

State of Alaska FY2006 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Public Safety Judicial Services-Anchorage Component Budget Summary

Component: Judicial Services-Anchorage

Contribution to Department's Mission

The mission of the Division of Alaska State Troopers is to preserve public peace, protect life, property, and resources.

Core Services

By statute, the commissioner of the Department of Public Safety is the executive officer of the Alaska Supreme Court. Across the state, those responsibilities are delegated and carried out by Alaska State Troopers and Court Service Officers (CSOs) assigned to Judicial Services units within the Division of Alaska State Troopers. 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 and between correctional institutions, and the extradition of wanted persons to and from the state, as well as the timely service of legal process. While only those positions located in Anchorage are budgeted in the Judicial Services–Anchorage component, this narrative discusses duties of the Judicial Services units statewide.

Security provided by Judicial Services includes protection of the public, the judiciary, and prisoners; security of court facilities; and maintaining peace and order in the courtrooms. Judicial Services transports felons, misdemeanants, and fugitives between institutions, between an institution and the courthouse, and to and from doctor’s appointments. Prisoners are then guarded while at the courthouse and doctor’s office. Troopers and officers assigned to Judicial Services transport prisoners within and outside of Alaska. Prisoners who are transported outside require two escorts and the trip can take several days to complete.

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 various criminal justice agencies including the 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.

FY2006 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results		
FY2006 Component Budget: \$2,520,300	Personnel:	
	Full time	30
	Part time	0
	Total	30

Key Component Challenges

The number of court services officers (CSOs) located around the state is inadequate to properly handle the increased need to provide court security, move prisoners, and serve court writs. Over the years, the number of CSO positions has not kept pace with the increase in criminal and civil cases, and the increase in the number of judges or courts to be served. The number of prisoner moves is steadily increasing each and every year since the inception of these duties. Over the last two fiscal years alone, the number of prisoner moves has increased approximately 4 percent per year. The early numbers for the first quarter of FY2005 indicate it may go as high as 7 percent this year, which would be an overall increase of 11 percent in just two years. In real numbers, this would be a change from 55,839 to approximately 62,000. This, coupled with the increase in writ services, ex partes, etc., will significantly impact manpower shortages.

In addition, the Department of Law’s Collections unit was recently charged with helping victims collect restitution judgments. This has resulted in processes that have to be served on every correctional institution and financial

institution statewide. In addition, the closure of the Kotzebue contract jail is still causing a drain on resources due to increased numbers of prisoner moves from Kotzebue to Nome.

The increased need for court service officers across the state has resulted in significantly more trooper time devoted to help cover the Judicial Services units' duties.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2006

As part of its effort to use existing resources more efficiently, the department has reclassified six non-commissioned positions to CSOs over the past two years using existing funds, and plans to identify funding for two more. The need for additional CSOs is still very evident and continued progress will need to be realized. The FY2006 Governor's budget adds four more new CSOs around the state – two in Anchorage, budgeted in this component, and one each for Fairbanks and Palmer budgeted in Detachments. While these twelve new CSO positions will not eliminate the need for trooper overtime to assist Judicial Services units around the state, they will slow the increase in that need.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2004

Judicial Services units are located in Anchorage, Barrow, Fairbanks, Juneau, Kenai, Ketchikan, and Palmer. These offices collectively accomplished the following in FY2004

- Warrants received: 10,924
- Warrants served or closed: 11,264
- Writs received: 35,591
- Writs served or closed: 34,685
- Total prisoners moved: 55,839

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

DPS-Powers and duties of department (AS 44.41.020)
State Troopers (AS 18.65.010 - AS 18.65.110)
Police Protection (AS 18.65.010 - AS 18.65.790)
Law enforcement duties (AS 18.65.010 - AS 18.65.086)
Controlled Substances (AS 11.71.010 - AS 11.71.900)
Judicial Services (AS 22.20.100 - AS 22.20.140)
Prisoner Transportation (AS 33.30.071 and AS 33.30.081)
Search & Rescue (AS 18.60.120 - AS 18.60.175)
Village Public Safety Officer Definition (AS 01.10.060(c)(7)(C))
VPSO Program (AS 18.65.670)
VPSO Regulations (13 AAC 96.010-900)
Concealed Handgun Permits (AS 18.65.700)
Security Guard Licensing (AS 18.65.400 - AS 18.65.410)
Sex Offender Registration (AS 12.63.010 - AS 12.63.100)
Central Registry of Sex Offenders (AS 18.65.087)
Department to assist other agencies (AS 18.65.090)
Document and disseminate information regarding homicides (AS 44.41.040)
Document and investigate missing persons (AS 18.65.610)
Investigate fires resulting from crimes (AS 18.70.030)
Investigate sexual assault and child exploitation (AS 18.65.086)
DUI Forfeiture Requirements (AS 28.35.036-.037)
DPS DNA collection and registration requirements (AS 44.41.035)
Duty of Law Enforcement to Provide VCCB information (AS 18.67.175)
Rights of Crime Victims to be notified orally and in writing by Law Enforcement (AS 12.61.010)
Aeronautics (AS 02)
Criminal (AS 11)
Environment (AS 46)
Fish & Game (AS 16)
Fish & Game (5 AAC)
Guide/Outfitting (12 AAC)

Guide/Outfitting (AS 08)
Health & Safety (AS 18)
Limited Entry (20 AAC)
State Government (AS 44)
Training (13 AAC 85)
Training (AS 44.41.020(a))

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Judicial Services-Anchorage Component Financial Summary

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2004 Actuals	FY2005 Management Plan	FY2006 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	1,852.1	2,181.3	2,160.1
72000 Travel	1.5	0.0	0.0
73000 Services	223.8	241.6	298.3
74000 Commodities	16.7	9.3	17.3
75000 Capital Outlay	0.1	0.0	44.6
77000 Grants, Benefits	0.0	0.0	0.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	2,094.2	2,432.2	2,520.3
Funding Sources:			
1004 General Fund Receipts	2,048.9	2,384.2	2,472.3
1156 Receipt Supported Services	45.3	48.0	48.0
Funding Totals	2,094.2	2,432.2	2,520.3

Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2004 Actuals	FY2005 Management Plan	FY2006 Governor
Unrestricted Revenues				
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0
Unrestricted Total		0.0	0.0	0.0
Restricted Revenues				
Receipt Supported Services	51073	45.3	48.0	48.0
Restricted Total		45.3	48.0	48.0
Total Estimated Revenues		45.3	48.0	48.0

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2005 Management Plan to FY2006 Governor**

All dollars shown in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2005 Management Plan	2,384.2	0.0	48.0	2,432.2
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-Transfer PCN 12-4204 Court Service Officer to AST Detachments	-80.0	0.0	0.0	-80.0
-Transfer PCN 12-1183 State Trooper to Detachments	-94.9	0.0	0.0	-94.9
-FY 05 Bargaining Unit Contract Terms: GGU	4.7	0.0	0.0	4.7
-FY06 Cost Increases for Bargaining Units and Non-Covered Employees	14.4	0.0	0.0	14.4
Proposed budget increases:				
-Two New Court Service Officer Positions (12-#013 & 12-#014) in Anchorage Judicial Services	240.4	0.0	0.0	240.4
-Increased Fuel Costs	3.5	0.0	0.0	3.5
FY2006 Governor	2,472.3	0.0	48.0	2,520.3

**Judicial Services-Anchorage
Personal Services Information**

Authorized Positions		Personal Services Costs		
FY2005 Management Plan		FY2006 Governor		
Full-time	30	30	Annual Salaries	1,435,984
Part-time	0	0	COLA	4,021
Nonpermanent	0	0	Premium Pay	105,665
			Annual Benefits	773,918
			<i>Less 3.65% Vacancy Factor</i>	(84,588)
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
Totals	30	30	Total Personal Services	2,235,000

Position Classification Summary

Job Class Title	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Others	Total
Accounting Clerk I	2	0	0	0	2
Administrative Clerk II	3	0	0	0	3
Administrative Clerk III	2	0	0	0	2
Court Services Officer	18	0	0	0	18
Lieutenant PS	1	0	0	0	1
Sergeant PS	2	0	0	0	2
State Trooper	2	0	0	0	2
Totals	30	0	0	0	30