

State of Alaska FY2011 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Public Safety Alaska State Troopers Results Delivery Unit Budget Summary

Alaska State Troopers Results Delivery Unit

Contribution to Department's Mission

Preserve public peace; protect life, property, and wildlife resources.

Core Services

- Criminal and traffic enforcement patrols and investigations.
- Search and Rescue (SAR).
- Prisoner transport.
- Support rural law enforcement entities.
- Public education in safety and injury prevention.
- Wildlife enforcement patrols and investigations.

Results at a Glance

(Additional performance information is available on the web at <http://omb.alaska.gov/results.>)

END RESULT A: Protect lives.

- Homicides in Alaska State Trooper jurisdiction decreased by two in FY2009, but the rate remained the same as the previous 3-year average
- In CY2008, there were 46 motor vehicle accident (MVA) fatalities in area of Alaska State Trooper jurisdiction. Data source changed in CY2007 and will not be comparable to previous average until CY2010
- 18% decrease in recreational boating accidents with deaths, going from 17 fatalities in CY2007 to 14 fatalities in CY2008

Status of Strategies to Achieve End Result

- Homicide solve rate in Alaska State Trooper jurisdiction in FY2009 was 100%, a 15% increase over FY2008
- 38% of sexual assault/sexual abuse cases referred in FY2009 were accepted for prosecution in this first year of reporting this measure, short of the target of 70%
- There were 16 driving under the influence (DUI) fatalities in the Alaska State Trooper patrol area in CY2008 and six in CY2007. Data for this target of a 10% decline compared to the prior 3-year average first became available in CY2007; thus a comparison to the target is not possible till CY2010
- 32% of misdemeanor and felony alcohol crimes referred in FY2009 were accepted for prosecution in this first year of reporting this measure, short of the target of 70%
- 67% of felony illicit drug cases referred in FY2009 were accepted for prosecution in this first year of reporting this measure, just shy of the targeted 70%
- 9,161 contacts in FY2009 is a 14% decrease over the previous 2-year average of 10,589 boating safety contacts
- 232% increase over the previous 2-year average in boating safety education hours in FY2009, up to 187 hours compared to 56.25

END RESULT B: Protect property.

- 12% decrease in burglaries reported in Alaska State Trooper jurisdiction, going from 1,338 burglaries in CY2006 to 1,181 burglaries in CY2007

Status of Strategies to Achieve End Result

- 58% of property crimes referred in FY2009 were accepted for prosecution in this first year of reporting this measure, short of the target of 70%

END RESULT C: Preserve public peace.

- Public compliance with laws as measured by the reported crime index offenses in Alaska State Trooper jurisdiction decreased by 28% in CY2007

Status of Strategies to Achieve End Result

- No comparative data yet available for number of crime index offenses closed by arrest in relation to number reported since only one year is reported to date

END RESULT D: Protect wildlife resources.

- The number of wildlife violations as a percentage of total contacts decreased by 1% in FY2009 compared to FY2008

Status of Strategies to Achieve End Result

- Number of resource user contacts increased by 11% in FY2009 compared to previous 2-year average

Major Activities to Advance Strategies

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic deployment of personnel in ABI. • Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) training. • Domestic violence and Driving Under the Influence (DUI) training for Alaska Wildlife Troopers. • Traffic enforcement. • DUI enforcement team and dedicated DUI patrols. • Report writing and investigation in-service. • Coordination with outside domestic violence-related agencies and support groups. • Domestic violence supervisory case review with district attorney coordination. • Provide search and rescue management training. • Avalanche awareness programs. • Hunter safety education. • Boating safety education. • Personal Locator Beacon (PLB) program. • Crime Stoppers. • Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) programs. • Strategic location of Alaska Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Enforcement (ABADE) investigators. • Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) training. • Alcohol Rewards Program. • Coordination of ABC investigations. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide boater safety training to Village Public Safety Officers (VPSOs) and Alaska State Troopers. • Increase inspections. • Strategic location of personnel. • Property investigation training. • Enhanced communications between jurisdictions. • Burglary suppression unit. • Patrol high crime areas. • Intelligence Unit linking. • E-pawn records. • Directed patrols. • Community Oriented Policing (COP) training. • Quality village visits. • Public appearances. • Aircraft patrols. • Vessel patrols. • Targeted patrols. • Wildlife enforcement training. • Covert hunting investigations. |
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Key RDU Challenges

CORE POLICE SERVICES - As Alaska's population continues to grow, requests for services have increased. Alcohol and drug involvement in crime remains a significant challenge. Technological changes and sophistication allow new criminal exploitations of the populace, including identity theft, child pornography and online child sexual exploitation, and computer fraud schemes. Terroristic threats to infrastructure require greater patrols, more response planning, and more efforts aimed toward public reassurance. Proactive enforcement such as highway traffic patrols, burglary suppression, and community policing have been forced to a lower priority and are seldom accomplished. AST's technology base lags far behind other police and public service organizations in all these areas.

RECRUITMENT – Recruitment and retention continue to be significant challenges for the Alaska State Troopers and law enforcement agencies nation-wide. Although the recruitment unit has been successful attracting applicants, attracting *quality* applicants is especially challenging when competing with other agencies in and out of Alaska. The requirement that troopers be willing to transfer to rural locations where housing and amenities are limited creates recruiting challenges not faced by any other police agencies in the state. The starting wage for trooper recruits is significantly less than for a new Anchorage Police Department officer.

WILDLIFE ENFORCEMENT COVERAGE – The Alaska Wildlife Troopers (AWT) conduct enforcement operations in the most challenging geographic expanse in the country. It is a significant challenge under the best of conditions to successfully protect the state's fish and wildlife resources. AWT continues to operate at a minimally acceptable enforcement level. Many areas of the state are not patrolled or are only occasionally patrolled. Only with the support of the marine enforcement section and its fleet of sixteen vessels ranging from 25' to 156', and the aircraft section with its compliment of patrol aircraft, can the AWT core mission be effectively administered. Having the skilled personnel and providing the proper training to conduct these unique patrols is increasingly more challenging.

COURT SECURITY – While the number of court services officers (CSOs) located around the state has been increased in recent years, the number is still marginally adequate to properly handle increased court security concerns, transport prisoners, and serve domestic violence protective orders, stalking, and other court writs in a timely manner. The number

of prisoner transports is steadily increasing each year. Over the last five fiscal years alone, the number of prisoner moves has increased 12 percent. In real numbers, this represents a change from 57,883 transports in FY2005 to 64,731 transports in FY2009.

RAPE AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE – Alaska's rate of forcible rape is 2.5 times the national average. Rates of domestic violence are among the highest in the nation. The rates of victimization of Alaska Native women and children, particularly in rural Alaska, are even greater. Small communities and villages present specific and difficult challenges to these investigations.

TERRORISM AND WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION – The Alaska State Troopers continue to staff and supervise the statewide Criminal Intelligence Unit located at the Anchorage Federal Bureau of Investigation office. Additionally, AST remains actively involved in contingency planning and preparedness issues in concert with other government agencies, as well as with private industry. A position is devoted to serve as the department's liaison with the Department of Military and Veteran Affairs, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. There are no Alaska State Trooper posts along almost 400 miles of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline (from Prudhoe Bay to Fairbanks). There is a one-trooper Alaska Wildlife Trooper post in Coldfoot.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2011

Significant resources are being focused on investigation of major criminal activity, investigation of illegal drug and alcohol activity, and better addressing the needs of rural communities and their surrounding areas throughout Alaska.

Alaska Wildlife Troopers:

The Division of Alaska Wildlife Troopers will be targeting an increase in the number of overnight medium size vessel patrols. This will allow troopers to travel further away from their homeports and contact resource users in more remote locations, as well as conduct additional village visits. The division is targeting a ten percent increase in these patrols.

The division has several troopers with little or no experience in wildlife enforcement. AWT will continue to provide additional training of its state troopers; the division will also train other agencies staff as requested. The division intends to support a one-week training course in the area of resource law enforcement and make this training available to any law enforcement agency operating in the state.

AWT troopers will be participating in at least two large-scale enforcement programs throughout the state during FY2011. The division's enforcement efforts benefit by pooling resources from around the state into specific regions to enhance patrol efforts and gain better compliance. This not only allows the division to contact more resource users in the targeted area, leading to the detection of most violations; it also provides the ability to pair junior troopers with those with more field experience.

Alaska State Troopers:

During FY2011, AST anticipates largely similar service delivery as compared to FY2010. AST is continuing to aggressively pursue technologies that will enable it to conduct its duties more efficiently. The division is also expanding a program that will increase the number of mobile data computers (MDCs) in patrol vehicles. This effort, coupled with implementation of an electronic records management system (ERMS) acquired in FY2010, will facilitate the rapid transmittal of police reports, traffic citations, and similar documents to district attorneys, the court system, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, and the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV). Ultimately, these combined programs will reduce the amount of "double entry" currently taking place as troopers, AST clerical personnel, the courts, district attorneys' offices, and DMV each key the records into their own systems. These upgrades will take substantial staff time to develop policies and rules of use. They will also require extensive training efforts during the implementation stages.

Major RDU Accomplishments in 2009

Public Safety Services – In FY2009, the Alaska State Troopers (AST) and Alaska Wildlife Troopers (AWT) accomplished the following:

- Handled more than 124,049 offenses in AST jurisdiction;

- Responded to more than 4,410 motor vehicle collisions;
- Performed over 64,731 transports of prisoners;
- Responded to 770 search and rescue efforts;
- Investigated over 4,759 drug and alcohol importation related crimes;
- Solved 100 percent of the homicides that occurred within AST jurisdiction;
- Served or closed over 8,186 warrants; and
- Served or closed over 13,796 writs.
- Performed 1,581 hours on boating safety enforcement, contacting nearly 9,161 boaters, and issuing 415 warnings and 169 citations.

Major Investigative Cases – AST investigated 10 murders that occurred within AST jurisdiction during FY2009, solving 10 for a 100 percent clearance rate. In addition, the unit added 3,000 missing person notices to the statutorily required Missing Persons Clearinghouse used to assist law enforcement when unidentified human remains are found.

Illegal Drug and Alcohol Enforcement – The Illegal Drug and Alcohol Enforcement federal grant positions greatly enhanced the readiness of the department's overall methamphetamine eradication efforts. In addition, overtime funds in the grant allowed investigators to actively pursue leads related to drug and illegal alcohol activities, which has helped to increase investigative seizures. Troopers continue to take the lead role in the coordinated effort to investigate and enforce laws concerning drug and alcohol crimes. Interdiction efforts to stem the flow of alcohol to western Alaska have met with continued success. The Alaska Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Enforcement (ABADE), with the U.S. Postal Service (USPS), continued to see success with the USPS cross-deputize program of ABADE investigators as postal inspectors started in FY2007. In FY2009, ABADE had an investigator assigned with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF) to assist with the "Project Safe Neighborhoods" federal initiative. This position is responsible for reviewing municipal and state trooper cases involving federal firearm violations to increase the number of quality cases submitted to the U.S. Attorney's Office for prosecution. In FY2009, due to some turnover in the ATF office, only 15 cases were referred to the U.S. Attorney's Office. Of those cases, the ones prosecuted all resulted in convictions with sentences averaging 110 months of federal prison time.

The Bristol Bay commercial salmon fishery, the largest commercial salmon fishery in the world, had at its peak, 1,278 registered commercial fishing boats and over 900 registered commercial set net sites operating in various fishing districts within Bristol Bay. Eighteen troopers and 20 civilian personnel participated during enforcement activities from June 15 through July 15, 2009 in various areas surrounding Bristol Bay. The *P/V Stimson* and *P/V Woldstad* participated, supporting four patrol skiffs, as well as serving as a base of operations for enforcement and search and rescue operations throughout Bristol Bay. Four fixed wing aircraft and one helicopter were used to provide air support for enforcement and search and rescue operations. Additionally, AWT conducted joint operations with the United States Coast Guard (USCG) in support of fishing vessel boating safety enforcement with AWT, providing at sea logistics support to USCG boarding teams. The following summary enforcement actions occurred during the program:

- Commercial Fish — 94 percent compliance: 2,903 contacts, 157 criminal citations, and 232 warnings.
- Sport Fish — 97 percent compliance: 1,781 contacts, 52 citations, and 77 warnings.
- Boating Safety — 98 percent compliance: 1,296 contacts, 18 citations, and 101 warnings.

Domestic Violence Investigation Training – With the use of grant funds from the Office on Violence against Women (OVW), AST has provided domestic violence and sex crimes investigation training to troopers, municipal law enforcement officers, Village Public Safety Officers (VPSO) and Village Police Officers (VPO), as well as medical providers, victim advocates, and prosecutors. This training consists of in-service training, academy level training, and advanced or specialized training. AST continues their commitment to bringing training and equipment to rural Alaska, municipal police departments, and to the division's detachments. AST purchased equipment for C Detachment troopers to enhance crime scene documentation. In addition, AST in coordination with the crime lab, provided training on the equipment purchased and crime scene processing and documentation. AST also purchased equipment for the Alaska Bureau of Investigation (ABI) as well as municipal police departments. AST worked collaboratively with the Department of Law and Crime Lab to develop a new sexual assault evidence collection kit including a revised forensic medical history form. The new kits will be made available, at no cost, to all law enforcement agencies across the state.

Rural Enforcement – State troopers provided the following contacts and support for rural enforcement officers: 3,339 Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO) visits statewide, which is an increase of 1,000 visits from last fiscal year

State Trooper / Aircraft Pilot Training Program – This program continues to be an unqualified success. Funding was first appropriated in FY2006 to expand the Department of Public Safety's aircraft operator training program to aid in

recruitment and retention efforts. The original concept was to fill the department's critical need for trooper pilots to provide the most efficient and effective response to criminal activity and search and rescue in Alaska's rural areas. The primary focus continues to be on selecting seasoned troopers who have no flight experience for attendance at ground school and flight training and to ultimately qualify as state pilots. This program also targets troopers that may have some flight skills and experience, but need additional training and flight time to become proficient in flying state aircraft.

Recruitment – Migration to Workplace Alaska was completed and has helped streamline the recruitment process. Unsuitable applicants are screened out of the process, reducing the hours spent by the staff determining eligibility. Workplace Alaska provides an integrated reporting system that helps the staff determine where applicants learn about the postings, where they fall out of the process, and Workplace Alaska itself has served as an additional recruitment tool. The recruitment unit has effectively spent funds for advertising, and the unit's "hands on recruitment approach" with potential applicants resulted in 44 recruits reporting to the Academy in Sitka in FY2009. The recruitment unit has been extremely active with job fairs, advertising, follow-up with potential applicants, and keeping the recruitment website current and active. During FY2009 and continuing in FY2010, AST will implement some recruitment initiatives that will engage all levels of commissioned troopers to be actively involved in one-on-one recruitment efforts. This will include giving recruitment presentations to an expanded number of audiences, including increased recruitment with the military, rural Alaska, and colleges and universities.

Special Events – During the past year, all detachments have conducted special patrol activities. Those activities include: construction zone patrols for the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities; Knik River Public Use Area patrol for the Department of Natural Resources; Big Lake boat patrols with the U.S. Coast Guard; an extensive seatbelt enforcement program; increased patrols for the Talkeetna and Anderson Bluegrass Festivals, the Arctic Man snow machine races near Paxson, Seward's Mt. Marathon foot race, Girdwood's Forest Fair, and the Alaska State Fair; high school graduation parties in the major cities; traffic enforcement while fire fighters worked on the forest fires along the Alaska Highway; and a multi-agency spring bear hunting enforcement program throughout southeast Alaska.

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**Alaska State Troopers
RDU Financial Summary by Component**

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2009 Actuals				FY2010 Management Plan				FY2011 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
Formula Expenditures												
None.												
Non-Formula Expenditures												
Special Projects	454.1	1,628.2	1,069.0	3,151.3	1,448.7	2,659.1	6,848.8	10,956.6	2,110.6	2,635.7	7,686.8	12,433.1
AK ST Troopers	271.6	0.0	0.0	271.6	348.7	0.0	0.0	348.7	365.4	0.0	0.0	365.4
Director's Office												
AK Bureau of Judicial Svcs	7,656.3	0.0	51.2	7,707.5	9,019.8	0.0	54.4	9,074.2	9,237.7	0.0	54.4	9,292.1
Prisoner Transportation	2,370.8	0.0	57.8	2,428.6	2,084.2	0.0	70.0	2,154.2	2,234.2	0.0	70.0	2,304.2
Search and Rescue	471.7	0.0	0.0	471.7	387.9	0.0	0.0	387.9	577.9	0.0	0.0	577.9
Rural Trooper Housing	1,597.8	0.0	834.0	2,431.8	1,736.6	0.0	943.5	2,680.1	1,736.6	0.0	943.5	2,680.1
Narcotics Task Force	1,847.2	987.6	0.0	2,834.8	2,057.8	8,868.4	0.0	10,926.2	2,321.2	8,431.7	0.0	10,752.9
AST	46,124.4	0.0	1,467.6	47,592.0	49,687.6	0.0	556.2	50,243.8	51,406.6	0.0	497.8	51,904.4
Detachments												
Alaska Bureau of Investigation	5,003.7	0.0	0.0	5,003.7	5,608.9	0.0	0.0	5,608.9	5,695.4	0.0	0.0	5,695.4
AK Bureau of Alcohol and Drug	3,052.9	0.0	0.0	3,052.9	3,042.6	0.0	0.0	3,042.6	3,263.5	0.0	0.0	3,263.5
Alaska Wildlife Troopers	16,591.9	0.0	1,111.0	17,702.9	17,102.8	0.0	1,617.1	18,719.9	17,535.4	0.0	1,406.3	18,941.7
AK W-life Troopers Aircraft Sect	4,156.5	0.0	815.3	4,971.8	4,673.0	0.0	827.6	5,500.6	4,293.8	0.0	1,020.0	5,313.8
AK W-life Troopers Marine Enforc	3,047.2	0.0	55.5	3,102.7	2,928.2	0.0	41.5	2,969.7	2,889.3	0.0	41.5	2,930.8
AK W-life	334.9	0.0	0.0	334.9	370.1	0.0	0.0	370.1	368.2	0.0	0.0	368.2

**Alaska State Troopers
RDU Financial Summary by Component**

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2009 Actuals				FY2010 Management Plan				FY2011 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
Troopers Director's Of AK Wildlife Troopers Investigati	868.7	0.0	0.0	868.7	1,038.2	0.0	0.0	1,038.2	1,075.5	0.0	0.0	1,075.5
Totals	93,849.7	2,615.8	5,461.4	101,926.9	101,535.1	11,527.5	10,959.1	124,021.7	105,111.3	11,067.4	11,720.3	127,899.0

Alaska State Troopers
Summary of RDU Budget Changes by Component
From FY2010 Management Plan to FY2011 Governor

All dollars shown in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2010 Management Plan	101,535.1	11,527.5	10,959.1	124,021.7
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-Special Projects	661.9	-23.4	-443.8	194.7
-AK ST Troopers Director's Office	16.7	0.0	0.0	16.7
-AK Bureau of Judicial Svcs	217.9	0.0	0.0	217.9
-Prisoner Transportation	150.0	0.0	0.0	150.0
-Search and Rescue	190.0	0.0	0.0	190.0
-Narcotics Task Force	263.4	-5,807.7	0.0	-5,544.3
-AST Detachments	994.0	0.0	-57.2	936.8
-Alaska Bureau of Investigation	86.5	0.0	0.0	86.5
-AK Bureau of Alcohol and Drug	220.9	0.0	0.0	220.9
-Alaska Wildlife Troopers	432.6	0.0	-210.8	221.8
-AK W-life Troopers Aircraft Sect	-379.2	0.0	192.4	-186.8
-AK W-life Troopers Marine Enforc	-38.9	0.0	0.0	-38.9
-AK W-life Troopers Director's Of	-1.9	0.0	0.0	-1.9
-AK Wildlife Troopers Investigati	37.3	0.0	0.0	37.3
Proposed budget decreases:				
-AST Detachments	0.0	0.0	-1.2	-1.2
Proposed budget increases:				
-Special Projects	0.0	0.0	1,281.8	1,281.8
-Narcotics Task Force	0.0	5,371.0	0.0	5,371.0
-AST Detachments	725.0	0.0	0.0	725.0
FY2011 Governor	105,111.3	11,067.4	11,720.3	127,899.0