

State of Alaska FY2009 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Public Safety Narcotics Task Force Component Budget Summary

Component: Narcotics Task Force

Contribution to Department's Mission

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

Core Services

The mostly federally funded Narcotics Task Force (NTF) is organizationally part of the Alaska Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Enforcement (ABADE), which investigates trafficking of controlled substances and illegal alcohol throughout the state. The unit is budgeted as a separate component to allow expenditure of the federal grant funds to be easily tracked.

The goal of ABADE is to solve sophisticated criminal cases involving controlled substances and illegal alcohol on a statewide basis through detection, apprehension, and assistance in the prosecution of individuals suspected of violating controlled substances law and state alcohol laws.

FY2009 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

FY2009 Component Budget: \$5,052,000

Personnel:

Full time	15
Part time	0
Total	15

Key Component Challenges

ABADE has taken the lead role in virtually all regions of the state in coordinating the investigative efforts involving illegal alcohol and drugs. This requires a great deal of staff management time to coordinate these efforts.

Five members of ABADE are dedicated to the interdiction and investigation of illegal alcohol shipments into villages that have voted to exercise their local option to either limit or prohibit the possession, sale, bartering, and importation of alcoholic beverages.

The remaining 25 members of ABADE are involved in investigating drug and illegal alcohol violations across the state. The unit works closely with a multitude of other agencies in nearly all locations in order to accomplish its mission.

Federal funding from the Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) program has significantly declined over the past three years. In recent years, the president's budget eliminated JAG funding, but Congress has chosen to continue the program, albeit at lower levels than when the program was funded through the Byrne Grants program.

In the state FY2008 budget, the department received general fund appropriations to offset reductions in federal JAG funds for drug enforcement. This appropriation has a contingency clause that specifies that if JAG funding exceeds a certain amount, roughly the amount of JAG funding for Alaska in the FFY2005 budget, the general fund appropriation is reduced by a corresponding amount. The intent of this unusual appropriation was to ensure that funds for state and local drug enforcement efforts would not be significantly diminished because of the decline in federal funding. The same language is also included in the FY2009 operating budget in order to maintain ABADE operations at current levels in the event federal funding collapses.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2009

The JAG funds that go specifically to ABADE are used for the most part to pay for narcotics investigators. In the event

that any reduction in FFY2008 JAG funds is not again replaced with general funds, ABADE will face the elimination of up to six of its ten JAG-funded positions. The only alternative would be to reduce allocations to other components to make up the shortfall. Assuming that funding remains constant, services provided would remain largely the same.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2007

The unit continues its aggressive pursuit of all leads concerning clandestine methamphetamine laboratories in order to keep this problem from spreading beyond the areas that are already feeling its effects. ABADE has seen a significant reduction, 50 percent, in the number of clandestine labs, probably due in part to the passage of precursor limiting laws. As a practical matter though, the successes ABADE has seen in terms of diminishing numbers of clandestine labs appears to have been offset by increases in the amount of methamphetamine that is imported into Alaska, even though the amount of methamphetamine seized has not changed significantly.

Since FY2002, the Alaska Interdiction Task Force, made up of members from AST, Airport Safety, and the Alaska National Guard Counter Drug Support Program, has participated in a Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) task force. The task force is dedicated to intercepting illegal drugs and alcohol as the substances are transported throughout the state, and to assist in the conviction of offenders. The table below represents seizures made by all of ABADE to include drug seizures made by the DEA Alaska Interdiction Task Force.

	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007
Cases	4,383	3527	3280	3617	3869
Charges / Arrests					
Possession	783	613	546	653	756
Transporting	307	299	353	247	194
Distributing / Sales	251	301	386	338	383
Cultivating Marijuana	113	92	102	195	151
Clandestine Meth Labs	54	49	51	37	16
Buying / Other	14	19	33	10	186
Alcohol Importation				58	203
Total Charges / Arrests	1,522	1,333	1537	1830	1939
Seizures					
Cocaine / Crack	41.68 lbs.	16.01 lbs.	75.74 lbs.	35.67 lbs.	95 lbs.
Marijuana Plants	7,120	3,840	4,198	6,865	7,425
Processed Marijuana	150.59 lbs.	107.36 lbs.	86.95 lbs.	534.04 lbs.	153 lbs.
Methamphetamine	4.56 lbs.	7.33 lbs.	6.30 lbs.	5.41 lbs.	16 lbs.
Heroin	.46 oz.	.17 oz.	.25 lbs.	1.36 lbs.	.123 lbs.
Alcoholic Beverages	909.33 gal.	643.63 gal.	1,003.84 gal.	818.25 gal.	722 gal.

Eight units of local government (Bethel, Fairbanks, Palmer, Kotzebue, Sitka, Hooper Bay, Unalaska, and Soldotna) were awarded JAG grants to support local law enforcement participation in a statewide multi-jurisdictional drug task force. This enabled local law enforcement agencies in these different jurisdictions to actively work with ABADE as a single entity with improved communication, shared intelligence, and coordination of activities, allowing for more efficient use of resources and targeting of offenders whose activities cross over jurisdictional boundaries. Two units of local government (Hooper Bay and Unalaska) were awarded grants for street-level drug enforcement to reduce the demand for and availability of illegal drugs within the community and to reduce the incidences of violent crime associated with street level drug use.

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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**Narcotics Task Force
Component Financial Summary**

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2007 Actuals	FY2008 Management Plan	FY2009 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	1,463.5	1,670.6	1,686.6
72000 Travel	0.3	53.2	73.2
73000 Services	415.6	2,375.2	2,356.6
74000 Commodities	2.2	30.0	30.0
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	404.3	905.6	905.6
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	2,285.9	5,034.6	5,052.0
Funding Sources:			
1002 Federal Receipts	563.5	2,953.7	2,953.7
1003 General Fund Match	573.4	582.7	587.7
1004 General Fund Receipts	1,149.0	1,498.2	1,510.6
Funding Totals	2,285.9	5,034.6	5,052.0

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				
Federal Receipts	51010	563.5	2,953.7	2,953.7
Restricted Total		563.5	2,953.7	2,953.7
Total Estimated Revenues		563.5	2,953.7	2,953.7

**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	2,080.9	2,953.7	0.0	5,034.6
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-ETS Chargeback Redistribution	1.4	0.0	0.0	1.4
-Correct Unrealizeable Fund Sources for Salary Adjustments: GGU	2.2	-2.2	0.0	0.0
-FY 09 Bargaining Unit Contract Terms: General Government Unit	13.8	2.2	0.0	16.0
FY2009 Governor	2,098.3	2,953.7	0.0	5,052.0

**Narcotics Task Force
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	15	15	Annual Salaries	922,730
Part-time	0	0	COLA	14,680
Nonpermanent	0	0	Premium Pay	136,529
			Annual Benefits	552,383
			<i>Less 1.50% Vacancy Factor</i>	<i>(24,395)</i>
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	84,700
Totals	15	15	Total Personal Services	1,686,627

Position Classification Summary

Job Class Title	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Others	Total
Administrative Supervisor	1	0	0	0	1
Criminal Justice Technician I	1	0	0	2	3
Criminal Justice Technician II	1	0	0	0	1
Sergeant PS	1	1	1	2	5
State Trooper	2	1	0	2	5
Totals	6	2	1	6	15