

Agency: Department of Public Safety**Project Title:****Project Type:** Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades

Public Safety Academy Dining Facility - Design & Construction

State Funding Requested: \$2,000,000
Future Funding May Be Requested**House District:** Statewide (1-40)**Brief Project Description:**

Funding for design and construction of dining facilities at the Alaska Public Safety Academy.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$4,000,000***There is no other funding needed***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

The Alaska Public Safety Academy has been the primary resource for the State of Alaska in law enforcement and public safety training since 1968. The academy's curriculum includes basic police training, Village Public Safety Officer training, and training for State and Wildlife Troopers.

The Department of Public Safety has identified the construction of dining facility for cadets as one of the most important improvements needed at the academy. The department previously contracted food service with the now defunct Sheldon Jackson College at its Sitka campus. After the college's closure, the department has been forced to transport cadets several miles three times per day for meals. This scenario is expensive for the state and deprives students of down-time between trainings and meals. Construction of a kitchen and dining facility is a necessary addition to the academy. The facility would provide long-term savings for the academy's food service and maximize the amount time cadets spend on campus for better training.

This project will improve the training of Alaska's public safety officers, and is strongly supported by the community of Sitka.

Project Timeline:

FY 2011-12

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Alaska Department of Public Safety

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Total Project Snapshot Report

FY 2011 Capital Budget

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? Yes No

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FY2011 CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA REQUEST FOR STATE FUNDING FOR STATE FACILITIES

Project Title: STATE PUBLIC SAFETY ACADEMY DINING FACILITY CONSTRUCTION

The State's Public Safety Training Academy in Sitka has been a primary resource for the State of Alaska in law enforcement and public safety training since 1968. It has always been extremely important to Sitka, providing direct employment, major economic benefits, and substantial sharing of resources for law enforcement training for multiple agencies. The City and Borough of Sitka has supported the Public Safety Academy upgrades throughout the years, including a female wing, shooting range upgrade, and other completed improvements. However, two projects are urgently needed and still unfunded to permit the Academy to safely and efficiently fulfill its mission and remain in Sitka. One of these is the urgent unmet need for a driver training facility discussed separately in the City and Borough of Sitka FY2011 Legislative Priorities.

The second but also urgent project is an on-site kitchen and dining facility. With the hundreds of students receiving instruction at the Sitka Public Safety Training Academy every year, it is imperative that the Academy have its own dining facilities in which to feed its recruits and students who are "captive" at the Academy for up to eighteen weeks. In the past, the Academy contracted with Sheldon Jackson College to provide its meals and gym and pool use. This was somewhat convenient, since the SJC campus was located across the street from the Academy campus.

However, since the closure of Sheldon Jackson College in 2007, the Academy has had to contract with a much more distant meal service provider with a primary mission not including the Academy. Not only have the meal costs associated with the new provider escalated, but the bus transportation to and from the new food service provider's kitchen and dining room several miles from the Academy have substantially increased the cost of providing food service. In addition, the hour or more per day spent bussing recruits to meals could be much better spent on Academy training. Last, in winter, the bus trip out Sawmill Creek Road can be dangerous and very slow when the road is icy.

The Public Safety Academy needs its own kitchen and dining area, which could easily be added to the existing facility. The cost of the remote food service would be much better utilized to fund one-time construction of a resident food service at the Academy, and ongoing operating costs would be substantially reduced. The savings in the long term would more than pay for the State's addition of a cafeteria and dining area on site.

The City and Borough of Sitka strongly supports a \$2,000,000 State appropriation to construct an on-site cafeteria and dining hall at the Sitka Public Safety Academy.