

# **State of Alaska FY2024 Governor's Operating Budget**

## **Department of Public Safety Search and Rescue Component Budget Summary**

## Component: Search and Rescue

### Contribution to Department's Mission

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

### Core Services

- Initiate search and rescue (SAR) action for the recovery of lost or missing persons.
- Coordinate rescue operations for injured persons; conduct recovery operations for deceased persons.
- Coordinate small and large-scale responses to search and rescue events including resource management, interagency coordination, and the use of private resources, various agencies, and private persons.
- Reimburse public and private organizations for resources spent during search and rescue operations.
- Provide aircraft for search and rescue missions.
- Provide logistical support and technical expertise to local law enforcement and volunteer organizations, including provision of equipment, search management, and planning operational support.
- Train and support volunteer resources through professional conferences, local seminars, and practical exercises.
- Review training plans submitted by volunteer organizations.
- Manage worker's compensation program for volunteer search and rescue participants while engaged in search and rescue activities.
- Coordinate resources with the rescue coordination components of the Alaska National Guard and U.S. Coast Guard to meet the requirements of the National Search and Rescue Plan.
- Manage preventative programs to educate the public on wilderness-related risk and methods to mitigate risk and reduce the loss of life or injury to persons.
- Provide tuition-free classes to target audiences, including high school students and young adults, in avalanche-prone areas of the state. Emphasis is given to areas having a history of avalanche-related emergencies.
- Manage the Missing Persons Clearinghouse statewide for all law enforcement agencies.
- Maintain, repair, supply, and track portable Alaska Land Mobile Radio (ALMR) for Department of Public Safety commissioned personnel to include Alaska State Troopers, Alaska Wildlife Troopers, Fire Life and Safety and Court Service Officers.

### Major Component Accomplishments in 2022

The Department of Public Safety (DPS) responded to 511 SAR related incidents in FY2022. These incidents included overdue hunters, snowmobilers, hikers, boaters, and medical evacuations off the road system. Within these 480 incidents, 805 persons were assisted, located, or recovered. DPS issued 4 Silver Alerts this fiscal year.

DPS and SAR partners statewide responded to 102 emergency beacon alerts and 30 reported aircraft crashes; these incidents included three aircraft fatality crashes, seven aircraft injury crashes, and 13 aircraft crashes involving property damage only.

DPS partnered with the Alaska Avalanche Information Center under contract to provide backcountry safety training to the public in Anchorage, Mat-Su, Copper River Basin, Fairbanks, Juneau, Sitka, Ketchikan, Mt. Edgecumbe, Skagway, Haines, Valdez, Thompson Pass, Kenai, and Summit Lake.

DPS continues to support the Alaska Search and Rescue Association (ASARA), with training, coordination, and administrative support. ASARA's mission is to provide volunteer SAR teams with funding for training and equipment, advocacy at the local and state level, and liaison with DPS.

Under ASARA, the Alaska Incident Management Team (AIMT-SAR) strives to provide AST with a well-trained team to manage SAR missions which are large scale, complex, or extend into multiple operational periods. The team is also trained to provide virtual search support and plans.

## Key Component Challenges

Environmental factors in Alaska are unpredictable, making every search and rescue (SAR) an emergency. The Department of Public Safety is statutorily required to provide SAR operations for lost, missing, and the recovery of deceased persons on land. DPS is responsible for land-based services regardless of location. DPS receives assistance from federal, state, local, and volunteer agencies to perform this function. SAR decisions are based upon the likelihood of mission success under acceptable search conditions. The safety of searchers when evaluating the conditions is the highest priority. DPS provides technical expertise and support to local SAR teams, local police departments, and VPSO personnel.

As the civil authority for Alaska search and rescue, DPS must exhaust all available resources prior to requesting military assistance through the 11<sup>th</sup> Air Force Rescue Coordination Center on Joint Base Elmendorf / Richardson (JBER) during land search and rescue missions. The U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) is responsible for SAR operations at sea, and frequently assists DPS with searches along Alaska's coastline. The U.S. Air Force has responsibility for searches of downed or missing aircraft, and like the USCG, will frequently assist DPS during searches. Volunteers in communities across the state are often used in searches. This reliance on local assets and the use of volunteer resources is the primary responsibility of DPS on search and rescue missions. When local resources are unavailable or unable to make the most effective rescue, DPS will turn to the military for assistance. Maritime and inland searches involving USCG, or Air Force assets are not traditionally billed to DPS in accordance with joint Memorandums of Understanding.

## Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2024

The Department Public Safety (DPS) will continue to support volunteer organizations with training, coordination of activities, and increased participation in joint activities statewide. DPS expects to assist new volunteer organizations within the state to become operationally ready to respond to SAR operations. DPS continues to identify gaps in response capabilities and finds ways to correct these discrepancies with training, inter-agency cooperation or partnerships. DPS will continue to build quality relationships with local, state, and federal partners statewide to make SAR responses more efficient and effective for the citizens of Alaska.

DPS will continue to develop bench strength for the SAR Coordinator position to include the SEOC Emergency Management section.

DPS will continue to modernize the radio inventory by moving more users to the APX6000 platform.

## 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)  
Search & Rescue (AS 18.60.115 - AS 18.60.175)  
Department to assist other agencies (AS 18.65.090)  
Missing Persons Information Clearinghouse (AS 18.65.600 – AS 18.65.660)  
Law Enforcement Use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (AS 18.65.900 – AS 18.65.909)  
Search and Rescue of Person (13AAC 20.005 – 13AAC 20.035)

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**Component Detail All Funds**  
**Department of Public Safety**

**Component:** Search and Rescue (513)  
**RDU:** Alaska State Troopers (160)

Non-Formula Component

	FY2022 Actuals	FY2023 Conference Committee	FY2023 Authorized	FY2023 Management Plan	FY2024 Governor	FY2023 Management Plan vs FY2024 Governor	
71000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
72000 Travel	3.9	66.2	66.2	60.0	60.0	0.0	0.0%
73000 Services	104.2	173.8	173.8	180.0	180.0	0.0	0.0%
74000 Commodities	34.7	77.0	77.0	77.0	77.0	0.0	0.0%
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
77000 Grants, Benefits	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>142.8</b>	<b>317.0</b>	<b>317.0</b>	<b>317.0</b>	<b>317.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Fund Sources:</b>							
1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	142.8	317.0	317.0	317.0	317.0	0.0	0.0%
<b>Unrestricted General (UGF)</b>	<b>142.8</b>	<b>317.0</b>	<b>317.0</b>	<b>317.0</b>	<b>317.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Designated General (DGF)</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Federal Funds</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Positions:</b>							
Permanent Full Time	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Permanent Part Time	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Non Permanent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%

**Change Record Detail - Multiple Scenarios with Descriptions**  
**Department of Public Safety**

**Component:** Search and Rescue (513)  
**RDU:** Alaska State Troopers (160)

Scenario/Change Record Title	Trans Type	Totals	Personal Services	Travel	Services	Commodities	Capital Outlay	Grants, Benefits	Miscellaneous	Positions		NP
										PFT	PPT	
***** Changes From FY2023 Conference Committee To FY2023 Authorized *****												
<b>FY2023 Conference Committee</b>	ConfCom	317.0	0.0	66.2	173.8	77.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
1004 Gen Fund		317.0										
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>317.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>66.2</b>	<b>173.8</b>	<b>77.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
***** Changes From FY2023 Authorized To FY2023 Management Plan *****												
<b>Align Authority with Anticipated Expenditures</b>	LIT	0.0	0.0	-6.2	6.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
Transfer authority from travel to services for anticipated services costs. The remaining authority is sufficient to cover anticipated expenditures.												
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>317.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>60.0</b>	<b>180.0</b>	<b>77.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
***** Changes From FY2023 Management Plan To FY2024 Governor *****												
<b>Totals</b>		<b>317.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>60.0</b>	<b>180.0</b>	<b>77.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Line Item Detail (1676)**  
**Department of Public Safety**  
**Travel**

**Component:** Search and Rescue (513)

Line Number	Line Name		FY2022 Actuals	FY2023 Management Plan	FY2024 Governor
2000	Travel		3.9	60.0	60.0
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2022 Actuals	FY2023 Management Plan	FY2024 Governor
<b>2000 Travel Detail Totals</b>			<b>3.9</b>	<b>60.0</b>	<b>60.0</b>
2000	In-State Employee Travel	Travel for search and rescue missions or to attend specialized training.	0.5	20.0	20.0
2001	In-State Non-Employee Travel	Volunteer search and rescue mission travel.	3.4	40.0	40.0

**Line Item Detail (1676)**  
**Department of Public Safety**  
**Services**

**Component:** Search and Rescue (513)

Line Number	Line Name		FY2022 Actuals	FY2023 Management Plan	FY2024 Governor
3000	Services		104.2	180.0	180.0
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2022 Actuals	FY2023 Management Plan	FY2024 Governor
<b>3000 Services Detail Totals</b>			<b>104.2</b>	<b>180.0</b>	<b>180.0</b>
3000	Education Services	Emergency response public education training courses, conferences, workshops and memberships.	25.0	45.0	45.0
3001	Financial Services	Financial services	0.1	0.0	0.0
3004	Telecommunications	Phone and cellular service.	0.0	2.0	2.0
3006	Delivery Services	Freight, postage or courier services.	1.0	5.0	5.0
3008	Utilities	Propane or other utility costs in support of SAR missions.	0.0	2.0	2.0
3009	Structure/Infrastructure/Land	Room and space rental for conferences or meetings.	2.7	3.0	3.0
3010	Equipment/Machinery	Equipment maintenance, improvement or repair costs.	35.4	56.0	56.0
3011	Other Services	Other services in support of public awareness, training or program manual printing costs.	0.0	15.0	15.0
3020	Inter-Agency Building Maintenance	Trans - Department-wide	1.3	2.0	2.0
3033	Inter-Agency Aircraft	PubSaf - Aircraft Section (2537)	38.7	50.0	50.0

**Line Item Detail (1676)**  
**Department of Public Safety**  
**Commodities**

**Component:** Search and Rescue (513)

<b>Line Number</b>	<b>Line Name</b>		<b>FY2022 Actuals</b>	<b>FY2023 Management Plan</b>	<b>FY2024 Governor</b>
4000	Commodities		34.7	77.0	77.0
<b>Object Class</b>	<b>Servicing Agency</b>	<b>Explanation</b>	<b>FY2022 Actuals</b>	<b>FY2023 Management Plan</b>	<b>FY2024 Governor</b>
<b>4000 Commodities Detail Totals</b>			<b>34.7</b>	<b>77.0</b>	<b>77.0</b>
4000	Business	Consumable office supplies used for training materials or command post demonstrations.	0.1	5.0	5.0
4002	Household/Institutional	Field rations or food for search and rescue volunteers, special protective gear or other welfare items.	2.6	5.0	5.0
4004	Safety	Safety and first aid supplies.	5.7	5.0	5.0
4013	Lube Oils/Grease/Solvents	Maintenance supplies for emergency equipment.	0.6	5.0	5.0
4015	Parts and Supplies	Parts used for repairs and maintenance on emergency equipment.	7.3	10.0	10.0
4019	Small Tools/Minor Equipment	Small tools and minor equipment purchased for search and rescue missions.	0.0	0.0	0.0
4020	Equipment Fuel	Search and rescue vehicle fuel.	18.4	47.0	47.0



**Inter-Agency Services (1682)**  
**Department of Public Safety**

**Component:** Search and Rescue (513)

				FY2022 Actuals	FY2023 Management Plan	FY2024 Governor
<b>Component Totals</b>				<b>40.0</b>	<b>52.0</b>	<b>52.0</b>
With Department of Transportation/Public Facilities				1.3	2.0	2.0
With Department of Public Safety				38.7	50.0	50.0
<b>Object Class</b>	<b>Servicing Agency</b>	<b>Explanation</b>		FY2022 Actuals	FY2023 Management Plan	FY2024 Governor
3020	Inter-Agency Building Maintenance	Trans - Department-wide	RSA with DOT for headquarters yard maintenance and snow removal.	1.3	2.0	2.0
3033	Inter-Agency Aircraft	PubSaf - Aircraft Section (2537)	RSA with AWT aircraft section for use of state aircraft during missions.	38.7	50.0	50.0