

State of Alaska FY2002 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Public Safety
Contracts
Component

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Component Mission

The mission of the Division of Alaska State Troopers is to preserve the public peace and to protect life and property.

Component Services Provided

The Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO) BRU consists of three components that provide funding to support the VPSO program. The three components include VPSO Contracts, VPSO Support and VPSO Administration.

Throughout rural Alaska, the Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO) is often the only person responsible for a broad range of public safety needs. These include law enforcement support duties, emergency medical services, search and rescue missions, water safety and fire prevention activities. Currently eighty-five VPSOs present an ongoing positive public safety presence in eighty-four rural communities. VPSOs also often assist Troopers in alcohol and drug enforcement efforts.

VPSO oversight troopers and detachment troopers travel regularly to all villages under their oversight. During these visits troopers provide training through special VPSO training modules on specific subjects such as report writing and search and rescue coordination. The close working relationship developed between VPSOs and Troopers helps VPSOs in carrying out their duties, as well as ensuring the VPSOs that the state troopers will be there during crisis situations.

VPSOs are employees of native regional non-profit corporations that share in direction of VPSOs' daily activities with village leaders and troopers. VPSOs prevent child abuse, prevent domestic violence, reduce aggravated assaults, prevent injuries, save lives and protect property in rural Alaska.

The VPSO Contracts component provides the funding for the nine native regional non-profit corporations that provide VPSO services in rural Alaska.

Component Goals and Strategies

To increase the safety of the public in rural Alaska by providing grants to regional nonprofit corporations. Through these grants, the nonprofits employ Village Public Safety Officers in selected rural communities. The Alaska State Troopers work closely with VPSOs to not only provide peer support, investigative assistance, and oversight, but also to handle the more complicated incidents in the VPSO's community.

Key Component Issues for FY2001 – 2002

See VPSO BRU Narrative.

Major Component Accomplishments for FY2000

See VPSO BRU Narrative.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

- 1) DPS - Powers and duties of department (AS 44.41.020)
- 2) State Troopers (AS 18.65.010-110)
- 3) VPSO is a Peace Officer (AS 01.10.060(7)(c))

- 4) VPSO Program (AS 18.65.670)
- 5) VPSO Regulations (13 AAC 96.010-900)

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Component Financial Summary

All dollars in thousands

	FY2000 Actuals	FY2001 Authorized	FY2002 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
72000 Travel	0.0	0.0	0.0
73000 Contractual	198.2	0.0	98.5
74000 Supplies	0.0	0.0	0.0
75000 Equipment	0.0	0.0	0.0
76000 Land/Buildings	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Claims	4,965.3	5,523.5	7,500.6
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	5,163.5	5,523.5	7,599.1
Funding Sources:			
1004 General Fund Receipts	5,081.5	5,523.5	7,504.1
1007 Inter-Agency Receipts	82.0	0.0	95.0
Funding Totals	5,163.5	5,523.5	7,599.1

Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2000 Actuals	FY2001 Authorized	FY2001 Cash Estimate	FY2002 Governor	FY2003 Forecast
Unrestricted Revenues						
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Unrestricted Total		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Restricted Revenues						
Interagency Receipts	51015	82.0	0.0	95.0	95.0	95.0
Restricted Total		82.0	0.0	95.0	95.0	95.0
Total Estimated Revenues		82.0	0.0	95.0	95.0	95.0

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Proposed Changes in Levels of Service for FY2002

The FY2002 Governor's Request for the Village Public Safety Officer Program BRU includes changes in the Contracts and Support components. The other service changes for the Division of Alaska State Troopers are reflected in the AST Detachment BRU and Alaska State Trooper BRU.

The Governor's Rural Law Enforcement Initiative includes four increments, of which three are budgeted in the VPSO BRU.

An increment of \$828.5 GF is included in VPSO Contracts component to increase the base salary of the Village Public Safety Officer by 15 percent. This raise is needed to boost morale, help maintain existing VPSOs, and to attract applicants from the community population who are stable and already in the community workforce.

The \$1,152.1 GF request for increased efforts in the Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO) program will allow the Department of Public Safety to contract with native non-profits to hire twenty additional Village Public Safety Officers in FY2002. The goal of the initiative is to hire a total of forty VPSO officers in the next three years. Twenty will be hired in year one, ten in year two and ten in year three.

The other budget changes are technical adjustments.

Summary of Component Budget Changes From FY2001 Authorized to FY2002 Governor

All dollars in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2001 Authorized	5,523.5	0.0	0.0	5,523.5
Proposed budget increases:				
-Rural Law Enforcement Initiative - VPSO 15% Salary Increase	828.5	0.0	0.0	828.5
-Rural Law Enforcement Initiative - Twenty New VPSO Officers	1,152.1	0.0	0.0	1,152.1
-Parole Supervision Services	0.0	0.0	95.0	95.0
FY2002 Governor	7,504.1	0.0	95.0	7,599.1