

State of Alaska FY2004 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' component within the Division of Alaska State Troopers. Judicial Services' units are staffed by troopers and court services officers (CSOs). Troopers allocated to patrol and investigative assignments assist the troopers and officers assigned to Judicial Services. Judicial Services 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 Judicial Services 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 Judicial Services 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, including: Public Defender Agency, Office of Public Advocacy, Department of Corrections, Department of Law, 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

The components goals are to: provide a safe and secure environment for the administration of justice by protecting the public, judges, and other employees from violence; process an estimated 35,000 writs by prioritizing the most serious court documents to be served, and to execute an estimated 9,000 felony and misdemeanor warrants, prioritizing by the most serious and violent offenders. Successful completion of these goals 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 FY2003 – 2004

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 have 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. As anticipated, with the opening of the new courthouse in Fairbanks and the new jail in Anchorage, the number of prisoners requiring transport has increased. Additionally, there was an increase in the number of prisoners being moved between Alaska and Arizona where Alaska has contracted for space.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2002

Judicial Services (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 FY2002.

- warrants received 8,917
- warrants served or closed 9,133
- writs received 35,894
- writs served or closed 36,091

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

- Judicial Services duties (AS 22.20.100)
- Prisoner Transportation (AS 33.30.071 and AS 33.30.081)
- Alaska State Troopers (AS 18.65.010 - AS 18.65.110)

Judicial Services-Anchorage
Component Financial Summary

All dollars in thousands

	FY2002 Actuals	FY2003 Authorized	FY2004 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	1,600.8	1,864.3	1,910.4
72000 Travel	3.9	0.0	0.0
73000 Contractual	292.6	189.3	236.6
74000 Supplies	8.6	34.9	34.9
75000 Equipment	0.0	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	1,905.9	2,088.5	2,181.9
Funding Sources:			
1004 General Fund Receipts	1,866.6	2,009.0	2,136.0
1156 Receipt Supported Services	39.3	79.5	45.9
Funding Totals	1,905.9	2,088.5	2,181.9

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Proposed Changes in Levels of Service for FY2004

No service changes.

Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2003 Authorized to FY2004 Governor

All dollars in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2003 Authorized	2,009.0	0.0	79.5	2,088.5
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-Annualize FY2003 COLA for General Government and Supervisory Bargaining Units	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.5
-Transfer from AST Detachments to Fund Telecommunication and Computer Svcs Billing Methodologies	71.3	0.0	0.0	71.3
Proposed budget decreases:				
-Reduce Civil Process Service Receipt Services	0.0	0.0	-35.0	-35.0
Proposed budget increases:				
-Increased Variable Benefit Costs: Working Reserve and PERS Rates	55.7	0.0	0.9	56.6
FY2004 Governor	2,136.0	0.0	45.9	2,181.9

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Personal Services Information

	Authorized Positions		Personal Services Costs	
	<u>FY2003</u> <u>Authorized</u>	<u>FY2004</u> <u>Governor</u>		
Full-time	26	27	Annual Salaries	1,326,307
Part-time	0	0	Premium Pay	81,803
Nonpermanent	0	0	Annual Benefits	575,380
			<i>Less 3.68% Vacancy Factor</i>	(73,090)
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
Totals	26	27	Total Personal Services	1,910,400

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	1	2
Totals	26	0	0	1	27