance measures.			X		
• Total crimes per 100,000 population.			X		
• Total violent crimes per 100,000 population.			X		
• Total property crimes per 100,000 population.			X		

Commissioner's Office
Component Financial Summary

All dollars in thousands

	FY2000 Actuals	FY2001 Authorized	FY2002 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	526.7	536.8	538.6
72000 Travel	49.6	39.1	39.1
73000 Contractual	38.8	61.3	61.3
74000 Supplies	12.0	6.2	6.2
75000 Equipment	0.0	0.0	0.0
76000 Land/Buildings	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Claims	0.0	0.0	0.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	627.1	643.4	645.2
Funding Sources:			
1004 General Fund Receipts	627.1	640.5	645.2
1053 Investment Loss Trust Fund	0.0	2.9	0.0
Funding Totals	627.1	643.4	645.2

Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2000 Actuals	FY2001 Authorized	FY2001 Cash Estimate	FY2002 Governor	FY2003 Forecast
Unrestricted Revenues						
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Unrestricted Total		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Restricted Revenues						
Investment Loss Trust Fund	51393	0.0	2.9	2.9	0.0	0.0
Restricted Total		0.0	2.9	2.9	0.0	0.0
Total Estimated Revenues		0.0	2.9	2.9	0.0	0.0

Commissioner's Office**Proposed Changes in Levels of Service for FY2002**

Changes in levels of service provided are reflected in the various components within the department's budget.

Summary of Component Budget Changes**From FY2001 Authorized to FY2002 Governor***All dollars in thousands*

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2001 Authorized	643.4	0.0	0.0	643.4
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-Year 2 Labor Costs - Net Change from FY2001	1.8	0.0	0.0	1.8
FY2002 Governor	645.2	0.0	0.0	645.2

Commissioner's Office
Personal Services Information

Authorized Positions			Personal Services Costs	
	FY2001 Authorized	FY2002 Governor		
Full-time	7	7	Annual Salaries	405,420
Part-time	0	0	COLA	8,968
Nonpermanent	0	0	Premium Pay	0
			Annual Benefits	139,847
			<i>Less 2.82% Vacancy Factor</i>	(15,635)
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
Totals	7	7	Total Personal Services	538,600

Position Classification Summary

Job Class Title	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Others	Total
Commissioner	0	0	1	0	1
Dep Commissioner	0	0	1	0	1
Exec Secretary II	0	0	1	0	1
Regulations Spec I	0	0	1	0	1
Secretary	0	0	1	0	1
Spec Asst To The Comm I	0	0	1	0	1
Spec Asst To The Comm II	0	0	1	0	1
Totals	0	0	7	0	7