

State of Alaska FY2002 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Public Safety
Statewide Support
Budget Request Unit

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BRU Mission

To provide the Department of Public Safety with executive management and administrative support; to provide Alaska's criminal justice system with specialized law enforcement support such as training, information systems, person identification; and to administer the state's funds awarded to the Civil Air Patrol.

BRU Services Provided

The Commissioner's Office contains the budget for the Department's principal executive officer. Key staff support includes legislative liaison, regulations, labor relations, policy deliberation and coordination of responses to administration, legislative and public information requests.

The Public Safety Training Academy in Sitka, in cooperation with the University of Alaska Southeast, provides basic police training via Alaska Law Enforcement Training (ALET) classes. These 14 week ALET classes include three types of students: those hired as State Trooper Recruits, those hired as municipal police officers, and students who pay their own way in hopes of obtaining employment in some aspect of public safety upon graduation. The Academy also provides specialized training for Village Public Safety Officers who are employees of regional native non-profit corporations throughout rural Alaska.

Administrative Services provides centralized staff support to all Department programs and coordinates with all central state agencies. Services include the various processing requirements and projects related to accounting, budget, payroll, personnel, and supply responsibilities.

The Alaska Wing, Civil Air Patrol (CAP) is part of a national, non-profit organization dedicated to providing emergency services, cadet programs, and aerospace education. State funds are used to maintain 39 corporate aircraft and 12 hangars throughout Alaska. The federal government reimburses the cost of operating expenses for CAP corporate aircraft and private aircraft flown on Search and Rescue (SAR) missions. The CAP participates in most SAR cases in Alaska.

Laboratory Services became a separate BRU effective FY2001.

The Alaska Public Safety Information Network (APSIN) provides the core information system used by all law enforcement agencies in the criminal justice system and authorized non-criminal justice agencies that require access to criminal history record information to protect children or protected classes of adults. APSIN is maintained 24 hours a day, seven days a week, so it can provide police officers information about wanted or missing persons, stolen property, vehicles, driver licenses, etc.

The Alaska Criminal Records and Identification component is the central repository of criminal history records for Alaska. This record-keeping responsibility is automated on APSIN which is used by all police, prosecutors, courts, and corrections officials in Alaska. Fingerprints provide positive proof of identity and are typically captured on fingerprint cards made at the time of arrest or conviction. These fingerprint images are stored in an automated system which can electronically search for matches to identify latent fingerprints found at a crime scene or from an unidentified body. Photographs are also maintained to help police identify and search for suspected criminals.

BRU Goals and Strategies

The goals of this Budget Request Unit (BRU) consist of individual budget component's goals that support the Department's main missions and provide statewide support for all criminal justice agencies in Alaska. Strategies are outlined in each component's respective detail. The Commissioner's Office is involved in executive management. The Public Safety Training Academy in Sitka provides basic, specialized, and in-service courses for federal, state, and

local public safety staff. Administrative Services provides centralized administrative support. The Civil Air Patrol (CAP) uses its corporate and members' private aircraft for Search and Rescue missions. The Alaska Public Safety Information Network (APSIN) component provides automated support to all law enforcement agencies that use the criminal justice information system maintained by DPS. The Records and Identification Bureau manages the state's central repository of criminal history records, provides positive identification via Automated Fingerprint System technology, and provides photos for use by police to identify suspects.

Key BRU Issues for FY2001 – 2002

As retirement age approaches for many law enforcement officers, along with many police agencies, the Department of Public Safety is faced with both recruitment and training challenges.

Statewide administrative support is at minimum funding levels to provide the required service.

While the Department provides maximum flexibility to the Civil Air Patrol in its use of the state funds provided, the level of financial support has been relatively flat for several years.

Automated support must be maintained and new requirements supported by commensurate funding or else major elements of the criminal justice system won't have the timely access to the data or information needed to perform their respective roles as required by law.

As more non-criminal justice agencies are seeking criminal history record information, it is becoming even more important to ensure that the state repository of criminal records is as complete as possible including the fingerprints of those convicted by Alaska's unified Court System. This increasing workload must be kept current so that police agencies have up-to-date information.

Major BRU Accomplishments for FY2000

Please refer to each of the six components for their varied FY00 accomplishments.

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BRU Financial Summary by Component

All dollars in thousands

	FY2000 Actuals				FY2001 Authorized				FY2002 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												
Commissioner's Office	627.1	0.0	0.0	627.1	643.4	0.0	0.0	643.4	645.2	0.0	0.0	645.2
Training Academy	921.2	0.0	536.2	1,457.4	848.9	0.0	613.4	1,462.3	850.4	0.0	613.2	1,463.6
Administrative Services	1,710.8	0.0	84.0	1,794.8	1,755.8	0.0	103.2	1,859.0	1,750.1	0.0	102.4	1,852.5
Civil Air Patrol	503.1	0.0	0.0	503.1	503.1	0.0	0.0	503.1	503.1	0.0	0.0	503.1
Laboratory Services	1,908.6	0.0	172.9	2,081.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
APSIN	960.6	19.9	802.8	1,783.3	993.2	133.1	826.9	1,953.2	991.8	131.7	922.2	2,045.7
Alaska Criminal Records and ID	1,476.5	164.4	250.0	1,890.9	996.5	997.9	1,067.2	3,061.6	982.8	997.2	1,115.5	3,095.5
Totals	8,107.9	184.3	1,845.9	10,138.1	5,740.9	1,131.0	2,610.7	9,482.6	5,723.4	1,128.9	2,753.3	9,605.6

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Proposed Changes in Levels of Service for FY2002

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Summary of BRU Budget Changes by Component

From FY2001 Authorized to FY2002 Governor

All dollars in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2001 Authorized	5,740.9	1,131.0	2,610.7	9,482.6
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-Commissioner's Office	1.8	0.0	0.0	1.8
-Training Academy	-1.1	0.0	-0.2	-1.3
-Administrative Services	-6.3	0.0	-0.8	-7.1
-APSIN	-1.4	-1.4	-4.7	-7.5
-Alaska Criminal Records and ID	-13.7	-0.7	8.3	-6.1
Proposed budget increases:				
-Training Academy	2.6	0.0	0.0	2.6
-Administrative Services	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.6
-APSIN	0.0	0.0	100.0	100.0
-Alaska Criminal Records and ID	0.0	0.0	40.0	40.0
FY2002 Governor	5,723.4	1,128.9	2,753.3	9,605.6