

# **State of Alaska FY2005 Governor's Operating Budget**

## **Department of Public Safety Village Public Safety Officer Program Results Delivery Unit Budget Summary**

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## Village Public Safety Officer Program Results Delivery Unit

### Contribution to Department's Mission

The mission of the Village Public Safety Officer program is to preserve public peace, protect life, and property in rural villages.

### Core Services

Throughout rural Alaska, the VPSO is often the only person responsible for a broad range of public safety needs. These include law enforcement duties, probation and parole duties, emergency medical services, search and rescue missions, and fire prevention activities. Currently sixty-five VPSOs represent an ongoing positive public safety presence in sixty-five rural communities. VPSOs also often assist troopers in alcohol and drug enforcement efforts.

Detachment troopers travel regularly to all villages under their oversight. During these visits, troopers provide training through special VPSO training manuals 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 assuring the VPSOs that the state troopers will be there during crisis situations.

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

The services provided by the VPSO Contracts component include the funding for the grants to the non-profits that manage and implement the VPSO program. The services provided by the VPSO Support component include those specifically associated with the management of the VPSO grants. This includes a sergeant position that coordinates and provides training and purchases equipment and supplies for the VPSO officers. The accounting technician position provides financial support ensuring reimbursement for services provided by the grantees.

The Alaska State Troopers' goals for the VPSO program include taking action to:

- Continue to provide first responder criminal investigation involving misdemeanor and some felony property crime investigations;
- Continue to increase interdiction of illegal alcohol in areas where the residents have chosen to ban sale or importation of alcohol; and
- Continue to provide for public safety in the areas of water and fire safety and other non-criminal areas for rural remote communities.

End Results	Strategies to Achieve Results
<p><b>(1) Protect lives.</b></p> <p><u>Target:</u> 10% reduction of deaths due to accidents and criminal acts in VPSO serviced villages. <u>Measure:</u> Homicide rate in VPSO serviced villages.</p> <p><u>Target:</u> 10% reduction of deaths as a result of motor vehicle accidents (MVA). <u>Measure:</u> % decrease in number of MVA fatalities.</p> <p><u>Target:</u> Increase the success rate of search and rescues (SARs) by 5%.</p>	<p><b>(1) Improve response to alcohol-related crimes, domestic violence (DV) incidents, and driving under the influence (DUI) apprehension and detection.</b></p> <p><u>Target:</u> 10% reduction of accidental deaths in VPSO serviced villages. <u>Measure:</u> % reduction of accidental deaths in VPSO serviced villages compared to the 3-year average.</p> <p><u>Target:</u> 10% reduction of DUI fatalities compared to the 3-year average. <u>Measure:</u> % reduction in DUI fatalities compared to the 3-</p>

End Results	Strategies to Achieve Results
<p><u>Measure:</u> # of SAR incidents with lives saved over a 3-year average.</p> <p><u>Target:</u> 10% reduction in recreational boating accidents with deaths.</p> <p><u>Measure:</u> % reduction in fatality accidents.</p> <p><b>(2) Protect property.</b></p> <p><u>Target:</u> Reduce property crimes by 10%.</p> <p><u>Measure:</u> % reduction in property crimes.</p> <p><b>(3) Preserve public peace.</b></p> <p><u>Target:</u> Public compliance with laws.</p> <p><u>Measure:</u> Number of reported offenses compared to a 3-year average in VPSO serviced villages.</p>	<p>year average.</p> <p><b>(2) Enhance SAR response and provide public education.</b></p> <p><u>Target:</u> 5% reduction in the number of SARs requiring assistance.</p> <p><u>Measure:</u> % reduction in SAR calls for service compared to the 3-year average.</p> <p><b>(3) Improve alcohol and drug investigations and interdictions.</b></p> <p><u>Target:</u> 10% increase in the amount of alcohol and illicit drugs seized in VPSO serviced villages.</p> <p><u>Measure:</u> % increase in amount of alcohol and illicit drugs seized compared to the 3-year average in VPSO services villages.</p> <p><b>(4) Enhance recreational boating safety patrols.</b></p> <p><u>Target:</u> 10% increase in the number of inspections.</p> <p><u>Measure:</u> % increase in number of inspections over the previous 2-year average.</p> <p><u>Target:</u> 10% increase in hours spent conducting safety education.</p> <p><u>Measure:</u> % increase in number of hours spent conducting safety education over the previous 2-year average.</p> <p><b>(5) Improve property crime investigations.</b></p> <p><u>Target:</u> Increase solve rate of property crimes by 10% of 3-year average in VPSO serviced villages.</p> <p><u>Measure:</u> % of property crimes solved by arrest.</p> <p><b>(6) Community oriented policing and patrols for criminal activity.</b></p> <p><u>Target:</u> 10% increase in the number of public appearances.</p> <p><u>Measure:</u> % increase of public appearances logged in APSIN compared to 3-year average.</p>

Major Activities to Advance Strategies	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VPSO training academy</li> <li>• VPSO regional update training</li> <li>• Driving Under the Influence (DUI) patrols</li> <li>• Domestic violence and DUI training</li> <li>• Report writing and investigation in-service training</li> <li>• Coordination with outside domestic violence-related agencies and support groups</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordination of ABC investigations</li> <li>• Provide boater safety public education</li> <li>• Provide boater safety training to VPSOs and AST</li> <li>• D.A.R.E. programs</li> <li>• Alcohol Rewards Program</li> <li>• Patrol high crime areas</li> <li>• Investigator training</li> </ul>

**Major Activities to Advance Strategies**

- Domestic violence supervisory case review with district attorney coordination
- Provide search and rescue management training
- Water safety education
- Increased inspections
- Crime Stoppers
- Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) training
- Enhanced communications between jurisdictions
- Crime Stoppers
- Community Oriented Policing (COP) training
- Participation in village council meetings

**FY2005 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results**

<b>FY2005 Results Delivery Unit Budget: \$5,800,500</b>	<b>Personnel:</b>	
	Full time	2
	Part time	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>

**Performance Measure Detail**

**(1) Result: Protect lives.**

**Target:** 10% reduction of deaths due to accidents and criminal acts in VPSO serviced villages.

**Measure:** Homicide rate in VPSO serviced villages.

**Analysis of results and challenges:** New measure. Data will be added as it becomes available.

**Target:** 10% reduction of deaths as a result of motor vehicle accidents (MVA).

**Measure:** % decrease in number of MVA fatalities.

**Analysis of results and challenges:** New measure. Data will be added as it becomes available.

**Target:** Increase the success rate of search and rescues (SARs) by 5%.

**Measure:** # of SAR incidents with lives saved over a 3-year average.

**Analysis of results and challenges:** New measure. Data will be added as it becomes available.

**Target:** 10% reduction in recreational boating accidents with deaths.

**Measure:** % reduction in fatality accidents.

**Analysis of results and challenges:** New measure. Data will be added as it becomes available.

**(2) Result: Protect property.**

**Target:** Reduce property crimes by 10%.

**Measure:** % reduction in property crimes.

**Analysis of results and challenges:** New measure. Data will be added as it becomes available.

**(3) Result: Preserve public peace.**

**Target:** Public compliance with laws.

**Measure:** Number of reported offenses compared to a 3-year average in VPSO serviced villages.

**Analysis of results and challenges:** New measure. Data will be added as it becomes available.

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**(1) Strategy: Improve response to alcohol-related crimes, domestic violence (DV) incidents, and driving under the influence (DUI) apprehension and detection.**

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**Target:** 10% reduction of accidental deaths in VPSO serviced villages.

**Measure:** % reduction of accidental deaths in VPSO serviced villages compared to the 3-year average.

**Analysis of results and challenges:** New measure. Data will be added as it becomes available.

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**Target:** 10% reduction of DUI fatalities compared to the 3-year average.

**Measure:** % reduction in DUI fatalities compared to the 3-year average.

**Analysis of results and challenges:** New measure. Data will be added as it becomes available.

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**(2) Strategy: Enhance SAR response and provide public education.**

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**Target:** 5% reduction in the number of SARs requiring assistance.

**Measure:** % reduction in SAR calls for service compared to the 3-year average.

**Analysis of results and challenges:** New measure. Data will be added as it becomes available.

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**(3) Strategy: Improve alcohol and drug investigations and interdictions.**

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**Target:** 10% increase in the amount of alcohol and illicit drugs seized in VPSO serviced villages.

**Measure:** % increase in amount of alcohol and illicit drugs seized compared to the 3-year average in VPSO services villages.

**Analysis of results and challenges:** New measure. Data will be added as it becomes available.

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**(4) Strategy: Enhance recreational boating safety patrols.**

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**Target:** 10% increase in the number of inspections.

**Measure:** % increase in number of inspections over the previous 2-year average.

**Analysis of results and challenges:** New measure. Data will be added as it becomes available.

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**Target:** 10% increase in hours spent conducting safety education.

**Measure:** % increase in number of hours spent conducting safety education over the previous 2-year average.

**Analysis of results and challenges:** New measure. Data will be added as it becomes available.

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**(5) Strategy: Improve property crime investigations.**

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**Target:** Increase solve rate of property crimes by 10% of 3-year average in VPSO serviced villages.

**Measure:** % of property crimes solved by arrest.

**Analysis of results and challenges:** New measure. Data will be added as it becomes available.

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**(6) Strategy: Community oriented policing and patrols for criminal activity.**

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**Target:** 10% increase in the number of public appearances.

**Measure:** % increase of public appearances logged in APSIN compared to 3-year average.

**Analysis of results and challenges:** New measure. Data will be added as it becomes available.

**Key RDU Challenges**

VPSO TURNOVER RATE – There are many factors that cause the high VPSO turnover. One of the factors is the low rate of pay. The lowest rate of pay for the VPSO program is \$13.99, the salary of the VPSOs in the Aleutian Chain. In FY 2002, the VPSOs were assigned additional duties to include probation and parole supervision within their communities. The increased duties allowed for a raise to the VPSOs. This adjusts the lowest rate of pay for a VPSO to \$16.42.

**Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2005**

No significant change in current level of services is anticipated.

**Major RDU Accomplishments in 2003**

REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER PROGRAM – The RPSO program continues with three RPSO's in the communities of Unalakleet, Iliamna, and McGrath. The fourth officer was called to military duty and the position left vacant.

PROBATION AND PAROLE SERVICES – VPSO probation and parole services continues throughout the VPSO communities. The probation and patrol training is also being provided to new VPSO attending the VPSO Academy in Sitka. The VPSOs have developed a good working relationship with their Probation and Parole oversights and monitor offenders in their communities on a regular basis.

**VPSO FY 2003 Statistics**

- 1,523 VPSO visits
- 1,224 Village Police Officer (VPO) visits/contacts (VPOs are employed by some rural villages)
- 901 Investigative visits to villages
- 867 Overnight visits
- 1,154.5 Training hours conducted by oversight troopers

In FY2003, 220 troopers across the following AST Detachments provided support to VPSOs as follows:

FY2003					
Detachment	Region	Troopers	Hours	VPSO Supported	
A	Southeast	15	503.5	4	
B	Southcentral	41	1.5	1	
C	Northwest & Western	40	12,583.5	55	
D	Northern	46	287.5	7	
E	Peninsula	29	48.5	7	
H	Academy	7	28.0	0	
I	Statewide – ABI	27	3.5	0	
N	Statewide – ABADE	21	8.0	0	
		<b>226</b>	<b>13,464.0</b>	<b>74</b>	

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**Village Public Safety Officer Program  
RDU Financial Summary by Component**

*All dollars shown in thousands*

	FY2003 Actuals				FY2004 Authorized				FY2005 Governor			
	General Funds	Federal Funds	Other Funds	Total Funds	General Funds	Federal Funds	Other Funds	Total Funds	General Funds	Federal Funds	Other Funds	Total Funds
<b>Formula</b>												
<b>Expenditures</b>												
None.												
<b>Non-Formula</b>												
<b>Expenditures</b>												
VPSO Contracts	5,784.9	0.0	0.0	5,784.9	5,436.4	0.0	0.0	5,436.4	5,436.4	0.0	0.0	5,436.4
Support	2,473.6	0.0	0.0	2,473.6	247.0	0.0	110.4	357.4	249.0	0.0	115.1	364.1
Administration	168.7	0.0	0.0	168.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>8,427.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>8,427.2</b>	<b>5,683.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>110.4</b>	<b>5,793.8</b>	<b>5,685.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>115.1</b>	<b>5,800.5</b>

**Village Public Safety Officer Program  
Summary of RDU Budget Changes by Component  
From FY2004 Authorized to FY2005 Governor**

*All dollars shown in thousands*

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
<b>FY2004 Authorized</b>	<b>5,683.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>110.4</b>	<b>5,793.8</b>
<b>Adjustments which will continue current level of service:</b>				
-Support	2.0	0.0	4.7	6.7
<b>FY2005 Governor</b>	<b>5,685.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>115.1</b>	<b>5,800.5</b>