

State of Alaska FY2003 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Public Safety Judicial Services-Anchorage Component Budget Summary

Component: Judicial Services-Anchorage

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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

By statute, the Commissioner of Public Safety is the Executive Officer of the Alaska Supreme Court. Across the State, those responsibilities are carried out by personnel assigned to the Judicial Services (JS) component within the Division of Alaska State Troopers. JS Units are staffed by Troopers and Court Services Officers (CSOs). Troopers allocated to patrol and investigative assignments assist the troopers and officers assigned to JS. JS is responsible for providing security to the Alaska Court System, the safe transportation of inmates to and from court, between correctional institutions, and the extradition of wanted persons to and from the state, as well as the timely service of legal process.

The security provided by JS includes protection of the public, the judiciary, security of the court buildings and facilities, and maintaining peace and order in the courtrooms. The prisoners transported by JS include felons, misdemeanants, and fugitives. These prisoners are transported between institutions, between an institution and the courthouse, and to doctor's appointments. The transporting of prisoners includes guarding the prisoner while at the courthouse and doctor's office. Guarding the prisoner at these locations usually takes several hours at a minimum and can take all day. Also, the troopers and officers of this unit transport prisoners within and outside of Alaska. Prisoners who are transported outside require two escorts and the trip can take several days to complete. The writs served include subpoenas, summons and complaints, writs of assistance, evictions, executions, child custody orders, mental health commitments, domestic violence protective orders, and several other types of court process.

Service requests are generated by components of the Criminal Justice System (the Department of Administration's - Public Defender Agency and the Office of Public Advocacy, Corrections and Law), the Department of Health and Social Services, Department of Revenue, Federal and Municipal Law Enforcement agencies (inside and outside Alaska), and the public.

Component Goals and Strategies

To provide a safe and secure environment for the administration of justice by protecting the public, judges, and other employees from violence. To process an estimated 35,000 writs by prioritizing the most serious court papers to serve; and to execute an estimated 10,000 felony and misdemeanor warrants, prioritizing the most serious and violent offenders. Successful completion of this goal will enable JS to stay current with its workload and avoid backlogs in the court cases that can hamper the administration of justice.

Key Component Issues for FY2002 – 2003

The number of CSOs located around the state is inadequate to properly provide court security, move prisoners and serve court writs. Since the development of the CSO program as a cost effective method of providing the statutorily mandated support to the Court System, the number of CSO positions has not kept pace with the increase in criminal and civil cases, the number of prisoners transported, and the increase in the number of judges or courts to be served. In August 2001, a new Courthouse opened in Fairbanks. The new building brings additional courtrooms and other user spaces that will impact the requirement of JS to provide security. There is a new prisoner holding area that will require continuous staffing. In the Spring of 2002, a new jail opens in Anchorage. This new jail will add 300 beds above what is currently available at Sixth Avenue Correctional Center. These additional prisoners will undoubtedly cause an increase in the number of prisoners that are transported in the Anchorage area and around the State, as these beds are used to ease overcrowding at other locations. Additionally, there has been an increase in the number of prisoners transported between Alaska and Arizona where Alaska has contracted for space.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2001

JS Units are located statewide in the following locations: Anchorage, Barrow, Bethel, Fairbanks, Homer, Juneau, Kenai, Ketchikan, Palmer and Nome. In total these offices accomplished the following in FY 2001.

8,858 warrants received
10,204 warrants served or closed
35,630 writs received
35,953 writs served or closed

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

- 1) Judicial Services duties (AS 22.20.100)
- 2) Prisoner Transportation (AS 33.30.071 & 081)
- 3) State Troopers (AS 18.65.010-110)

**Judicial Services-Anchorage
Component Financial Summary**

All dollars in thousands

Non-Formula Program:	FY2001 Actuals	FY2002 Authorized	FY2003 Governor
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	1,825.7	1,747.2	1,864.3
72000 Travel	2.2	0.0	0.0
73000 Contractual	153.6	164.3	235.6
74000 Supplies	12.2	34.9	34.9
75000 Equipment	4.7	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	1,998.4	1,946.4	2,134.8
Funding Sources:			
1004 General Fund Receipts	1,957.8	1,893.4	2,055.3
1053 Investment Loss Trust Fund	9.7	0.0	0.0
1156 Receipt Supported Services	30.9	53.0	79.5
Funding Totals	1,998.4	1,946.4	2,134.8

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						
Receipt Supported Services	51073	30.9	53.0	62.5	79.5	45.0
Investment Loss Trust Fund	51393	9.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Restricted Total		40.6	53.0	62.5	79.5	45.0
Total Estimated Revenues		40.6	53.0	62.5	79.5	45.0

Judicial Services-Anchorage**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	1,893.4	0.0	53.0	1,946.4
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-Transfer from Criminal Investigation Bureau 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	61.6	0.0	1.5	63.1
Proposed budget increases:				
-Receipt Services Fees for Sale of Civil Process Server Manuals	0.0	0.0	25.0	25.0
-Increased SEF Vehicle Rates	23.8	0.0	0.0	23.8
-Maintenance Costs for Fairbanks/Anchorage Court Bldg Video Arraignment Equipment	15.0	0.0	0.0	15.0
-Fuel Cost Increases	7.5	0.0	0.0	7.5
FY2003 Governor	2,055.3	0.0	79.5	2,134.8

**Judicial Services-Anchorage
Personal Services Information**

	Authorized Positions		Personal Services Costs	
	<u>FY2002</u> <u>Authorized</u>	<u>FY2003</u> <u>Governor</u>		
Full-time	26	26	Annual Salaries	1,229,230
Part-time	0	0	COLA	46,578
Nonpermanent	0	0	Premium Pay	162,955
			Annual Benefits	504,332
			<i>Less 4.06% Vacancy Factor</i>	<i>(78,795)</i>
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
Totals	26	26	Total Personal Services	1,864,300

Position Classification Summary

Job Class Title	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Others	Total
Administrative Clerk II	5	0	0	0	5
Administrative Clerk III	2	0	0	0	2
Court Services Officer	15	0	0	0	15
Lieutenant PS	1	0	0	0	1
Sergeant PS	2	0	0	0	2
State Trooper	1	0	0	0	1
Totals	26	0	0	0	26