

State of Alaska FY2005 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Public Safety Alaska Bureau of Investigation Component Budget Summary

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Component: Alaska Bureau of Investigation**Contribution to Department's Mission**

The mission of the Division of Alaska State Troopers is to preserve public peace, protect life, property, and resources.

Core Services

The Alaska Bureau of Investigation (ABI) component is comprised of the Computer and Financial Crimes Unit, the Child Abuse Investigations Unit, the Wildlife Investigations Unit, the Missing Persons Unit, and the Major Crimes Investigation Units in Fairbanks, Mat-Su, Soldotna, and Anchorage. The purpose of these units is to develop and deploy expertise necessary to effectively investigate serious crimes including criminal use of computers, wildlife crimes, and child physical and sexual abuse. These units provide the following services:

1. Assists federal, state, and local criminal justice agencies requiring specialized investigators and/or techniques
2. Investigates unattended deaths and homicides
3. Investigates serious felony physical assaults
4. Documents and disseminates information regarding homicides
5. Investigates sexual assault and child exploitation
6. Stores and disseminates criminal intelligence information
7. Investigates serious wildlife offenses including illegal guiding
8. Maintains state and national databases that document homicides and missing persons

COMPUTER AND FINANCIAL CRIMES UNIT (C&FCU):

The Computer and Financial Crimes Unit is comprised of one AST sergeant and two AST investigators. The Computer and Financial Crimes Unit routinely conducts investigations in conjunction with the Department of Law's Office of Special Prosecutions and Appeals and district attorneys' offices throughout the state, and with various federal agencies such as the IRS, FBI, the U.S. Postal Service, the U.S. Secret Service, and U.S. Attorney's Office. The use of computers to perpetrate, foster, and conceal criminal conduct has become a reality. The Computer and Financial Crimes Unit applies high technology in its forensic analysis of electronic evidence seized from computers and other data storage devices.

MAJOR CRIMES UNIT:

The Fairbanks, Mat-Su, Soldotna, and Anchorage Major Crimes Units are comprised of four AST sergeants and fifteen AST investigator positions. This section is responsible for the investigation of homicides, sexual assaults, and other serious crimes against person(s) statewide. This unit is the backbone of the Alaska Bureau of Investigation, handling calls for assistance from nearly every law enforcement entity within Alaska in addition to the investigative efforts undertaken by the team members themselves.

The Major Crimes Units also:

- Coordinates the deployment of crisis negotiators.
- Provides personnel to staff the Special Emergency Reaction Teams (SERT) in Fairbanks, Southcentral, and Soldotna.
- Coordinates the availability of polygraph operators to assist state troopers and Alaska law enforcement agencies in conducting criminal specific examinations, as well as conducting pre-employment examinations for DPS applicants.

MISSING PERSONS SECTION:

The Missing Persons Section is a sub-section of the Anchorage Major Crimes Unit. It is comprised of one AST investigator who tracks the disappearance of juveniles and adults. This unit also manages several computer-assisted programs, which aid in the centralization of missing persons clearinghouse information and serves as a repository for information regarding unidentified human remains.

The Missing Persons Unit also manages the statutorily required Alaska Homicide Registry and coordinates with the FBI's Violent Criminal Apprehension Program (VICAP).

FY2005 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results		
FY2005 Component Budget: \$4,865,200	Personnel:	
	Full time	43
	Part time	0
	Total	43

Key Component Challenges

It is the goal of the statewide Alaska Bureau of Investigation (ABI) to maintain the expertise of the statewide ABI – To staff, train, and retain a cadre of experienced investigators to respond to, investigate, and solve serious cases involving homicide, felony assaults, sexual assault, sexual abuse, kidnapping, robbery, fraud, forgery, prisoner escape, arson, wildlife and fisheries crimes, and police officer use of deadly force cases throughout Alaska.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2005

The Governor is requesting twenty new state trooper positions to investigate criminal activity, to investigate illegal drugs and alcohol activity, and to better address the needs of rural communities and their surrounding areas throughout Alaska. Six of these new positions will be assigned to the Alaska Bureau of Investigation: Major Crimes investigators for Soldotna and Palmer and two Property Crimes Investigators each for Fairbanks and Palmer.

A long-term goal of the Department of Public Safety is to position itself as the primary law enforcement agency in the state for investigations. The goal is to be able to address investigative needs in the AST areas of responsibility while at the same time offering major and complex crime investigation services to communities who do not or cannot maintain those types of resources. This part of the request would move the department toward that goal.

ABI is organized such that investigator positions are strategically placed around the state in locations where the greatest local AST need exists. When a major event occurs such as a complex homicide in rural Alaska, investigators are drawn from each of the areas to form a team to respond to the major event. This is particularly beneficial in that every event is different and requires different types of investigative expertise. This approach allows people with specific types of investigative expertise to be assigned as dictated by the specific circumstances and needs of the instant event. The positions requested here are designed for certain locations and certain day-to-day job types but are actually part of a statewide strategy to address major crimes everywhere in the state including in rural Alaska.

Because of the lead time required to fully train new troopers, these positions will not all be filled until near the end of FY2005. Significant improvement in rates of illegal drugs and alcohol interdiction, investigations of property crimes, and improved response to issues in rural Alaska communities are expected to occur in FY2006.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2003

The nationwide clearance rate for murders is 69 percent as cited in the U.S. Department of Justice's 1999 Uniform Crime Report. The ABI, in addition to all other state trooper detachments, has the following clearance rates by calendar year. (Note: The following statistics are based on "fiscal" year as opposed to the "calendar" year statistics presented in the Investing for Results section.)

FY1999	23 murders with 21 resolved or 91 percent clearance.
FY2000	14 murders with 13 resolved or 93 percent clearance.

FY2001	13 murders with 13 resolved or 100 percent clearance.
FY2002	14 murders with 13 resolved or 93 percent clearance.
FY2003	10 murders with 9 resolved or 90 percent clearance.

The section added nearly 4,000 missing person notices to the statutorily required Missing Persons Clearinghouse used to assist law enforcement when unidentified human remains are found.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

DPS - Powers and duties of department (AS 44.41.020)
 State Troopers (AS 18.65.010 - AS 18.65.110)
 Police Protection (AS 18.65.010 - AS 18.65.790)
 Law enforcement duties (AS 18.65.010 - AS 18.65.086)
 Controlled Substances (AS 11.71.010 - AS 11.71.900)

Judicial Services (AS 22.20.100 - AS 22.20.140)
 Prisoner Transportation (AS 33.30.071 and AS 33.30.081)
 Search & Rescue (AS 18.60.120 - AS 18.60.175)

Village Public Safety Officer Definition (AS 01.10.060(c)(7)(C))
 VPSO Program (AS 18.65.670)
 VPSO Regulations (13 AAC 96.010-900)
 Concealed Handgun Permits (AS 18.65.700)
 Security Guard Licensing (AS 18.65.400 - AS 18.65.410)
 Sex Offender Registration (AS 12.63.010 - AS 12.63.100)
 Central Registry of Sex Offenders (AS 18.65.087)
 Department to assist other agencies (AS 18.65.090)
 Document and disseminate information regarding homicides (AS 44.41.040)
 Document and investigate missing persons (AS 18.65.610)
 Investigate fires resulting from crimes (AS 18.70.030)
 Investigate sexual assault and child exploitation (AS 18.65.086)

Aeronautics (AS 02)
 Criminal (AS 11)
 Environment (AS 46)
 Fish & Game (AS 16)
 Fish & Game (5 AAC)
 Guide/Outfitting (12 AAC)
 Guide/Outfitting (AS 08)
 Health & Safety (AS 18)
 Limited Entry (20 AAC)
 State Government (AS 44)

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**Alaska Bureau of Investigation
Component Financial Summary**

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2003 Actuals	FY2004 Authorized	FY2005 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	3,713.9
72000 Travel	0.0	0.0	116.8
73000 Contractual	0.0	0.0	894.6
74000 Supplies	0.0	0.0	103.4
75000 Equipment	0.0	0.0	36.5
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	0.0	0.0	4,865.2
Funding Sources:			
1004 General Fund Receipts	0.0	0.0	4,865.2
Funding Totals	0.0	0.0	4,865.2

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2004 Authorized to FY2005 Governor**

All dollars shown in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2004 Authorized	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-Transfer Trooper position from AST Detachments to ABI	107.4	0.0	0.0	107.4
-Transfer Criminal Investigations Bureau staff and funding to ABI	3,433.9	0.0	0.0	3,433.9
-Transfer Wildlife Investigative Unit from FWP Enforcement/ISU to ABI	465.6	0.0	0.0	465.6
Proposed budget increases:				
-Improve criminal investigations capability	858.3	0.0	0.0	858.3
FY2005 Governor	4,865.2	0.0	0.0	4,865.2

**Alaska Bureau of Investigation
Personal Services Information**

Authorized Positions		Personal Services Costs		
	<u>FY2004</u> <u>Authorized</u>	<u>FY2005</u> <u>Governor</u>		
Full-time	0	43	Annual Salaries	2,380,235
Part-time	0	0	Premium Pay	264,034
Nonpermanent	0	1	Annual Benefits	1,202,986
			<i>Less 3.47% Vacancy Factor</i>	(133,355)
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
Totals	0	44	Total Personal Services	3,713,900

Position Classification Summary

Job Class Title	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Others	Total
Administrative Clerk II	3	1	0	0	4
Administrative Clerk III	3	0	0	0	3
Administrative Supervisor	1	0	0	0	1
Captain PS	1	0	0	0	1
Lieutenant PS	1	0	0	0	1
Sergeant PS	3	1	0	2	6
State Trooper	11	6	0	11	28
Totals	23	8	0	13	44