

Department of Public Safety

Department Overview



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Department of Public Safety

“The mission of DPS is to ensure public safety and enforce fish and wildlife laws”

DIVISIONS

- Administrative Services
- Statewide Services
- Fire & Life Safety
- Alaska State Troopers (AST)
- Alaska Wildlife Troopers (AWT)

BOARDS & COUNCILS

- Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (ABC)
- Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (CDVSA)
- Alaska Police Standards Council (APSC)
- Alaska Fire Standards Council (AFSC)



Alaska State Troopers

“preserve public peace, protect life, property, and resources”

Detachments

Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Enforcement

Bureau of Investigations

Bureau of Judicial Services

Bureau of Highway Patrol

Village Public Safety Officer Program

DPS Training Academy

- 124,049 calls for service
- About 10% result in criminal cases
- 10 Homicides in 2009, 100% solved
- 78 open cold cases, 30 cases have been solved 11 have resulted in arrests for 1st degree murder, 14 are actively being worked
- Killers of Toni Lister (1982) and Bonnie Craig (1994) are going to trial.
- Killer of Scott Coville (1988) indicted and extradited last month.
- Marijuana grow operations and meth labs continue to decline, but Heroin, and meth importation cases are filling the void.
- Alcohol importation arrests decreased by over 26%. 218 arrests made
- 377 Sexual Assaults and 321 Sexual Abuse of Minor cases
- 64,731 Prisoner transports, 8,186 Arrest Warrants served or closed, 13,796 Writs served or closed
- 770 SARs, 317 Saves
- 63 highway fatalities, 16 alcohol related
- 13 of 15 new federally funded PCN's vacant
- 11 Applicants just received hiring notices to begin the Academy 2/22/10



VPSO Program

“preserve public peace and protect life and property in rural villages”

VPSO Contracts

- Aleutian Pribilof Island Association
- Bristol Bay Native Association
- Chugachmiut
- Tlingit-Haida Central Council
- Kawerak
- Tanana Chiefs Council
- Association of Village Council Presidents
- Kodiak Area Native Association
- Manilaq
- Copper River Native Association

- As of January 1st ; 70 of 71 funded positions were filled.
- 13 VPSO's are currently at Academy
- VPSO Advisory Working Group
- Study; 40% reduction in the rate of serious injury from assault in communities with VPSO or VPO
- Prosecution for SA is 3.5 times higher in communities with VPSO or VPO
- Governors commitment to place VPSO's in communities. 15 Per Year
- Turnover rate is improving; FY07=29%, FY08=35%, FY09=14%
- VPSO recruitment video completed
- Rural Grants – equipment, supplies and training
- Trooper Support - Village visits 3659
- VPSO's investigated 3,937 incidents
- 200 DV and Assault arrests, 48 DUI arrests
- Probation and Parole
- 7 VPSO's attended DARE Sponsored Training



Alaska Wildlife Troopers

“enforce fish and game laws; preserve public peace; protect life, property, and resources”

Detachments

Wildlife Investigations Unit

Marine Enforcement

Aircraft Section

- 94,064 resource user contacts
- 5.2% violation to contact rate
- Boating Safety – 10,555 contacts
- Deaths; 2007=17 2008=14 2009=12
- 10 AWT Vacancies
- Cooperative USFWS, NMFS, JEA, Public Safety Techs
- Aircraft section participation in the Medallion Aviation Safety Program
- Lake Hood Hangar to be completed by June
- Challenge - Relative inexperience level and peak enforcement period coverage



Fire & Life Safety

“prevent the loss of life and property from fire and explosion”

Life Safety Inspections Bureau

Plan Review Bureau

Training & Education Bureau

Office of Rural Fire Protection

Joint Pipeline Office

- Fire Deaths: 24 in 2007, 19 in 2008, 22 in 2009.
- 1543 Inspections (68% increase over 2008) with compliance at 38%.
- 1249 Plan reviews (18% Increase over 2008)
- 11 deferred jurisdictions, audited every 2 years. Ketchikan will be added next month.
- Web based portal for plan review operational.
- Fire and Building Officials Forum - 2nd annual was held in April.
- Office of Oil & Gas Systems and Facilities



Statewide Services

“preserve public peace, protect life, property, and resources”

Criminal Records and Identification
Bureau

Automated Fingerprint Identification
System (AFIS)

Alaska Public Safety Information
Network (APSIN)

Permits and Licensing

-Security Guard Licensing

-Civilian Process Server

-Concealed Handgun Permits

Sex Offender Registration

Statewide Information Services

Network Support Group

- APSIN re-design in final development stage
- Records Management System
- Information Sharing through “Alaska Law Enforcement Information Sharing System” (ALEISS)
- Traffic and Criminal Software (TraCS)
- 1794 Registered Sex Offenders, 145 non-compliant
- 7674 Active Concealed Handgun Permits
- 80,597 Fingerprint cards – 33,291 are applicant cards.
- Fingerprint background backlog was 13,000 with 150 day turn time. This was eliminated and current turn time is 10 days.
- Challenge; Digital Network Storage and migration to new technologies



Office of the Commissioner

“provide support and policy direction to divisions and agencies within the department”

Office of Professional Standards

Alaska Police Standards Council

Alaska Fire Standards Council

Council on Domestic Violence and
Sexual Assault

Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

Crime Detection Laboratory

- Office of Professional Standards (OPS) is fully operational.
- Software tool now in place for managing citizen complaints and internal investigations. Also tracks uses of force, pursuits, and employee commendations.
- Web link in place for public reporting of employee conduct directly to OPS.
- Training & Certification is offered to 6100 career firefighters and volunteers
- CDVSA funding to 24 Victim Service Programs across Alaska; 8000 victims served
- Funded 81 DV/SA Training sessions for Law Enforcement, Advocates, Prosecutors, First Responders, Court Personnel
- Focusing on strategic planning to boost DV/SA prevention activities at local and state levels



Crime Detection Laboratory

“provide forensic services to the Alaskan community”

SECTIONS

Breath Alcohol

Blood Alcohol

Biological Screening

DNA

Controlled Substances

Fire Debris (Arson)

Firearm/Toolmarks

Latent Prints

Shoe/Tire Impressions

Evidence

- 4064 cases submitted -70% turned in 30 days or less.
- Cases over 120 days old, reduced by 50%
- Case backlog currently 520
- 50% reduction in biological screening backlog
- Designed a new sexual assault evidence collection kit
- 40% of suspect submissions are exonerated by DNA results
- DNA-CODIS samples backlog of 9000 eliminated. 15000 samples worked in FY2009
- ASCLAD Lab Legacy accreditation renewed. ISO9000 requires ASCLAD Lab International by next January.
- Challenge - Lab space. Built in 1988 to accommodate 23; currently have 40



More On The LAB

Emerging/Immediate Trends

Property Crimes

y-STR

Low Copy DNA

Mitochondrial DNA

Cold Cases

Post Conviction

- Backlog of property crime cases waiting DNA analysis remains unchanged
- Submissions for property crime DNA is down 75%
- Implemented laboratory information management system (LIMS)
- Cross training DNA Database Analysts to work DNA Casework
- Lab is currently developing the needed science to perform y-STR, Mitochondrial DNA and Low Copy DNA
- Existing lab facility incapable of supporting Mitochondrial and Low Copy DNA

QUESTIONS ?

