

State of Alaska FY2009 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Public Safety Alaska Bureau of Judicial Services Component Budget Summary

Component: Alaska Bureau of Judicial Services

Contribution to Department's Mission

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

Core Services

By statute, the commissioner of the Department of Public Safety is the executive officer of the Alaska Supreme Court. Across the state, those responsibilities are delegated and carried out by Alaska State Troopers and Court Service Officers (CSOs) assigned to Judicial Services units within the Division of Alaska State Troopers. Troopers allocated to patrol and investigative assignments assist the troopers and officers assigned to Judicial Services. Judicial Services is responsible for providing security to the Alaska Court System, the safe transportation of inmates to and from court and between correctional institutions, the extradition of wanted persons back to Alaska, and the timely service of legal process.

Security provided by Judicial Services includes protection of the public, the judiciary, and prisoners; security of court facilities; and maintaining peace and order in the courtrooms. Judicial Services transports felons, misdemeanants, and fugitives between institutions, between institutions and courthouses, and to and from doctor's appointments. Prisoners are guarded while at the courthouse and doctor's office.

Legal process served include subpoenas, summons and complaints, writs of assistance, evictions, executions of various types, child custody orders, mental health commitments, and domestic violence protective orders. Service requests are generated by various criminal justice agencies including the Public Defender Agency, Office of Public Advocacy, Department of Corrections, Department of Law, Department of Health and Social Services, Department of Revenue, federal and municipal law enforcement agencies inside and outside Alaska, and the public.

FY2009 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results		
FY2009 Component Budget: \$7,486,700	Personnel:	
	Full time	76
	Part time	0
	Total	76

Key Component Challenges

While the number of court services officers located around the state has increased in recent years, the number is marginally adequate to properly handle increased court security concerns, move prisoners, and serve court writs. The number of prisoner moves has steadily increased every year since the inception of these duties. Over the last five fiscal years alone, the number of prisoner moves has increased 24 percent. In real numbers, this represents a change from 53,723 transports in 2003 to an anticipated 70,000 transports in 2008. This coupled with any increase in writ services, ex parte orders, and ever increasing court security requirements, etc., will continue to challenge the existing work force to meet the demands of the courts.

Another challenging factor is that court facilities have been enlarged and renovated without significant input from AST. As a result, to subsequently address these issues increases both risk and cost, and decreases efficiency for AST.

In addition, there are inadequate numbers of troopers in either the judicial service units or the AST detachments to handle the immense number of unserved arrest warrants. For example, at any given time, between the very small Glennallen court, and the much larger Palmer court, there are over 2,000 arrest warrants on file. At the Fairbanks court,

the number is smaller but currently still exceeds 1,100 arrest warrants on file. Failure to make timely arrests undermines the credibility of the entire criminal justice system and long-unserved arrest warrants may fail judicial review from a due diligence standpoint. Consequently, cases may be dismissed and countless dollars and investigative hours may have been expended in a wasted effort.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2009

The Division of Alaska State Troopers is consolidating all of its judicial services functions, statewide, into one new bureau, the Alaska Bureau of Judicial Services (ABJS). Currently, except for Anchorage, all judicial services troopers, court service officers, and their support staff are assigned to the detachment where their particular court is located and report to that detachment commander. Judicial services personnel in Anchorage report directly to the AST director's office. This has resulted in inconsistencies in how service is provided to the various courts around the state. By combining all of these officers under one command structure, these inconsistencies can better be resolved, efficiency will be increased, mission incursion protected, and greater responsiveness to the court will be realized.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2007

Judicial services units are located in Anchorage, Barrow, Fairbanks, Juneau, Kenai, Ketchikan, and Palmer. These offices collectively accomplished the following in FY2007:

- Warrants received: 8,937
- Warrants served or closed: 9,250
- Writs received: 30,898
- Writs served or closed: 31,424
- Total prisoners moved: 66,658

Five new court service officer positions were funded by the legislature in FY2007 (one each in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Palmer, Soldotna, and Juneau). In addition, three more CSO positions were funded in FY2007 to support new superior court judges added in Anchorage, Palmer, and Fairbanks by Chapter 51, SLA 2007. During mid-FY2008, AST will be hiring six new CSOs for the Anchorage area to meet the terms of a lawsuit settlement with the Municipality of Anchorage.

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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Alaska Bureau of Judicial Services Component Financial Summary			
<i>All dollars shown in thousands</i>			
	FY2007 Actuals	FY2008 Management Plan	FY2009 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	6,759.6
72000 Travel	0.0	0.0	13.2
73000 Services	0.0	0.0	655.3
74000 Commodities	0.0	0.0	58.6
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	0.0	0.0	7,486.7
Funding Sources:			
1004 General Fund Receipts	0.0	0.0	7,433.5
1156 Receipt Supported Services	0.0	0.0	53.2
Funding Totals	0.0	0.0	7,486.7

Estimated Revenue Collections				
Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2007 Actuals	FY2008 Management Plan	FY2009 Governor
Unrestricted Revenues				
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0
Unrestricted Total		0.0	0.0	0.0
Restricted Revenues				
Receipt Supported Services	51073	0.0	0.0	53.2
Restricted Total		0.0	0.0	53.2
Total Estimated Revenues		0.0	0.0	53.2

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2008 Management Plan to FY2009 Governor**

All dollars shown in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2008 Management Plan	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-ETS Chargeback Redistribution	6.7	0.0	0.0	6.7
-Transfer from Judicial Services- Anchorage Due to Name Change	6,945.8	0.0	53.2	6,999.0
-Technical Adjustment PCN12-1763 Admin Clerk II Transfer	-53.8	0.0	0.0	-53.8
-Technical Adjustment for Vacancy Factor	-121.5	0.0	0.0	-121.5
Proposed budget increases:				
-Anchorage Prisoner Transportation (settlement with Municipality of Anchorage)	656.3	0.0	0.0	656.3
FY2009 Governor	7,433.5	0.0	53.2	7,486.7

**Alaska Bureau of Judicial Services
Personal Services Information**

Authorized Positions		Personal Services Costs		
	<u>FY2008</u>	<u>FY2009</u>		
	<u>Management</u>	<u>Governor</u>		
	<u>Plan</u>			
Full-time	0	76	Annual Salaries	3,979,725
Part-time	0	0	COLA	40,906
Nonpermanent	0	0	Premium Pay	541,010
			Annual Benefits	2,479,465
			<i>Less 4.00% Vacancy Factor</i>	<i>(281,506)</i>
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
Totals	0	76	Total Personal Services	6,759,600

Position Classification Summary

Job Class Title	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Others	Total
Accounting Clerk I	2	0	0	0	2
Administrative Clerk II	3	1	1	4	9
Administrative Clerk III	2	1	0	0	3
Captain, AK State Troopers	1	0	0	0	1
Court Services Officer	26	9	3	14	52
Lieutenant, AK State Troopers	1	0	0	0	1
Sergeant PS	2	1	0	1	4
State Trooper	1	1	0	2	4
Totals	38	13	4	21	76