

**State of Alaska
FY2009 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

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.

FY2009 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

FY2009 Component Budget: \$1,081,200	Personnel:	
	Full time	8
	Part time	0
	Total	8

Key Component Challenges

The Wildlife Investigations Unit 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 FY2009

In FY2008, the Division of Alaska Wildlife Troopers received funding for five additional troopers. The division allocated one of these positions to the Wildlife Investigations Unit, and is requesting one more in FY2009 with the goal of increasing the unit from its current four investigators to five investigators plus a unit supervisor.

The Alaska Wildlife Troopers received additional funding from the National Marine Fisheries Service for Joint Enforcement Agreement work. AWT used a portion of these funds to purchase a motor home for covert surveillance work. The grant monies also allowed the purchase of additional photographic, video, and optical equipment. This motor home will also provide an operations center for fishery and hunting patrols at locations that are accessible by road.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2007

The WIU conducted an undercover operation in southeast Alaska that resulted in arrests for illegal guiding and multiple hunting violations. The WIU also assisted AWT state troopers in Anchorage with a sheep poaching case building a viable case against the defendants. WIU personnel responded to St. Mary's to assist AWT in monitoring a winter hunt program. WIU served and assisted in serving 14 search warrants in Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Maine, Idaho, and Hawaii. In addition, the WIU conducted multiple sport fishing guide and commercial fishing investigations and provided expertise and assistance to AWT programs. WIU conducted a total of six undercover operations in 2007. WIU has recommended a total of 162 charges to be filed on 12 defendants for FY2007.

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

	FY2007 Actuals	FY2008 Management Plan	FY2009 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	0.0	613.5	807.9
72000 Travel	0.0	25.0	36.3
73000 Services	0.0	111.1	159.7
74000 Commodities	0.0	4.2	10.7
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	66.6
77000 Grants, Benefits	0.0	0.0	0.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	0.0	753.8	1,081.2
Funding Sources:			
1004 General Fund Receipts	0.0	753.8	1,081.2
Funding Totals	0.0	753.8	1,081.2

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2008 Management Plan to FY2009 Governor**

All dollars shown in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2008 Management Plan	753.8	0.0	0.0	753.8
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-ETS Chargeback Redistribution	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.6
-Transfer State Trooper PCN 12-1962 from AWT	106.7	0.0	0.0	106.7
-FY 09 Bargaining Unit Contract Terms: General Government Unit	3.3	0.0	0.0	3.3
Proposed budget increases:				
-Continued Enhancement of Wildlife Troopers - Investigation Unit	216.8	0.0	0.0	216.8
FY2009 Governor	1,081.2	0.0	0.0	1,081.2

**Alaska Wildlife Troopers Investigations
Personal Services Information**

Authorized Positions		Personal Services Costs		
<u>FY2008</u>				
	<u>Management</u>	<u>FY2009</u>		
	<u>Plan</u>	<u>Governor</u>		
Full-time	6	8	Annual Salaries	463,588
Part-time	0	0	COLA	2,882
Nonpermanent	0	0	Premium Pay	62,040
			Annual Benefits	279,405
			<i>Less 0.00% Vacancy Factor</i>	(0)
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
Totals	6	8	Total Personal Services	807,915

Position Classification Summary

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