

State of Alaska FY2008 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Public Safety Prisoner Transportation Component Budget Summary

Component: Prisoner Transportation

Contribution to Department's Mission

Preserve public peace, protect life, property, and resources.

Core Services

The prisoner transportation component is the central funding source for moving state-charged prisoners. These include prisoners needing pre-arraignment and post-arraignment escort, as well as the transfer of convicted prisoners between in-state facilities and out-of-state prisons. The Alaska Court System (ACS), the Department of Corrections (DOC), and the Department of Law (DOL) require the transports. Public Safety provides these services through the coordination of the travel of state troopers, municipal police officers, and court services officers. DOC conducts moves only when it is cost-effective to use its own personnel and only for transfers between institutions.

FY2008 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

FY2008 Component Budget: \$1,701,700	Personnel:	
	Full time	0
	Part time	0
	Total	0

Key Component Challenges

In the first two months of FY2007, prisoner transports increased statewide. If this trend continues, roughly 69,000 prisoner transports will occur in FY2007, an increase of 7 percent over FY2006.

The new courthouse in Fairbanks has been open now for five years and the number of transports continues to rise. In FY2005, 7,019 prisoners were transported in Fairbanks alone. In FY2006, this increased to 9,990, an increase of 40 percent over the previous year. This increase appears to have stabilized over the first two months of FY2007. The department added three CSOs to the Fairbanks Judicial Services (JS) unit in FY2007.

In April 2002, a new jail opened in Anchorage adding 300 prisoner beds. The new jail increased the number of prisoner transports not only in Anchorage, but also around the state as these beds are used to ease overcrowding at other correctional institutions. This has resulted in an increase in the number of prisoners transported by the Anchorage JS unit. Early numbers for FY2007 indicate the increase this year will hover around the 5 percent mark. Additionally, Anchorage JS provides a second court services officer, for security purposes, in the courtroom located within the new Anchorage jail. This continuing requirement means two officers are tied up with that function for the entire day, further stretching available resources.

Prisoner transportation costs increase with air and ground transportation costs. New airport security measures have increased the time required to facilitate these transports and thus, increasing the expense. The increases in transportation costs are compounded by the increase in the number of prisoners. The department has put in practice numerous cost saving procedures, but most of these costs are out of the department's control. The decision to transport prisoners is made by the court system and DOC. The Department of Corrections is under mandate by the courts to limit the number of inmates at all institutions, which sometimes requires DPS' help to balance the inmate population among different institutions.

Though the Kotzebue jail has reopened, there is still a significant need for transports to Nome, as inmates cannot be housed there longer than 20 days. There is a significant burden on both the Nome and Kotzebue trooper posts to

provide inter-facility escorts numerous times each month.

The department has added six new CSO positions statewide to date using existing resources, and twelve more funded in FY2006 and FY2007. To date, all but two of the positions have been filled and are currently in training. The last two positions should be filled by calendar year end. The process of filling normal vacancies and completing the extensive recruitment/background process has delayed some of the expected progress. Additionally, some CSO's are reaching retirement eligibility. This will require another recruiting process. Nonetheless, staffing increases represent a significant step forward.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2008

AST will continue to see the number of prisoner moves increase by 6 to 8 percent every year. AST's expectation is to continue to provide prisoner moves with zero escapes.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2006

The Alaska State Troopers moved 64,057 prisoners; 95 percent of the moves made were within the period needed. The number of prisoners moved has increased 6 percent over FY2005, 13 percent over FY2004, 22 percent over FY2003, and 27 percent over FY2002, 41 percent over FY2001, and 47 percent over FY2000.

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)
DUI Forfeiture Requirements (AS 28.35.036-.037)
DPS DNA collection and registration requirements (AS 44.41.035)
Duty of Law Enforcement to Provide VCCB information (AS 18.67.175)
Rights of Crime Victims to be notified orally and in writing by Law Enforcement (AS 12.61.010)
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)
Training (13 AAC 85)

Training (AS 44.41.020(a))

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Prisoner Transportation Component Financial Summary

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2006 Actuals	FY2007 Management Plan	FY2008 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
72000 Travel	1,729.7	1,445.8	1,445.8
73000 Services	247.1	245.9	245.9
74000 Commodities	9.3	10.0	10.0
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	0.0	0.0	0.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	1,986.1	1,701.7	1,701.7
Funding Sources:			
1004 General Fund Receipts	1,949.8	1,656.7	1,656.7
1007 Inter-Agency Receipts	36.3	45.0	45.0
Funding Totals	1,986.1	1,701.7	1,701.7

Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2006 Actuals	FY2007 Manageme nt Plan	FY2008 Governor
<u>Unrestricted Revenues</u>				
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0
Unrestricted Total		0.0	0.0	0.0
<u>Restricted Revenues</u>				
Interagency Receipts	51015	36.3	45.0	45.0
Restricted Total		36.3	45.0	45.0
Total Estimated Revenues		36.3	45.0	45.0

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2007 Management Plan to FY2008 Governor***All dollars shown in thousands*

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2007 Management Plan	1,656.7	0.0	45.0	1,701.7
FY2008 Governor	1,656.7	0.0	45.0	1,701.7