

State of Alaska FY2005 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Public Safety Prisoner Transportation Component Budget Summary

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Component: Prisoner Transportation

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

The prisoner transportation component makes available a central funding source for moving state-charged prisoners. Those prisoners include pre-arraignment and post-arraignment escort, as well as transfer of convicted prisoners between in-state facilities and out-of-state prisons. The Alaska Court System (ACS), the Department of Corrections (DOC), and the Department of Law (DOL) require the transports. Public Safety provides these services through the coordination of the travel of state and municipal police officers and court services officers, and through an RSA with DOC. DOC conducts moves only when it is cost-effective to use its own personnel and only for transfers between institutions.

FY2005 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

FY2005 Component Budget: \$1,701,700	Personnel:	
	Full time	0
	Part time	0
	Total	0

Key Component Challenges

A new courthouse opened in Fairbanks in July 2001. As expected, the number of prisoners transported in the Fairbanks area increased 17.5 percent from 5,886 in FY2001 to 6,918 in FY2002.

In April, 2002, a new jail opened in Anchorage that added 300 beds above what was available at the Sixth Avenue Correctional Center. The new jail increased the prisoner transports in Anchorage and around the state as these beds are used to ease overcrowding at other locations. The number of prisoners transported by the Anchorage Judicial Services' unit increased from 18,552 in FY2001, 21,070 in FY2002, and 24,603 in FY2003. Additionally, the court system now requires a court services officer to be in the courtroom at the new Anchorage jail for security. This unexpected requirement means two officers, not one, are otherwise not available to the Anchorage Judicial Services' prisoner transport unit.

Prisoner transportation costs continue to increase with the rise in air and ground transportation costs. New airport security measures are increasing the time spent transporting prisoners outside the local area, and thus, increasing the expenses of those transports. The increases in transportation costs are compounded by the increase in the number of prisoners. The department has put in practice all possible cost saving procedures, but most of these costs are out of the department's control.

Additionally the added expense in flying prisoners between Kotzebue and Nome on a daily basis has dramatically increased the costs and number of those transports. The approximately 400 extra prisoners that have to be moved to Arizona will increase that number of trips to the prison located there, which will involve our aircraft and personnel. Through the first four months of F2004, about 18,870 prisoner transports have been performed statewide. If this trend continues, roughly 56,610 prisoner transports will occur in FY2004, an increase of 6 percent over FY2003 and a 73 percent over FY1996 without a corresponding increase in the number of Court Services Officers statewide during the same time period.

The decision to transport prisoners is made by the court system and the Department of Corrections (DOC). Public

Safety can attempt to manage, but cannot control costs. DOC is under court-ordered mandate to limit the number of inmates at all institutions, which sometimes requires Public Safety to help balance the inmate population among different institutions.

To help alleviate the situation, in FY2004 the department will identify positions that can be reclassified to create five new court security officer positions. Existing funds will be reallocated to support these new positions. Although this will be a significant step forward, additional funding for more court security officers will likely be needed in the future.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2005

No significant change in current level of services is anticipated.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2003

The Alaska State Troopers moved 53,723 prisoners with zero escapes; 95 percent of the moves made were within the time frame needed. The number of prisoners moved has increased 8.1 percent over FY2002, 13.1 percent over FY2001, and 25.9 percent over FY2000.

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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**Prisoner Transportation
Component Financial Summary**

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2003 Actuals	FY2004 Authorized	FY2005 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
72000 Travel	1,709.6	1,445.8	1,445.8
73000 Contractual	178.1	245.9	245.9
74000 Supplies	10.1	10.0	10.0
75000 Equipment	0.0	0.0	0.0
76000 Land/Buildings	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Claims	0.0	0.0	0.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	1,897.8	1,701.7	1,701.7
Funding Sources:			
1004 General Fund Receipts	1,859.9	1,656.7	1,656.7
1007 Inter-Agency Receipts	37.9	45.0	45.0
Funding Totals	1,897.8	1,701.7	1,701.7

Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2003 Actuals	FY2004 Authorized	FY2005 Governor
<u>Unrestricted Revenues</u>				
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0
Unrestricted Total		0.0	0.0	0.0
<u>Restricted Revenues</u>				
Interagency Receipts	51015	37.9	45.0	45.0
Restricted Total		37.9	45.0	45.0
Total Estimated Revenues		37.9	45.0	45.0

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
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>
FY2004 Authorized	1,656.7	0.0	45.0	1,701.7
FY2005 Governor	1,656.7	0.0	45.0	1,701.7