

Rural Law Enforcement Support**FY2003 Request: \$600,000**
Reference No: 34776**AP/AL:** Appropriation**Project Type:** Health and Safety**Category:** Public Protection**Location:** Statewide**Contact:** Kenneth E. Bischoff**House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)**Contact Phone:** (907)465-4336**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2002 - 06/30/2005**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

The Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services will be awarding the Alaska Department of Public Safety \$600,000 to train Village Police Officers, Village Public Safety Officers and Tribal Police Officers to increase their ability to deal with crisis situations and to purchase equipment for better responses to emergencies.

Funding:	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	Total
Fed Rcpts	\$600,000						\$600,000
Total:	\$600,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$600,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input type="checkbox"/> On-Going
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill	

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

\$650,000 (Federal) Ch. 2, FSSLA 1999, page 52, line 5. and \$1,800,000 Ch 61, SLA 2001, page 23, lines 30 -31.

Project Description/Justification:**Project Description:**

The Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services will be awarding the Alaska Department of Public Safety \$600,000 to train Village Police Officers, Village Public Safety Officers and Tribal Police to increase their ability to deal with crisis situations. The project will benefit rural residents of Alaska and those visiting various remote areas of the state by increasing public safety and law enforcement expertise in rural areas.

This project is based upon the successful \$650,000 training and equipment program that was implemented during FY2000 (1999CKWX0011). An additional training and equipment grant in the amount of \$1,800,000, previously awarded is currently being implemented and has a concrete training schedule and a statewide equipment and supply distribution list. These grants provided an initial basic and advance training and equipment to many VPSOs and VPOs in Western Alaska.

The \$600,000 grant will be spread over two years and will provide all of the associated costs of training the VPSO, VPO, and TPO's in continued in-service training. This grant would also train rural officers in Methods of Instruction (MOI), Non-Lethal Weapon Training, First Aide and re-certifications to improve rural law enforcement services. An emphasis will be placed on pulling from the pool of previously trained officers to further educate them to be field instructors. It is anticipated that these funds would be provided through the U.S. Department of Justice, *Office of Community Oriented Policing Services*. The program would involve partnering agreements between the state, the Regional Native Non-profit Corporations and villages throughout the state.

Training \$600,00

Year 1	2 Week	Advanced Trng	45 Students	\$108,000
	1 Week	Methods of Instruction	20 Students	\$35,000
	8 Days	Rural Fire Fighting	38 Students	\$58,748
	2 Days	Non Lethal Weapon Trng	10 Students	\$15,000
	1 Week	Instructor Development Courses	10 Students	\$20,000
	2 Week	DARE Officers Trng	20 Students	\$69,496
	1 Week	First Aide Instructor Course	10 Students	\$20,000
			<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>\$326,244</i>
Year 2	2 Week	Basic Training	30 Students	\$70,500
	2 Week	Advanced Trng	45 Students	\$108,000
	8 Days	Rural Fire Fighting	38 Students	\$58,748
	2 Days	Non Lethal Weapon Trng	10 Students	\$15,000
	1 Week	Instructor Recerts	10 Students	\$21,508
			<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>\$273,756</i>
			TOTALS	\$600,000

* Instructor Training for Defense Tactics and Less Lethal

**Rural fire fighting training will consist of 52 hours, and will be available to VPO's and TPO's.

Twelve training classes will be conducted during a two-year period. The training will be spread over two years due to limited availability of instructors and teaching facilities, the logistics of obtaining equipment and supplies, and, in order to reduce the negative impact on small rural communities when their local law enforcement officers are away attending training.

Basic VPO/TPO training will consist of 92 hours of basic law enforcement topics, rural fire fighting, search and rescue, basic first aid and CPR. One basic training class will be conducted in year two.

Advanced training will be available to VPSOs, VPOs and TPOs, who have attended and successfully passed basic VPSO or VPO training. Advanced training will consist of 80 hours of instruction on advance investigative techniques to include photography, forensics, pathology, fingerprinting and latent fingerprint development, non-lethal weapons and basic sexual assault investigation. One class will be available to 45 students in each of the two years. Classes will be held in the early spring or late fall of each year.

The one-time project will involve various modules of training to include basic, advanced, fire fighting, and non lethal weapon, for the benefit of Village Police Officers, Village Public Safety Officers and Tribal Police Officers. The funding that is provided will allow the Department to have 12 training classes. The training will include basic law enforcement response, search and rescues, avalanches and domestic violence. This project would require two years to implement and would involve two training cycles. The basic module covers the fundamentals of law enforcement and would have a follow up advanced law enforcement module to build upon the foundation of training from the first session. The training would be held in rural hubs, transporting personnel from the outlying villages into a central point for classroom training.

This grant's training schedule will also focus on training Officers to become certified instructors in Basic Police topics, Defense tactics, First Aide, and less lethal options. Developing a cadre of rural instructors will benefit rural areas, in that the training can be provided to new officers, in a timely manner.

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Further, Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) will also be offered to rural officers to become D.A.R.E. training officers. This will increase the number of D.A.R.E. officers in the field with the ability to teach drug and violence prevention. The goal of this program is to interrupt the cycle of drug abuse and violence so prevalent in small rural communities.

While the initial AST grant request included a broad listing of equipment appropriate for rural law enforcement, the nature of equipment purchased within parameters of this federal grant will be limited to equipment related to the training being provided.

Impact of Not Receiving This Request

If this project is not approved, the state will lose \$600,000 in federal funding. Currently there are over two hundred remote communities in Alaska. Only 85 receive funding for a trained VPSO. The remaining communities must rely on VPOs/TPOs or await the arrival of a RPSO from a sub-hub community or a State Trooper from a regional hub community. The training provided by this grant would improve law enforcement in rural Alaska.