

**State of Alaska
FY2017 Governor's Operating Budget**

**Department of Public Safety
Alaska State Troopers
Results Delivery Unit Budget Summary**

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Contribution to Department's Mission

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

Core Services

- Alaska State Troopers is comprised of five "letter" detachments (regional geographic areas). A Detachment is Southeast Alaska, B Detachment is the Mat-Su valley to Glennallen, C Detachment is Western Alaska including Kodiak, D Detachment is Northern Alaska, and E Detachment is the Kenai Peninsula.
- Alaska Wildlife Troopers has two detachments, Northern and Southern.
- Provide criminal law enforcement and investigations at all levels of complexity, from the simplest vandalism to the most complex homicides; fraud cases; and complex drug and alcohol investigations.
- Protect state fish and game resources with a combination of uniformed trooper patrols, covert investigations, and educational and public awareness programs.
- Respond to rescue situations, conduct search operations, coordinate various agencies and private persons involved in search efforts, fund aircraft for search missions, and provide logistical support and technical expertise.
- Provide traffic law enforcement and investigation including all major state highways, as well as in rural areas.
- Provide statewide patrol of commercial big game services, commercial fisheries enforcement, sport fish and sport fish guiding enforcement, game and trapping enforcement, and safeguarding habitat.
- Provide statewide boating safety education and enforcement.
- Provide court services including courtroom and court facility security, transporting and guarding prisoners, serving the numerous and varying types of court process, protecting the judiciary, and carrying out the general needs of the courts.

Major RDU Accomplishments in 2015

Please see individual component narratives for details.

Key RDU Challenges

The Alaska State Troopers (AST) RDU experienced a 4.6 percent unrestricted general fund reduction from FY2015 to FY2016 and reduced permanent full time positions by 25. Most of the positions identified for deletion were specialized trooper positions that were transferred into vacant trooper patrol positions.

Core Police Services: As Alaska's population continues to grow, requests for services have increased. Alcohol and drug involvement in crime remains a significant challenge. Technological changes and sophistication allow new criminal exploitations of the populace, including identity theft, child pornography and online child sexual exploitation, and computer fraud schemes. Terroristic threats to infrastructure require greater patrols, more response planning, and more efforts aimed toward public reassurance. The complexity of calls for service and the commensurate time involved in current requirements for documentation and reporting of events has resulted in AST becoming a very reactive organization. For most of the commissioned personnel assigned to AST, proactive enforcement such as highway traffic patrols, burglary suppression, and community policing have been forced to a lower priority as personnel respond from one call for service to the next, day in and day out. The AST technology base lags far behind other police and public service organizations in all these areas.

Recruitment: Recruitment and retention continue to be significant challenges for ASTs and law enforcement agencies nationwide. Although the recruitment unit has been successful attracting applicants, attracting *quality* applicants is especially challenging when competing with other agencies in and out of Alaska. The requirement that troopers be willing to transfer to rural locations where housing and amenities are limited creates recruiting challenges not faced by any other police agencies in the state. Along with those challenges, the starting wage for trooper recruits is significantly less than for a new Anchorage Police Department officer.

Wildlife Enforcement Coverage: The Alaska Wildlife Troopers (AWT) conducts enforcement operations in the most

challenging geographic expanse in the country. It is a significant challenge under the best of conditions to successfully protect the state's fish and wildlife resources. AWT continues to operate at a minimally acceptable enforcement level. Many areas of the state are not patrolled or are only occasionally patrolled. Only with the support of AWT Marine Enforcement and its fleet of nineteen vessels ranging from 25' to 156', and the AWT Aircraft Section with its compliment of patrol aircraft, can the AWT core mission be effectively administered. Having the skilled personnel and providing the proper training to conduct these unique patrols is increasingly more challenging. The majority of new trooper applicants require extensive training in the nuances of Alaska resource enforcement.

Court Security: The number of court services officers (CSO) located around the state has remained consistent in recent years. This number is still marginally adequate to properly handle increased court security concerns, transport prisoners, and serve domestic violence protective orders, stalking, and other court writs in a timely manner. Additionally, AST is being asked to provide security at court events such as the Annual Judicial Conference and Supreme Court Live events. Supreme Court Live is an event where the state supreme court hears oral arguments on actual cases at a high school. Depending on the venue and the number of students attending the event, providing security for the event and screening of the students and public requires twelve to twenty officers. Prisoner transport volume for the (AST) increased approximately 13.7 percent from FY2014 to FY2015. Between FY2014 and FY2015, the number of prisoner moves increased from 78,356 to 89,097.

Rape and Domestic Violence: Alaska's rate of forcible rape is three times the national average. Rates of domestic violence are among the highest in the nation. The rates of victimization of Alaska Native women and children, particularly in rural Alaska, are even greater. Small communities and villages present specific and difficult challenges to these investigations.

Terrorism and Weapons of Mass Destruction: The AST continue to staff and supervise the Alaska Criminal Information and Analysis Center (AKIAC) which constitutes the Criminal Intelligence Unit (CIU), AST criminal analysts, Task Force Officers from the Anchorage Police Department, Department of Revenue CIU, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Department of Health and Social Services and North Slope Borough Police Department. Additionally AST Task Force Officers on the U.S. Marshall's Fugitive Task Force and FBI Safe Streets Task Force are supervised through the intelligence unit. AST remains actively involved in contingency planning and preparedness issues in concert with other government agencies, as well as with private industry. A position is devoted to serve as the department's liaison with the Department of Military and Veteran Affairs, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. AST maintains close ties to oil and gas industry security entities through information sharing and classified security briefs as there are no AST posts along almost 400 miles of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline (from Prudhoe Bay to Fairbanks). There is a one-trooper Alaska Wildlife Trooper post in Coldfoot.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2017

Significant resources are being focused on investigation of major criminal activity, investigation of illegal drug and alcohol activity, and better addressing the needs of rural communities and their surrounding areas throughout Alaska.

Alaska State Troopers (AST):

The AST Division is continuing to aggressively pursue technologies that will enable it to conduct its duties more efficiently. These efforts, coupled with the full implementation of an electronic records management system acquired in FY2010, will continue to facilitate the rapid transmittal of police reports, traffic citations, and similar documents to district attorneys, the court system, the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, and the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV). Ultimately, these combined programs will reduce the amount of "double entry" currently taking place as troopers, AST clerical personnel, the courts, district attorneys' offices, and DMV each key the records into their own systems, or must utilize a paper record to extract necessary data. It will continue to require additional staff time to further develop policies and rules of use as these upgrades are realized. The implementation stages to this point have also required extensive training coordination and facilitation. Part of this overall technological improvement effort includes the expansion of high speed connectivity in AST's rural locations and this technological advancement is one of our high priorities.

AST anticipates providing access to the Alaska Records Management System (ARMS) to other agencies, both state and municipal. This will create significant efficiencies for both DPS and other agencies and will exponentially increase the information sharing capabilities that Alaska law enforcement will be able to experience. Long term, this will undoubtedly result in more timely identification of offenders as well as the ability to address some of the current

trends which affect the public on a statewide basis. This effort was started in FY2014 and will continue into FY2016 and FY2017.

AST will continue its active support of the previously implemented Strategic Highway Safety Plan to reduce the number of serious injury and fatality collisions on Alaska's roadways. This includes proactive enforcement efforts, educational presentations and specialized fatal and serious injury crash investigations.

Alaska Wildlife Troopers:

The Alaska Wildlife Troopers (AWT) will continue to concentrate the majority of its resources on the enforcement of laws governing commercial enterprises and the protection of wild resources.

The division will continue its focus on education of the public, realizing that an informed public leads to voluntary compliance of the regulations. In recent years, the division has increased its time spent on education, conducting classes at schools, hunting and trapping classes in conjunction with Alaska Department of Fish & Game, and by setting up information booths at the larger outdoor shows.

In FY2016, AWT will host resource law enforcement training that covers the difficulties in the successful apprehension of violators and the prosecution of wildlife and fisheries crimes. This training is meant to benefit both the new applicants into the division, as well as seasoned veterans of all resource agencies that operate within the state. This training typically covers recent changes in wildlife law, environmental law, wildlife evidence, and operations. In addition, the division has implemented a structured training and mentoring program for officers who transfer into the division to ensure they are adequately trained in fish and game law.

During FY2015, the AWT Aircraft Section continued its reorganization process to increase the overall safety presence in all aircraft operations. A contracted operations audit was completed for the purpose of bringing the AWT Aircraft Section in line with Federal Aviation Administration requirements and industry standards. The audit resulted in recommendations to increase operational staffing. In FY2015, the Aircraft Section began implementation of a Safety Management System (SMS). Monthly internal audits will continue into FY2016 as part of the SMS. The Aircraft Section also fully implemented a web based Flight Risk Assessment Tool, which is utilized by all department pilots to assess and contemplate critical factors associated with each potential flight. The system is used to assist in evaluation of the factors affecting each flight, and determining the level of safety for those missions.

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**Alaska State Troopers
RDU Financial Summary by Component**

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2015 Actuals				FY2016 Management Plan				FY2017 Governor			
	UGF+DGF Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	UGF+DGF Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	UGF+DGF Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds
Formula Expenditures None.												
Non-Formula Expenditures												
Special Projects	86.1	203.0	520.8	809.9	95.8	346.1	2,314.9	2,756.8	95.8	346.1	2,316.9	2,758.8
Alaska Bureau of Highway Patrol	2,117.0	2,072.5	0.0	4,189.5	1,589.3	2,166.9	0.0	3,756.2	1,582.9	2,170.6	0.0	3,753.5
AK Bureau of Judicial Svcs	3,774.7	0.0	0.0	3,774.7	4,325.6	0.0	0.0	4,325.6	4,374.9	0.0	0.0	4,374.9
Prisoner Transportation	2,711.5	42.7	0.0	2,754.2	2,784.2	70.0	0.0	2,854.2	2,784.2	70.0	0.0	2,854.2
Search and Rescue	252.8	0.0	0.0	252.8	575.5	0.0	0.0	575.5	575.5	0.0	0.0	575.5
Rural Trooper Housing	2,590.6	0.0	0.0	2,590.6	3,042.1	0.0	0.0	3,042.1	2,957.9	0.0	0.0	2,957.9
SW Drug and Alcohol Enforcement	7,298.4	0.0	819.1	8,117.5	7,864.4	0.0	3,144.9	11,009.3	7,255.9	0.0	3,152.0	10,407.9
AST Detachments	67,598.5	920.3	0.0	68,518.8	64,477.6	1,053.1	0.0	65,530.7	63,766.5	1,053.1	0.0	64,819.6
Alaska Bureau of Investigation	8,077.3	0.0	0.0	8,077.3	7,449.8	0.0	0.0	7,449.8	7,199.9	0.0	0.0	7,199.9
Alaska Wildlife Troopers	21,160.4	394.8	0.0	21,555.2	20,512.3	1,260.3	0.0	21,772.6	20,267.1	1,260.3	0.0	21,527.4
AK W-life Troopers Aircraft Sect	3,452.2	879.6	0.0	4,331.8	3,364.9	1,056.1	0.0	4,421.0	3,664.9	1,056.1	0.0	4,721.0
AK W-life Troopers Marine Enforc	2,925.5	30.9	0.0	2,956.4	2,342.7	42.5	0.0	2,385.2	2,038.3	42.5	0.0	2,080.8
Totals	122,045.0	4,543.8	1,339.9	127,928.7	118,424.2	5,995.0	5,459.8	129,879.0	116,563.8	5,998.7	5,468.9	128,031.4

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Summary of RDU Budget Changes by Component
From FY2016 Management Plan to FY2017 Governor

All dollars shown in thousands

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Gen (UGF)</u>	<u>Designated</u> <u>Gen (DGF)</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Federal</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2016 Management Plan	116,300.3	2,123.9	5,995.0	5,459.8	129,879.0
Adjustments which continue current level of service:					
-Special Projects	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	2.0
-Alaska Bureau of Highway Patrol	5.6	0.0	3.7	0.0	9.3
-AK Bureau of Judicial Svcs	49.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	49.3
-SW Drug and Alcohol Enforcement	-329.5	0.0	0.0	7.1	-322.4
-AST Detachments	1,169.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,169.2
-Alaska Bureau of Investigation	82.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	82.8
-Alaska Wildlife Troopers	234.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	234.1
Proposed budget increases:					
-AK W-life Troopers Aircraft Sect	300.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	300.0
Proposed budget decreases:					
-Alaska Bureau of Highway Patrol	-12.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-12.0
-Rural Trooper Housing	-84.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	-84.2
-SW Drug and Alcohol Enforcement	-279.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-279.0
-AST Detachments	-1,880.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	-1,880.3
-Alaska Bureau of Investigation	-332.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	-332.7
-Alaska Wildlife Troopers	-479.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	-479.3
-AK W-life Troopers Marine Enforc	-304.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	-304.4
FY2017 Governor	114,439.9	2,123.9	5,998.7	5,468.9	128,031.4