

State of Alaska
FY2003 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Public Safety
Criminal Investigations Bureau
Component Budget Summary

Component: Criminal Investigations Bureau

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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 Criminal Investigation Bureau component is comprised of the Statewide Criminal Investigation Unit, Statewide Drug Enforcement Unit, and the Criminal Intelligence Unit. The purpose of these units is to develop and deploy expertise necessary to effectively investigate serious crimes including illegal drug and alcohol trafficking. These three units provide the following services:

- 1) Assist Federal, State and local criminal justice agencies requiring specialized investigators and/or techniques
- 2) Investigate unattended deaths and homicides
- 3) Investigate serious felony physical assaults
- 4) Document & disseminate information regarding homicides
- 5) Drug and Alcohol Enforcement
- 6) Investigate sexual assault and child exploitation
- 7) Storage and dissemination of criminal intelligence information

STATEWIDE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT (SCIU):

The White Collar Crimes Section is comprised of one AST Sergeant and two AST investigator positions. During FY01, this section investigated 14 complex fraud investigations representing a 40% increase over FY00. This section also provided assistance to other state and local agencies by investigating 11 additional criminal cases. The White Collar Crimes Section routinely provides assistance to the Department of Law, Office of Special Prosecutions and Appeals, District Attorneys' offices throughout the state and various federal agencies such as the IRS, FBI, the U.S. Postal Service, the U.S. Secret Service, and U.S. Attorney's Office. The advent of computer use in perpetrating, fostering and concealing criminal conduct has become a reality. The White Collar Crimes Section continues its forensic analysis of electronic evidence seized from computers and other data storage devices.

The Major Crimes Section is comprised of one AST Sergeant and seven AST investigator positions. This section is responsible for the investigation of homicides, sexual assaults, and other serious crimes against person(s) statewide in addition to responding to other law enforcement requests for investigative assistance. Listed below is a recap of the 433 requests for service in FY01. This represents a 3.6% increase over the number of requests for service of the Major Crimes Section in FY00.

In FY01:

- 19.5% were criminal cases directly assigned to the Major Crimes Section.
- 16.5% were assists to agencies outside of the Department of Public Safety (DPS).
- 64.0% were assists to Fire Prevention, Fish and Wildlife Protection and AST Detachments.
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The Missing Persons Section is comprised of one AST investigator who tracks the disappearance of juveniles and adults. This section also manages several computer-assisted programs, which aid in the centralization of missing persons clearinghouse information and serves as a repository for information regarding unidentified human remains. During FY01, there were 121 requests for the research of information, interviews or attempts to locate missing persons. This section also received 4,023 missing person notices to the statutorily required Missing Persons Clearinghouse, which was an 8.8% decrease in notices from FY00.

The Missing Persons Section also manages the statutorily required Alaska Homicide Registry and coordinates with the FBI's Violent Criminal Apprehension Program (VICAP).

The Statewide Criminal Investigation Unit also:

- Coordinates the availability of crisis negotiators and the Negotiator Response Team (NRT).
- Provides personnel to staff the Special Emergency Reaction Team (SERT).
- Provides personnel to staff the Tactical Dive Unit (TDU) to respond to critical incidents requiring specialized equipment and training.
- Provides polygraph examiners, coordinates the availability of department polygraph operators to assist Alaska law enforcement agencies in conducting criminal specific examinations, as well as conduct pre-employment examinations for DPS applicants.

STATEWIDE DRUG ENFORCEMENT UNIT (SDEU)

Provides experienced administrative and investigative specialists to manage and investigate allegations of illegal drug and alcohol activity. This includes the detection and investigation of clandestine methamphetamine laboratories, large shipments of cocaine, and the transportation and sale of illegal alcohol in local option communities throughout the state of Alaska.

Coordinates illegal drug and alcohol investigations to facilitate aggressive prosecution by various federal, state and local criminal justice agencies.

Supervises the Western Alaska Alcohol and Narcotics Team (WAANT) comprised of one AST Sergeant and two AST investigators in Anchorage; two AST investigators and one Bethel Police Department officer in Bethel; one AST investigator working with three Kodiak Police Department officers in Kodiak; one Kotzebue Police Department officer in Kotzebue; and one AST investigator and one Soldotna Police Department investigator in Soldotna.

Supervises the South East Alaska Narcotics Enforcement Team (SEANET) based in Juneau, to include one AST Sergeant, one Juneau Police Department Sergeant, and one Juneau Police Department officer. Provides oversight to the South East Alaska Chiefs of Police Against Drugs (SEACAD) combating illegal drugs in the Southeast region of the state.

Supervises the Mat-Su Valley Narcotics Enforcement Team based in Wasilla, to include one AST Sergeant, two AST investigators, one Wasilla Police Department officer, one Palmer Police Department officer, and three National Guard Counter Drug Support Program (CDSP) personnel.

Supervises the Fairbanks Areawide Narcotics Team, to include one AST Sergeant, two AST investigators, and one Fairbanks Police Department officer. The team works very closely with the two special agents assigned to the region by the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

Supervises the Anchorage Airport Interdiction Team which consists of one AST Sergeant, one AST investigator with a scent detection canine, one Airport Safety officer, two National Guard Counter Drug Support Program (CDSP) personnel, and various special agents of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) who rotate through this team.

CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE UNIT (CIU)

The Criminal Intelligence Unit is comprised of one AST investigator, three AST civilian personnel and one member of the Alaska National Guard, Counter Drug Support Program (CDSP). This unit averaged approximately 282 intelligence inquiries and submittals per month. This is approximately the same level as FY00. This unit manages numerous databases and computer assisted programs, which aid state, local and federal law enforcement agencies in the centralization and storage of criminal activity information. The CIU is presently co-located in the FBI building in Anchorage, which has allowed for a unique sharing of information between all law enforcement agencies in Alaska.

Component Goals and Strategies

Maintain readiness of the Statewide Criminal Investigation Unit (SCIU) - Attempt to staff, train and retain a cadre of experienced investigators to respond to, investigate, and solve serious cases involving homicide, felony assaults, sexual assault, sexual abuse, kidnapping, robbery, fraud, forgery, prisoner escape, arson, and police officer use of deadly force cases throughout Alaska.

Maintain a ready force of skilled investigators within the Statewide Drug Enforcement Unit (SDEU) - To staff, train and retain a team of experienced drug investigators to address illegal drug and alcohol smuggling, manufacturing, and trafficking throughout the state.

Attempt to upgrade the equipment and computer software in the Criminal Intelligence Unit (CIU) which is necessary to maintain a centralized database of criminal information - continue to staff, train and retain specialized research and analytical personnel to operate the Criminal Intelligence Unit, providing a valuable resource of intelligence to all Alaska Criminal Justice agencies.

Detect violations of law and see that those responsible are held accountable in the appropriate legal forum.

- Attempt to deter crime through effective and aggressive enforcement that creates certainty of apprehension.
- Protect children, the weakest members of society, by detecting incidents of abuse and neglect, identifying offenders,
- and working in cooperation with courts and social service agencies to prevent reoccurrence.

Help citizens to feel safe and secure in their homes and communities by maintaining public order and discouraging violations that impact citizens' quality of life.

Key Component Issues for FY2002 – 2003

A number of the investigative positions within CIB are currently vacant. A concerted effort to fill and train new personnel is underway.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2001

STATEWIDE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT (SCIU):

1) The nationwide clearance rate for murders cited in the 1999 Uniform Crime Report that is provided by the U.S. Department of Justice is 69%. The SCIU and Detachment personnel have the following clearance rates.

FY99 - 23 murders with 21 resolved or 91% clearance.

FY00 - 14 murders with 13 resolved or 93% clearance.

FY01 - 13 murders with 13 resolved or 100% clearance.

2) All Alaska law enforcement agencies are required to report homicides within their jurisdictions to the DPS Alaska Homicide Registry. A current recap of reports submitted for the past three years are:

FY99 - 48

FY00 - 40

FY01 - 10

3) Approximately 82% of notifications to the Missing Persons Clearinghouse are for runaway juveniles; many of which are repeat runaways throughout the year. The clearinghouse does provide a vital utility to assist all law enforcement agencies when the remains of an unidentified person is located and requires identification. Notifications provided by Alaska law enforcement agencies are indicated below:

FY99 - 4,050

FY00 - 4,413

FY01 - 4,023

To date, the Missing Persons clearinghouse database holds active information on 998 missing persons.

STATEWIDE DRUG ENFORCEMENT UNIT (SDEU)

1) In Alaska, the Statewide Drug Enforcement Unit has actively coordinated with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to train investigators in the techniques needed to safely and successfully identify and dismantle clandestine methamphetamine laboratories. Emphasis has been placed on aggressively prosecuting those involved in this activity. The effort also involves working closely with Department of Health and Social Services relating to children being put at risk at these illegal sites; and with the Department of Environmental Conservation pertaining to contamination concerns. Further coordination is taking place with local fire departments, HAZMAT teams, and other organizations to develop a

protocol for the safe execution of search warrants at these potentially dangerous sites.

2) The Statewide Drug Enforcement Unit continues to coordinate with nearly every law enforcement agency within the state to pursue enforcement of illegal drug and alcohol offenders with the following results during FY01.

	FY00	FY01
Cases	2,440	2,764
Arrests Made		
Possession	232	281
Transporting	202	176
Distributing / Sales	145	150
Cultivating Marijuana	135	134
Clandestine Meth Labs	17	31
Buying / Other	8	7
Total Arrests	739	786
Seizures		
Cocaine / Crack	101.5 lbs	102 lbs
Marijuana Plants	12,787	10,563
Processed Marijuana	133.4 lbs	101 lbs
Methamphetamine	4.7 lbs	.5 lbs
Heroin	2.2 ozs	1.0 ozs
Alcoholic Beverages	584 gal	428 gal

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

- 1) Controlled substances (AS 11.71.010.900)
- 2) Department to assist other agencies (AS 18.65.090)
- 3) Document and disseminate information regarding homicides (AS 44.41.040)
- 4) Document and investigate missing persons (AS 18.65.610)
- 5) DPS - Powers and duties of department (AS 44.41.020)
- 6) Investigate fires resulting from crimes (AS 18.70.030)
- 7) Investigate sexual assault and child exploitation (AS 18.65.086)
- 8) Law enforcement duties (AS 18.65.010-086)
- 9) Narcotic drug and alcohol enforcement (AS 18.65.085)

**Criminal Investigations Bureau
Component Financial Summary**

All dollars in thousands

Non-Formula Program:	FY2001 Actuals	FY2002 Authorized	FY2003 Governor
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	2,172.6	2,335.5	2,356.2
72000 Travel	35.0	57.0	57.0
73000 Contractual	558.3	660.6	683.0
74000 Supplies	57.0	62.3	62.3
75000 Equipment	13.6	0.0	0.0
76000 Land/Buildings	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Claims	0.0	0.0	0.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	2,836.5	3,115.4	3,158.5
Funding Sources:			
1003 General Fund Match	8.4	0.0	0.0
1004 General Fund Receipts	2,815.7	3,115.4	3,158.5
1053 Investment Loss Trust Fund	12.4	0.0	0.0
Funding Totals	2,836.5	3,115.4	3,158.5

Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2001 Actuals	FY2002 Authorized	FY2002 Cash Estimate	FY2003 Governor	FY2004 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						
Investment Loss Trust Fund	51393	12.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Restricted Total		12.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total Estimated Revenues		12.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Criminal Investigations Bureau**Proposed Changes in Levels of Service for FY2003**

The FY2003 Governor's budget includes additional funding to maintain current levels of service.

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2002 Authorized to FY2003 Governor**

All dollars in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2002 Authorized	3,115.4	0.0	0.0	3,115.4
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-Transfer Funding to Judicial Services for Court Security / Prisoner Transport - ADN 12-2-0064	-54.0	0.0	0.0	-54.0
-Year 3 Labor Costs - Net Change from FY2002	74.7	0.0	0.0	74.7
Proposed budget increases:				
-Increased SEF Vehicle Rates	9.1	0.0	0.0	9.1
-Fuel Cost Increases	13.3	0.0	0.0	13.3
FY2003 Governor	3,158.5	0.0	0.0	3,158.5

Criminal Investigations Bureau**Personal Services Information**

	Authorized Positions		Personal Services Costs	
	<u>FY2002</u> <u>Authorized</u>	<u>FY2003</u> <u>Governor</u>		
Full-time	31	31	Annual Salaries	1,583,491
Part-time	0	0	COLA	56,400
Nonpermanent	0	0	Premium Pay	202,483
			Annual Benefits	632,330
			<i>Less 6.00% Vacancy Factor</i>	<i>(148,504)</i>
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	30,000
Totals	31	31	Total Personal Services	2,356,200

Position Classification Summary

Job Class Title	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Others	Total
Accounting Clerk II	1	0	0	0	1
Administrative Clerk II	5	1	0	0	6
Administrative Clerk III	3	0	0	0	3
Administrative Supervisor	1	0	0	0	1
Captain PS	1	0	0	0	1
Lieutenant PS	2	0	0	0	2
Sergeant PS	3	0	0	0	3
State Trooper	10	1	0	3	14
Totals	26	2	0	3	31