

State of Alaska FY2006 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Public Safety Prisoner Transportation Component Budget Summary

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 is the 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. DOC conducts moves only when it is cost-effective to use its own personnel and only for transfers between institutions.

FY2006 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

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| FY2006 Component Budget: \$1,701,700 | Personnel: | |
| | Full time | 0 |
| | Part time | 0 |
| | Total | 0 |

Key Component Challenges

Though the new courthouse in Fairbanks has been opened now for three years, the number of transports continues to rise. In FY2004, 6,998 prisoners were transported in Fairbanks. In the first quarter of FY2005, 1,886 prisoners were moved – an increase of 7.5 percent. The department has added an additional CSO to the Fairbanks unit using existing funds, and the Governor's FY06 budget adds another CSO in Fairbanks.

In April 2002, a new jail opened in Anchorage adding 300 prisoner beds. The new jail increased the number of prisoner transports not only in Anchorage, but also around the state as these beds are used to ease overcrowding at other correctional institutions. This has resulted in an increased number of prisoners transported by the Anchorage Judicial Services unit (JS). There was an increase in FY2004 to 24,776, with the trend during the first quarter of FY2005 indicating that the number will increase to a high of 27,888. Additionally, Anchorage JS is still providing a second court services officer, for security purposes, in the courtroom located within the new Anchorage Jail. This continuing requirement means two officers are tied up with that function nearly the entire day, further stretching available resources.

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 numerous cost saving procedures, but most of these costs are out of the department's control. The decision to transport prisoners is made by the court system and DOC. DOC is under mandate by the courts to limit the number of inmates at all institutions, which sometimes requires Public Safety's help to balance the inmate population among different institutions.

A significant increase in the number of prisoner transports between Kotzebue and Nome resulted from the City of Kotzebue's closure of their DOC contract holding facility. The added expense to fly prisoners between Kotzebue and Nome on a daily basis in order to properly fill statutory responsibilities has dramatically strained the department's resources, not only because of the increased transportation costs, but also due to the increased personnel resources dedicated to performing the transports.

In the first three months of F2005, 15,480 prisoner transports have been performed statewide. If this trend continues, roughly 61,920 prisoner transports will occur in FY2005, an increase of 11 percent over FY2004. Though we have added six new CSO positions statewide to date using existing resources, with plan to add two more, only two are currently filled and have completed training. The process of filling normal vacancies and completing the extensive recruitment/background process has delayed some of the progress that was anticipated to occur. Nonetheless, this was a significant step forward. This need is compounded by increases in judicial officers, specialty courts, and rural jails that have limited holding capacities.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2006

No changes in results delivered.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2004

The Alaska State Troopers moved 55,839 prisoners with zero escapes; 95 percent of the moves made were within the time frame needed. The number of prisoners moved has increased 4 percent over FY2003, 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)
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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**Prisoner Transportation
Component Financial Summary**

All dollars shown in thousands

| | FY2004 Actuals | FY2005 Management Plan | FY2006 Governor |
|--------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Non-Formula Program: | | | |
| Component Expenditures: | | | |
| 71000 Personal Services | 114.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 72000 Travel | 1,637.2 | 1,445.8 | 1,445.8 |
| 73000 Services | 233.5 | 245.9 | 245.9 |
| 74000 Commodities | 22.5 | 10.0 | 10.0 |
| 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 |
| Expenditure Totals | 2,007.4 | 1,701.7 | 1,701.7 |
| Funding Sources: | | | |
| 1004 General Fund Receipts | 1,665.0 | 1,656.7 | 1,656.7 |
| 1007 Inter-Agency Receipts | 342.4 | 45.0 | 45.0 |
| Funding Totals | 2,007.4 | 1,701.7 | 1,701.7 |

Estimated Revenue Collections

| Description | Master Revenue Account | FY2004 Actuals | FY2005 Managemen t Plan | FY2006 Governor |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Unrestricted Revenues | | | | |
| None. | | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Unrestricted Total | | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Restricted Revenues | | | | |
| Interagency Receipts | 51015 | 342.4 | 45.0 | 45.0 |
| Restricted Total | | 342.4 | 45.0 | 45.0 |
| Total Estimated Revenues | | 342.4 | 45.0 | 45.0 |

**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 | 1,656.7 | 0.0 | 45.0 | 1,701.7 |
| FY2006 Governor | 1,656.7 | 0.0 | 45.0 | 1,701.7 |