

# **State of Alaska FY2010 Governor's Operating Budget**

## **Department of Public Safety Alaska Wildlife Troopers Investigations Component Budget Summary**

## Component: Alaska Wildlife Troopers Investigations

### Contribution to Department's Mission

Enforce fish and game laws; preserve public peace; protect life, property, and resources.

### Core Services

- Investigate complex or high value commercial fishery crimes, large scale or on-going hunting and guiding violations, and sport fish guiding violations.

### FY2010 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

**FY2010 Component Budget: \$1,038,200**

**Personnel:**

Full time	8
Part time	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>

### Key Component Challenges

The Wildlife Investigations Unit (WIU) is responsible for the investigation of complex or high value commercial fishery crimes, large scale or on-going hunting and guiding violations, and sport fish guiding violations. WIU primarily assists the Alaska Wildlife Troopers (AWT) by assuming responsibility for cases or by providing expertise and sophisticated equipment to AWT. WIU conducts covert undercover investigations to substantiate hunting/fish guiding violations both in and out-of-state and provides nationwide support if required. The WIU works closely with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, federal prosecutors, similar agencies from other states, and the Alaska Department of Law's Office of Special Prosecutions and Appeals in the conduct of these investigations.

The WIU is challenged by the vast number of locations to which it must respond. While WIU primarily supports AWT units, one of the primary missions of WIU is to support all agencies across the state. Travel to many locations, both in and out-of-state, can be difficult and time consuming. Responses to distant crime scenes require personnel to be ready and available for deployment on state or commercial aircraft on short notice and with pre-designated criminal investigation kits. Technical issues are partially managed by using digital photography and audio recordings, which can be transmitted via Internet and examined by additional investigators who are hundreds of miles away.

Enhancement of professional expertise is hampered by the fact that investigators are fully engaged with casework all of the time. Time invested in training and administrative duties drains potential investigative ability resulting in a backlog that investigators face when they return. Furthermore, most of the sophisticated training provided by larger police agencies or vendors is provided at out-of-state locations.

### Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2010

In FY2009, the Division of Alaska Wildlife Troopers received funding for one additional investigator for the Wildlife Investigations Unit (WIU) increasing the unit from six investigators to seven.

WIU will continue to train one investigator in computer forensics. With the additional position, WIU will enhance its ability to investigate wildlife crimes of a commercial nature with increased emphasis on undercover operations and large commercial fishing operations. WIU will also better support field personnel with temporary duty assignments for dedicated programs.

## Major Component Accomplishments in 2008

The Wildlife Investigations Unit (WIU) conducted two undercover operations that resulted in continued criminal investigations. WIU also conducted multiple other covert operations including surveillance, Internet chats, and fish and wildlife parts sales. WIU traveled to Washington, Idaho, and California to conduct investigations and serve search warrants in addition to traveling to different areas of Alaska. The WIU conducted commercial fishing investigations and provided expertise and assistance to AWT programs. WIU also assisted the Alaska Bureau of Investigation and provided covert monies resulting in the recovery of stolen computers and property. WIU has recommended that 74 charges be filed on eight defendants during FY2008. One of these cases resulted in the seizure of a Piper PA-18 Super Cub aircraft.

## 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)  
 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)

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**Alaska Wildlife Troopers Investigations  
Component Financial Summary**

*All dollars shown in thousands*

	FY2008 Actuals	FY2009 Management Plan	FY2010 Governor
<b>Non-Formula Program:</b>			
<b>Component Expenditures:</b>			
71000 Personal Services	525.0	843.4	900.9
72000 Travel	31.7	36.3	36.3
73000 Services	53.2	126.3	92.3
74000 Commodities	16.6	10.7	8.7
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	0.0	0.0	0.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Expenditure Totals</b>	<b>626.5</b>	<b>1,016.7</b>	<b>1,038.2</b>
<b>Funding Sources:</b>			
1004 General Fund Receipts	626.5	1,016.7	1,038.2
<b>Funding Totals</b>	<b>626.5</b>	<b>1,016.7</b>	<b>1,038.2</b>

**Summary of Component Budget Changes  
From FY2009 Management Plan to FY2010 Governor**

*All dollars shown in thousands*

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
<b>FY2009 Management Plan</b>	<b>1,016.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1,016.7</b>
<b>Adjustments which will continue current level of service:</b>				
-Corrected FY09 Wage Increase for Public Safety Employees Association Employees	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.8
-FY2010 Wage and Health Insurance Increases for Bargaining Units with Existing Agreements	20.7	0.0	0.0	20.7
<b>FY2010 Governor</b>	<b>1,038.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1,038.2</b>

**Alaska Wildlife Troopers Investigations  
Personal Services Information**

<b>Authorized Positions</b>			<b>Personal Services Costs</b>	
	<b>FY2009 Management Plan</b>	<b>FY2010 Governor</b>		
Full-time	8	8	Annual Salaries	528,933
Part-time	0	0	COLA	24,199
Nonpermanent	0	0	Premium Pay	62,280
			Annual Benefits	303,212
			<i>Less 2.41% Vacancy Factor</i>	<i>(22,124)</i>
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	4,400
<b>Totals</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Total Personal Services</b>	<b>900,900</b>

**Position Classification Summary**

<b>Job Class Title</b>	<b>Anchorage</b>	<b>Fairbanks</b>	<b>Juneau</b>	<b>Others</b>	<b>Total</b>
Administrative Clerk III	1	0	0	0	1
Sergeant PS	1	0	0	0	1
State Trooper	6	0	0	0	6
<b>Totals</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>