

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
FY19 - Increment Status Updates**

Governor's Budget Items Approved with Modifications

Item #	Approp/Allocation	Description	Amount/Fund Source Requested	Amount Approved	Comment	GF Dec?	LFD Question	Agency Comments
5	Alaska State Troopers/ Alaska Bureau of Investigation	Add Criminal Investigators in Bethel and Anchorage for Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (DVSA) Related Investigations	Total: \$570.6 UGF \$501.0 Inc \$69.6 IncOTI 2 Temp Positions	Total: \$445.3 UGF \$375.7 Inc \$69.6 IncOTI 2 Temp Positions	Two new State Trooper/Investigator non-permanent positions will provide assistance to the Department of Law on DVSA investigations and enforcement. The positions will be embedded in the Department of Law and will focus on providing follow-up investigative activities specific to domestic violence, sexual assault, and sexual abuse of minor cases. Legislative Fiscal Analyst Comment: To account for recruitment time, the legislature removed \$125.3 (25%) of the Governor's \$501.0 increment request.	Yes: Need more info from dept.	Have the positions been hired? If so, when?	Recruitment is in progress for these positions. The Bethel position has been filled and recruitment is in progress for the other position.
6	Alaska State Troopers/ Alaska State Trooper Detachments	Improve Law Enforcement Access to Rural Communities	\$2,000.0 UGF	\$500.0 UGF	As part of the Public Safety Action Plan (PSAP) DPS requested \$2 million of UGF in the travel line to improve response times to emergency calls and to increase proactive policing activities. According to DPS, proactive policing deters criminal activity by increasing police presence in communities and engaging with the public. For the troopers, proactive policing in rural Alaska requires traveling to villages within the region to attend community/village council meetings or events, meet with village/tribal leaders, conduct presentations at the local schools, and other "non-enforcement" type activities that serve to bolster the public's trust and relationship with the troopers. Legislative Fiscal Analyst Comment: The \$500.0 increment increases the travel line by 2.9% (\$53.4) above FY17 actual expenditures and by 36% above the FY18 Management Plan. In addition to this increment, the legislature added \$500.0 for Village Public Safety Officer Program travel (see item 13).	Potential negative supplemental: \$500.0	Has the \$500.0 increment been used for travel to rural communities? Do you have an apples-to-apples comparison of FY18 and FY19 travel to rural communities?	This increment has not been specifically linked to rural travel. Estimated travel to rural communities is \$716.2 for FY2018, and \$580.8 for FY2019 to date. The department is working on developing a comparative report.

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7	Alaska State Troopers/ Alaska Wildlife Troopers Aircraft Section	Add Two Aircraft Pilot II Positions to Support Law Enforcement Service in Rural Alaska	\$335.0 UGF 2 PFT Positions	\$167.5 UGF 1 PFT Position	<p>The Alaska Wildlife Troopers (AWT) Aircraft Section operates one King Air 350 airplane and two Airbus Astar helicopters. The King Air 350 is used to transport personnel and/or prisoners and the Astar helicopters are the primary search and rescue helicopters in southcentral Alaska and Fairbanks.</p> <p>Currently, four AWT Aircraft Section staff are capable of operating these aircraft. Due to regularly scheduled days off, annual leave and pilot rest requirements, requests for services from the Aircraft Section are frequently denied. According to the department, the Governor's request for two additional Aircraft Pilot II positions would have allowed the department to staff both the helicopter and fixed wing aircraft nearly seven days per week and provide a broader level of service to rural Alaska.</p> <p>The legislature approved funding for one of the two positions requested.</p>	Potential negative supplemental: \$27.9	Has this position been filled? If so, when?	This position was filled in September 2018.
9	Statewide Support/ Criminal Justice Information Systems Program	Add One Criminal Justice Specialist and Five Criminal Justice Technician II Positions for Records/Classification Unit	\$595.0 UGF 6 PFT Positions	Total: \$595.0 UGF \$198.3 UGF Base Budget Increment 2 PFT Positions \$396.7 UGF IncT (FY19-FY21) 4 PFT Positions	<p>The department states that the new unit will review law enforcement case reports in the Alaska Records Management System (ARMS) for completeness, and work to ensure that data can be used for enhanced crime statistical reporting by all ARMS users. The data will be reported in the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) format which will allow for more timely and robust crime statistical information for better agency-to-agency and state-to-state crime statistics reporting.</p> <p>The legislature's revision allows for a review in FY22 to determine if the funding level and/or number of positions should be revised.</p>	Potential negative supplemental: \$239.7	Have these positions been filled? If so, when?	Two positions were filled in November 2018 and three were filled in December 2018. The remaining position will be filled in early 2019.

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Legislative Additions and Deletions

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12	Alaska State Troopers/ Prisoner Transportation	Decrement Funding to Reflect Downward Trend in Actual Expenditures Between FY13 and FY17	(\$400.0) UGF	Between FY13 and FY17, actual expenditures for AST prisoner transportation decreased by 41 percent, from \$3.1 million to \$1.8 million. This decrement more closely aligns the budget to anticipated expenditures.	No	Is the funding appropriated sufficient for Prisoner Transportation in FY19?	We anticipate that the amount appropriated will be sufficient for prisoner transportation in FY2019.
13	Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO) Program/ VPSO Program	Improve Law Enforcement Access to Rural Communities by Increasing Funding for VPSO and Alaska State Trooper Travel	\$500.0 UGF	As part of the Public Safety Action Plan (PSAP) DPS requested \$2 million of UGF in the travel line in AST Detachments to improve response times to emergency calls and to increase proactive policing activities. The legislature approved \$500.0 (of the \$2 million request) in AST Detachments (see item 6) and added \$500.0 to the VPSO Program to increase law enforcement access to rural communities.	Unclear	Has the funding been used to improve law enforcement access to rural communities?	Oversight trooper visits are anticipated for 180 villages across the state in support of VPSOs and to provide community oriented police service.