



Alaska State Troopers

# Village Public Safety Officer Program



## **House Finance Subcommittee**

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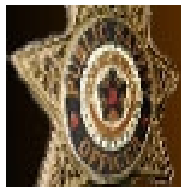
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## VPSO Program History-

- Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO) program developed in 1979 to provide public safety to rural communities
- The program has changed and evolved- more rapidly in the past two years





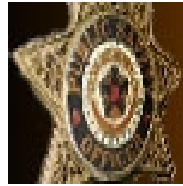
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## Vision Statement:

**Public Safety through Public Service.**





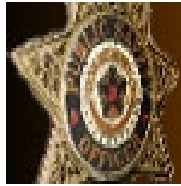
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## **Mission Statement:**

**VPSOs partnering with rural Alaskans to improve safety and quality of life.**





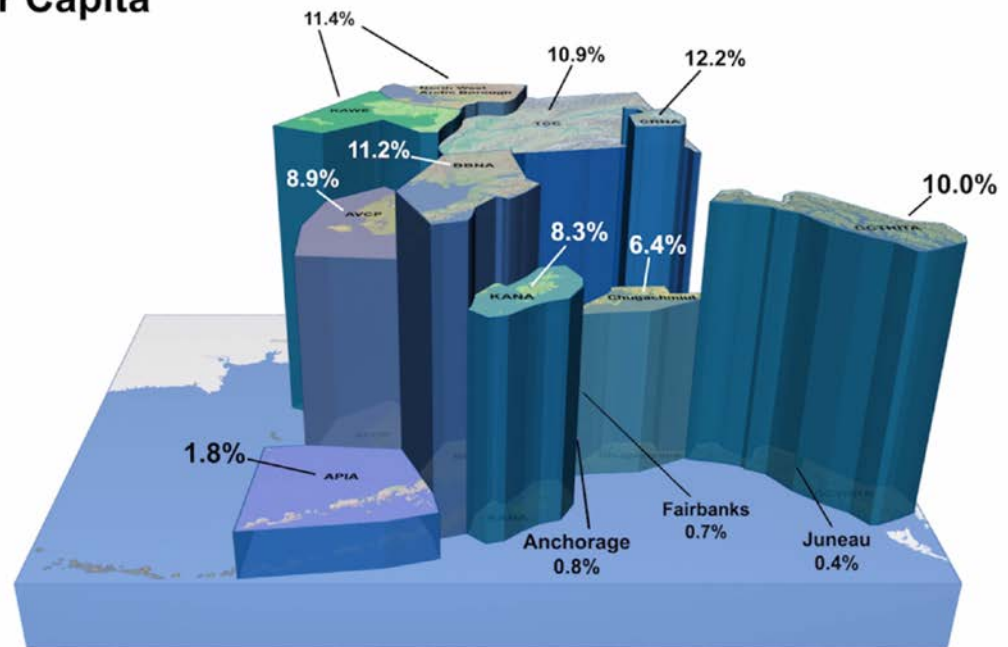
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## THE NEED FOR THE VPSO PROGRAMS

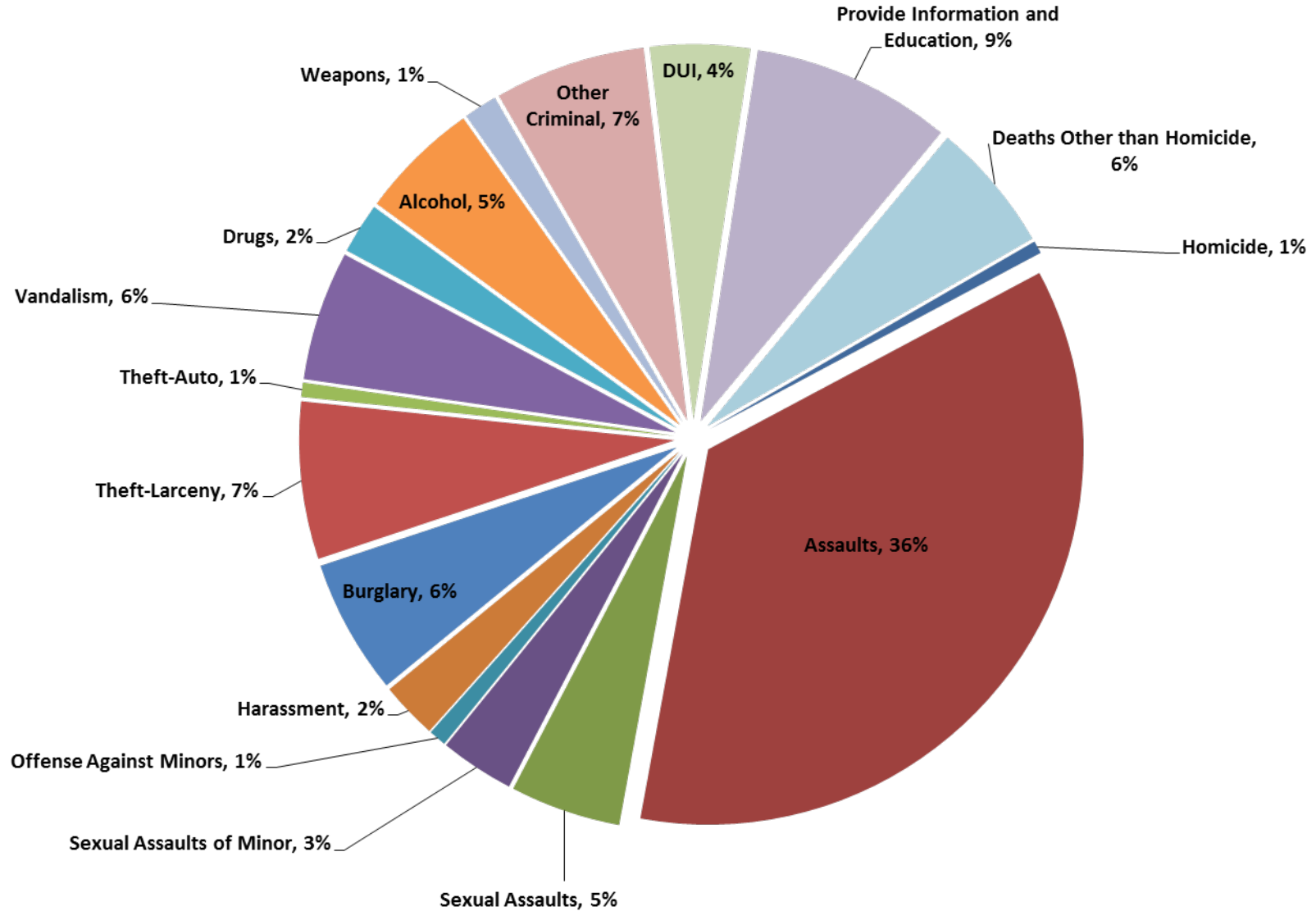
Crime per Capita

AGENCY	Crime per 500 people
Anchorage Police Dept	4
Fairbanks Police Dept	4
Juneau Police Dept	2
APIA	9
AVCP	44
BBNA	56
CCTH	50
CHUG	32
CRNA	61
KAWE	57
KANA	42
NWAB	57
TCC	55



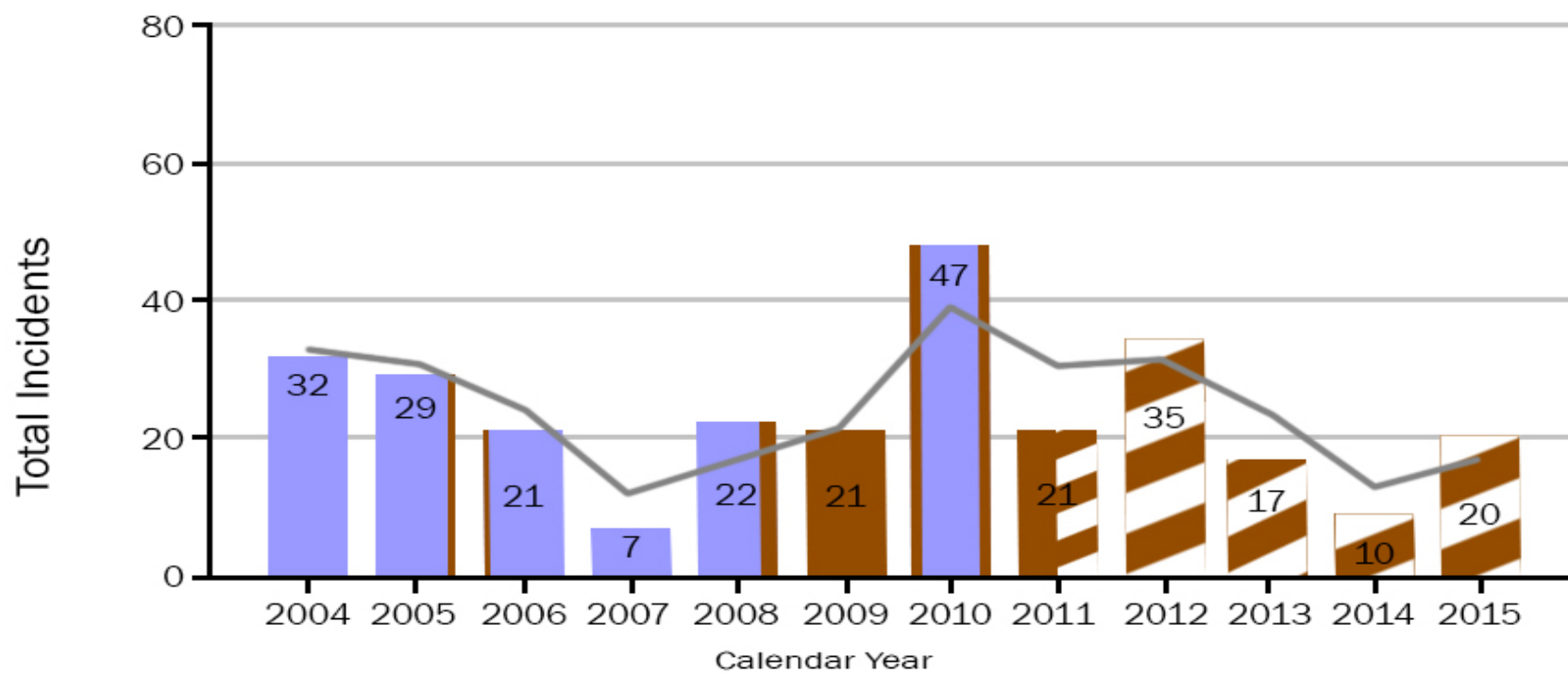


## VPSO Incident Activity for 2015





## Village with Irregular VPSO Coverage Brevig Mission, Population 406



Incidents with no VPSO    Incidents with 1 VPSO    Incidents with 2 VPSO    Weight.Mov.Avg (Incidents)

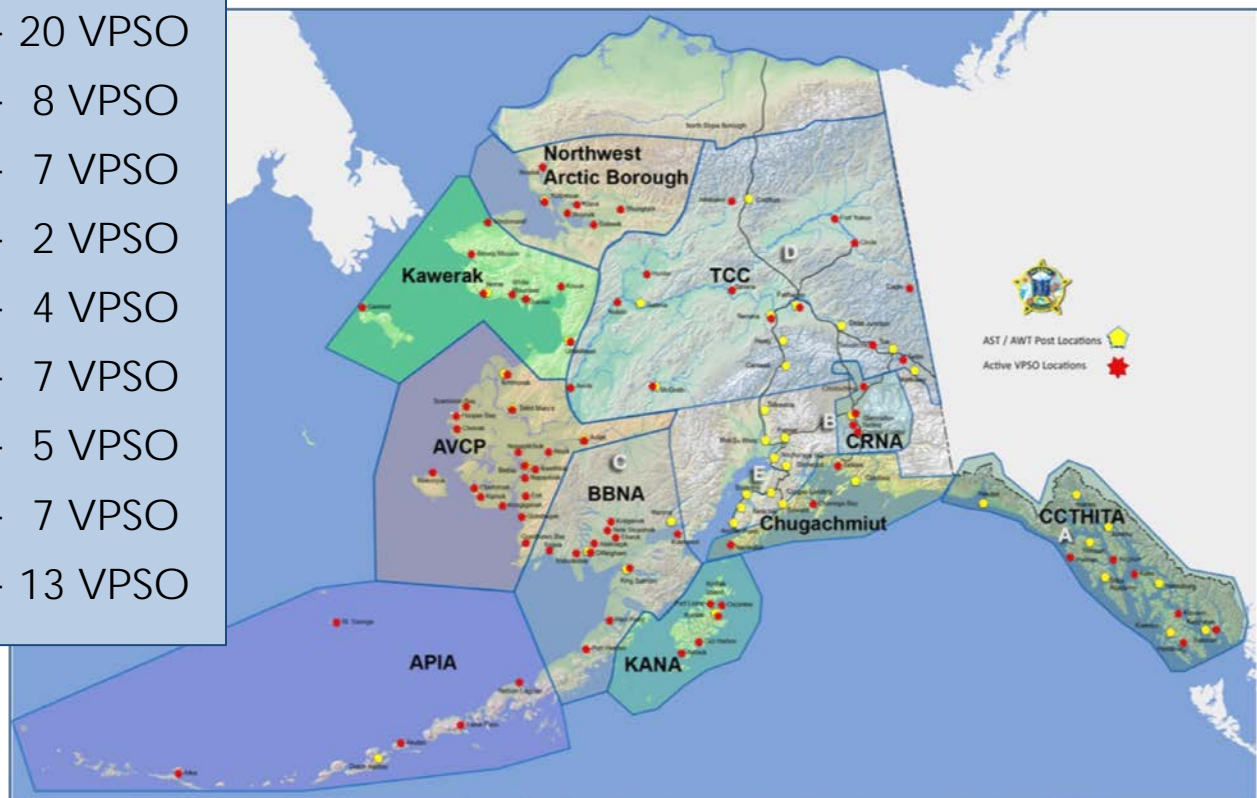


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## 10 Grantees- 78 VPSO

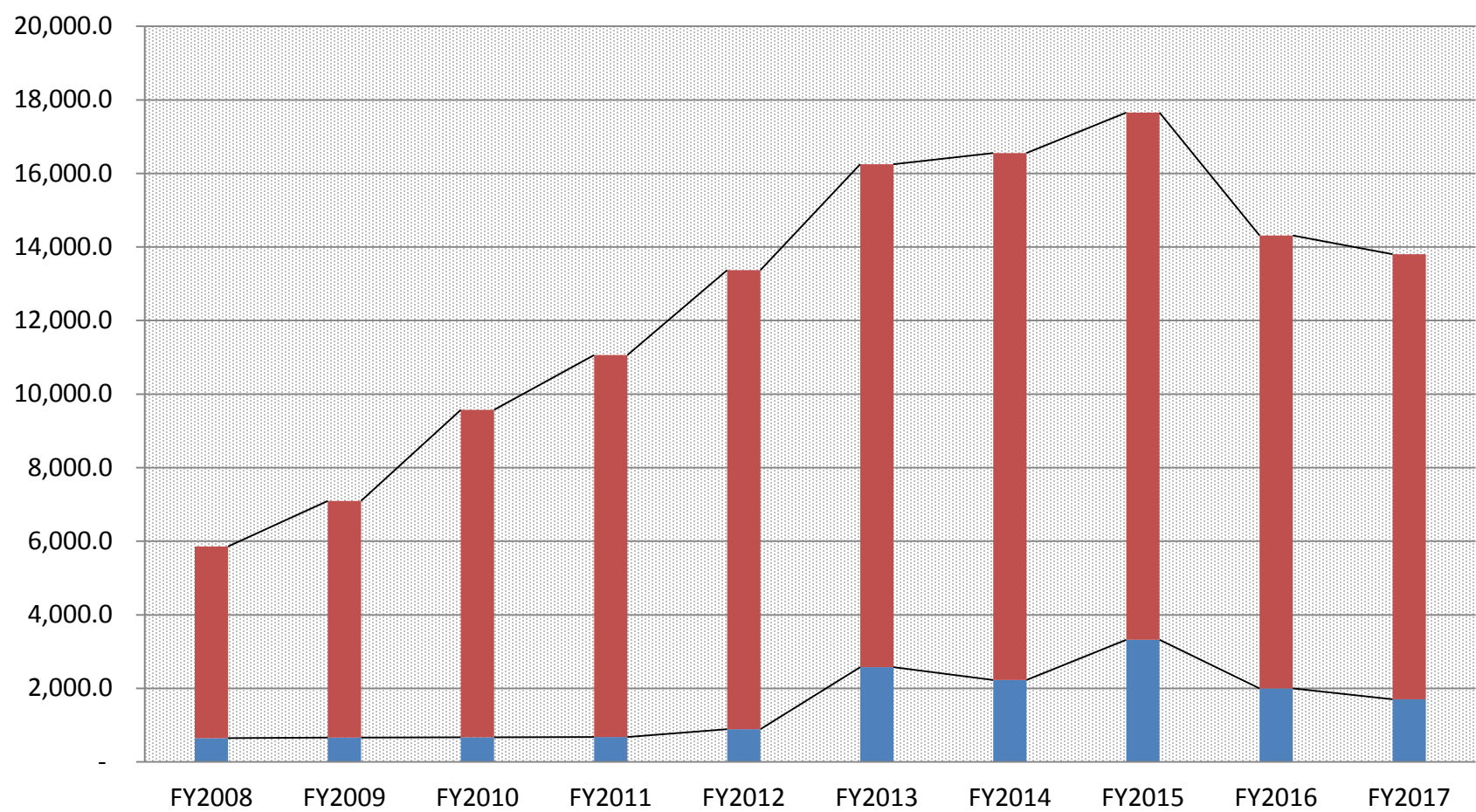
APIA	- 5 VPSO
AVCP	- 20 VPSO
BBNA	- 8 VPSO
CCTHITA	- 7 VPSO
Chugachmiut	- 2 VPSO
CRNA	- 4 VPSO
Kawerak, Inc.	- 7 VPSO
KANA	- 5 VPSO
NAB	- 7 VPSO
TCC	- 13 VPSO

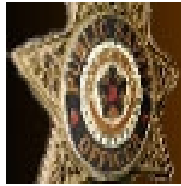






## VPSO Program Budget





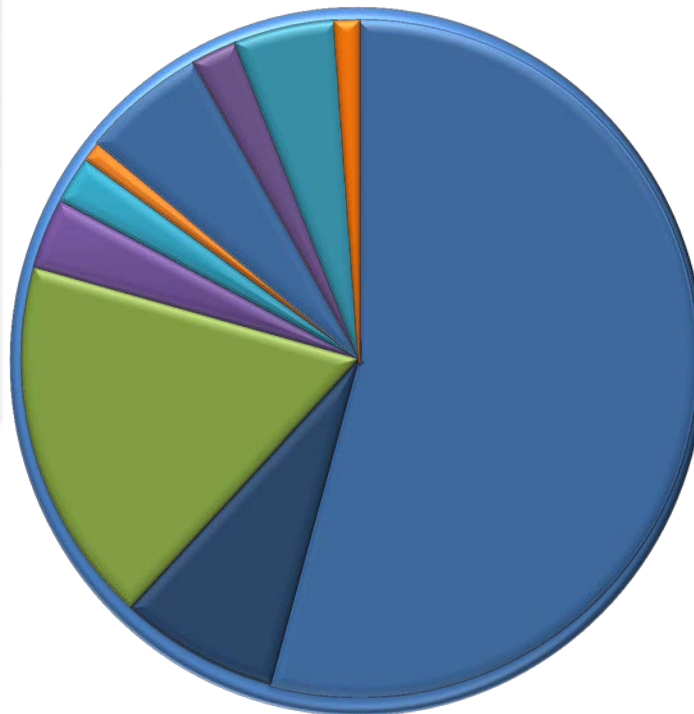
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## FY2016 VPSO Budget \$14,311.5

### Grantee Budget

VPSO Salaries	\$7,755.5
Coordinator Salary	\$1,089.0
Indirect	\$2,516.3
Travel	\$ 484.7
Services	\$ 321.6
Supply	\$ 136.8
Equipment	\$ 7.4



### Support Budget

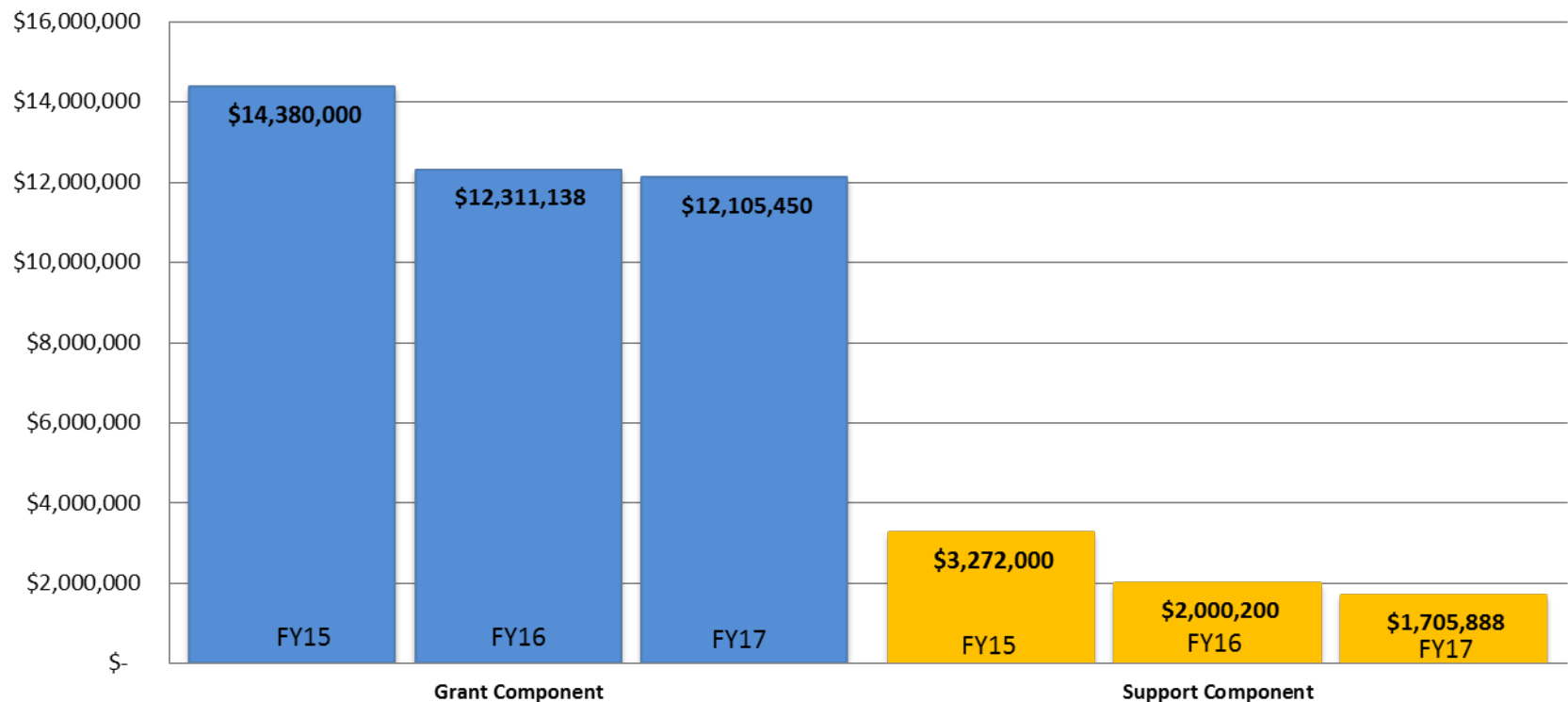
DPS VPSO Support Program Component  
1 Captain, 2 troopers, 3 civilian employees responsible for mentorship, training, and grant administration, program tracking and development.

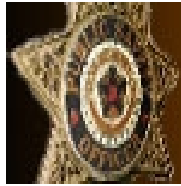
Support Salaries	\$ 842.6
Travel	\$ 310.5
Services	\$ 686.6
Supply	\$ 160.4



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## Appropriation Funding Breakdown





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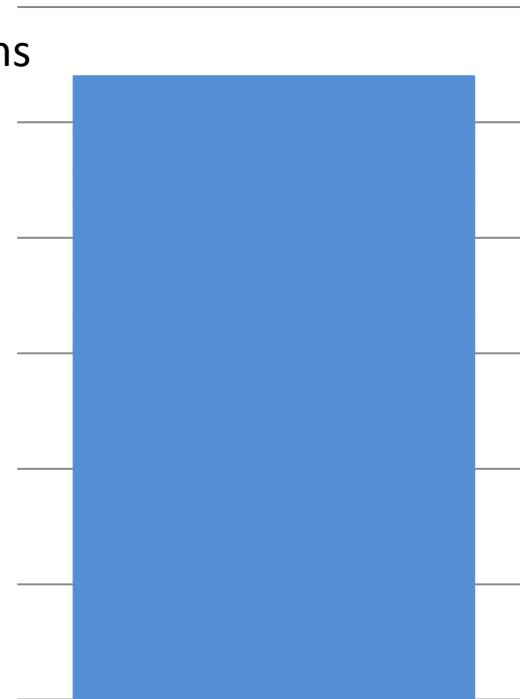


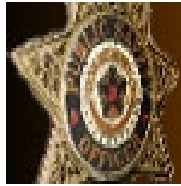
## FY16 Original Grant Appropriation

- Supplies
- Services
- Travel
  - Annual Regional Training
- Indirect, fully funded
- Coordinator Salary
- VPSO Salary
  - TAC Officer & Training Pay

82 Positions

\$12,715.7





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## FY16 Final Grant Appropriation

### Reductions:

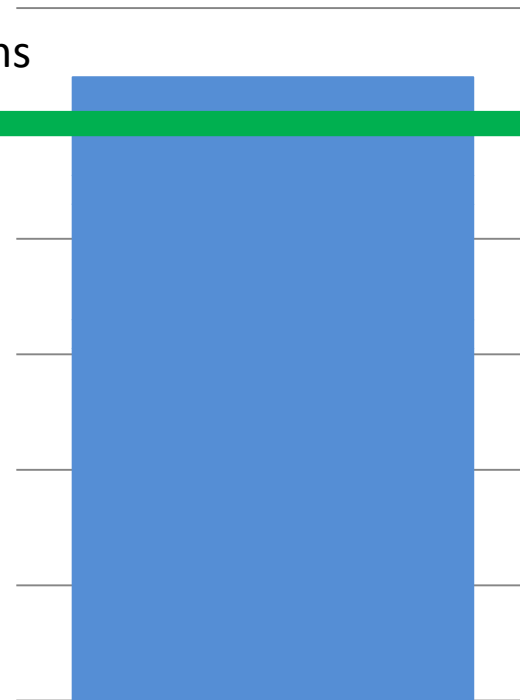
- Removed 4 positions
- Overtime Reduced
- Modified Retention Incentive
- Reduced annual regional training
- Coordinator meetings and site visits reduced
- Approved, Not Funded Activities

78 Positions

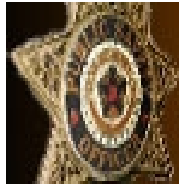


\$12,715.7

\$12,311.1







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## FY16 Original Support Appropriation

### Supplies

- Safety Supplies
- Ammunition

### Services

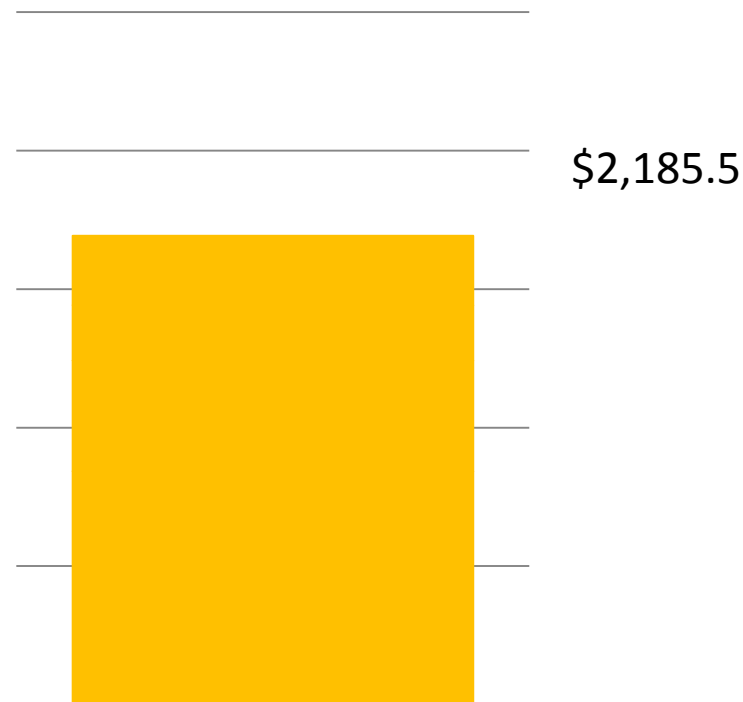
- Liability Insurance,  
Renegotiated a lower rate with  
better coverage

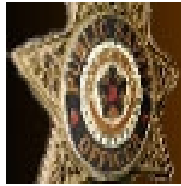
### Travel

- TAC Officers
- Site Visits
- 2 VPO Training Academies

### Support Salaries

- 6 State employees.
- 5 Support trooper positions removed in FY16 Original Appropriation





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## FY16 Final Support Appropriation

### Support Salaries

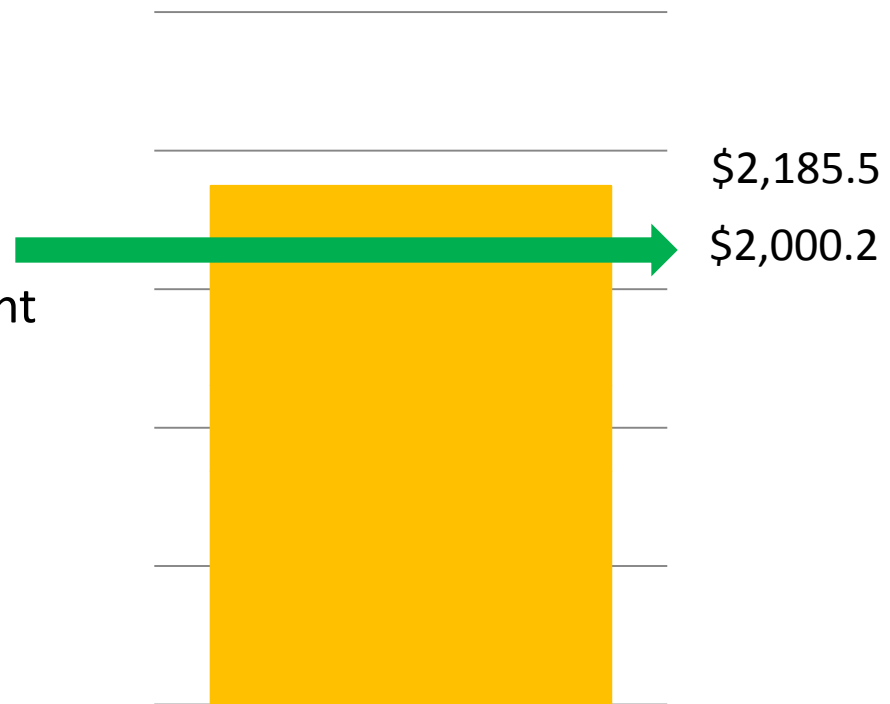
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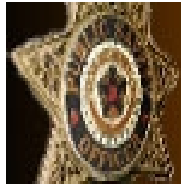
### Travel

- Limited visit travel for Oversight Troopers

Reduced Coordinator Meetings

1 VPO Training Academy





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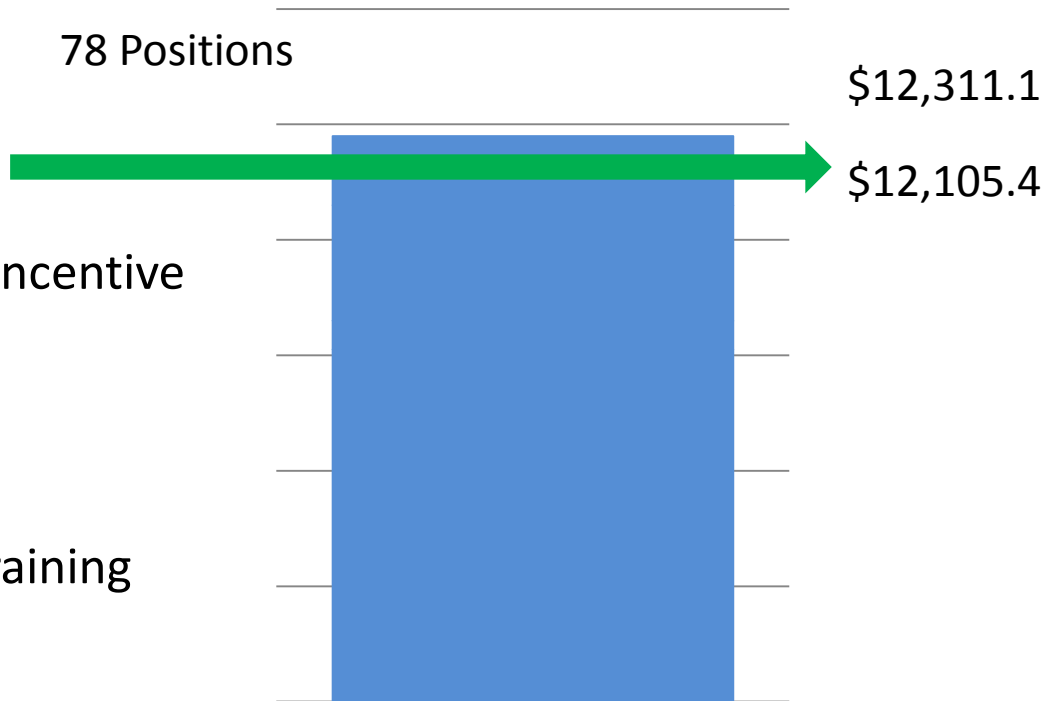


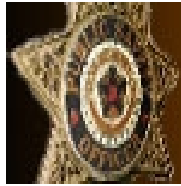
## FY17 Proposed Grant Reductions

Additional \$205.7 cut

78 Positions

- Further Reductions:
- Overtime
- Suspended Retention Incentive
- Essential Travel Only
- Approved,  
Not Funded Activities
- Suspended Regional Training





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## FY17 Proposed Support Reductions

### Support Salaries

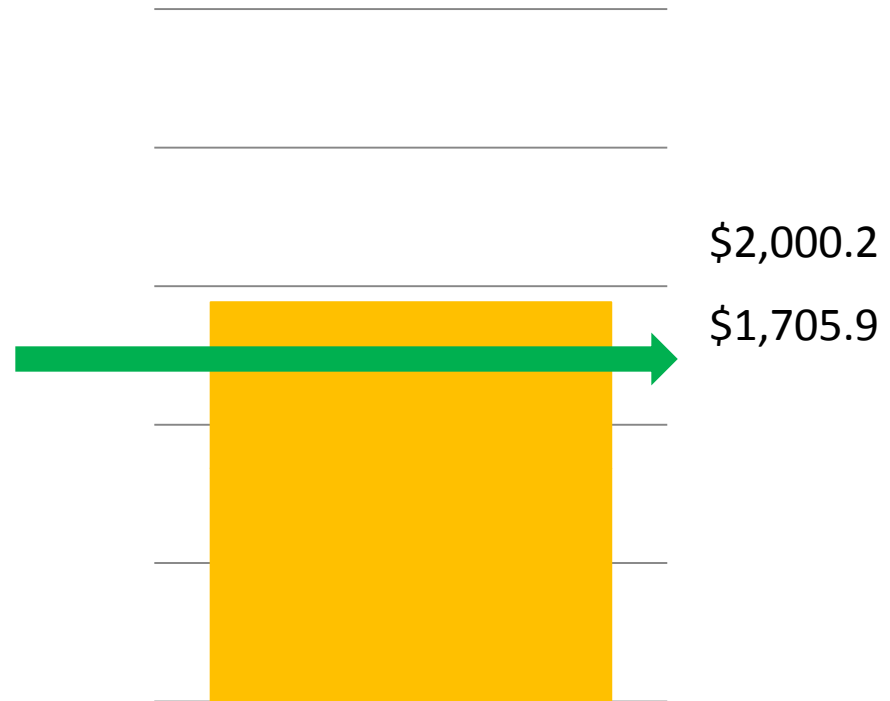
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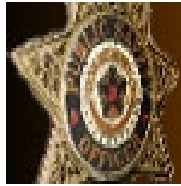
### Travel

- No Oversight Travel
- VPO Academy, 20 limit

### Services

- Eliminated VPSO warehouse



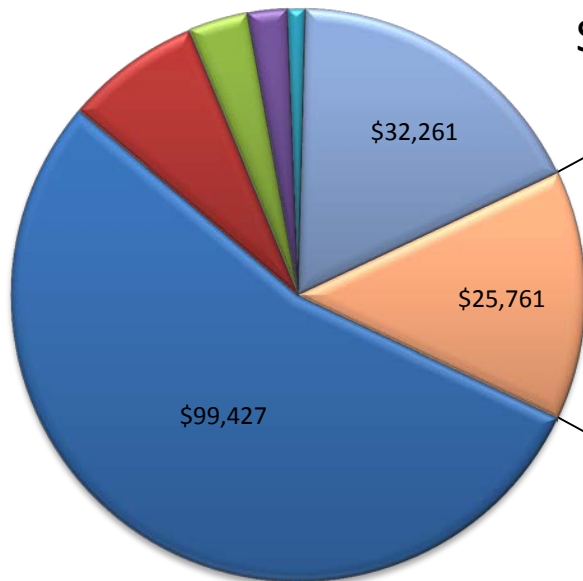


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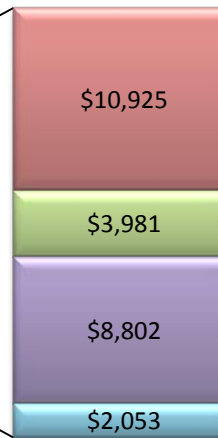


## \$183,596 Average cost of an Existing VPSO

### Grant Component Costs



### Support Component Costs



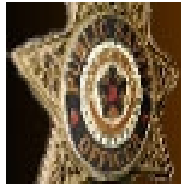
#### For the Grant Component this breaks down to:

Personal Services	\$99,427
Coordinator	\$13,961
Travel	\$6,214
Contractual	\$4,123
Supply	\$1,754
Equipment	\$95
Indirect	\$32,261

#### For the Support Component this breaks down to:

Personal Services	\$10,925 (this is FY17 salary data)
Travel	\$3,981
Contractual	\$8,802
Supply	\$2,053



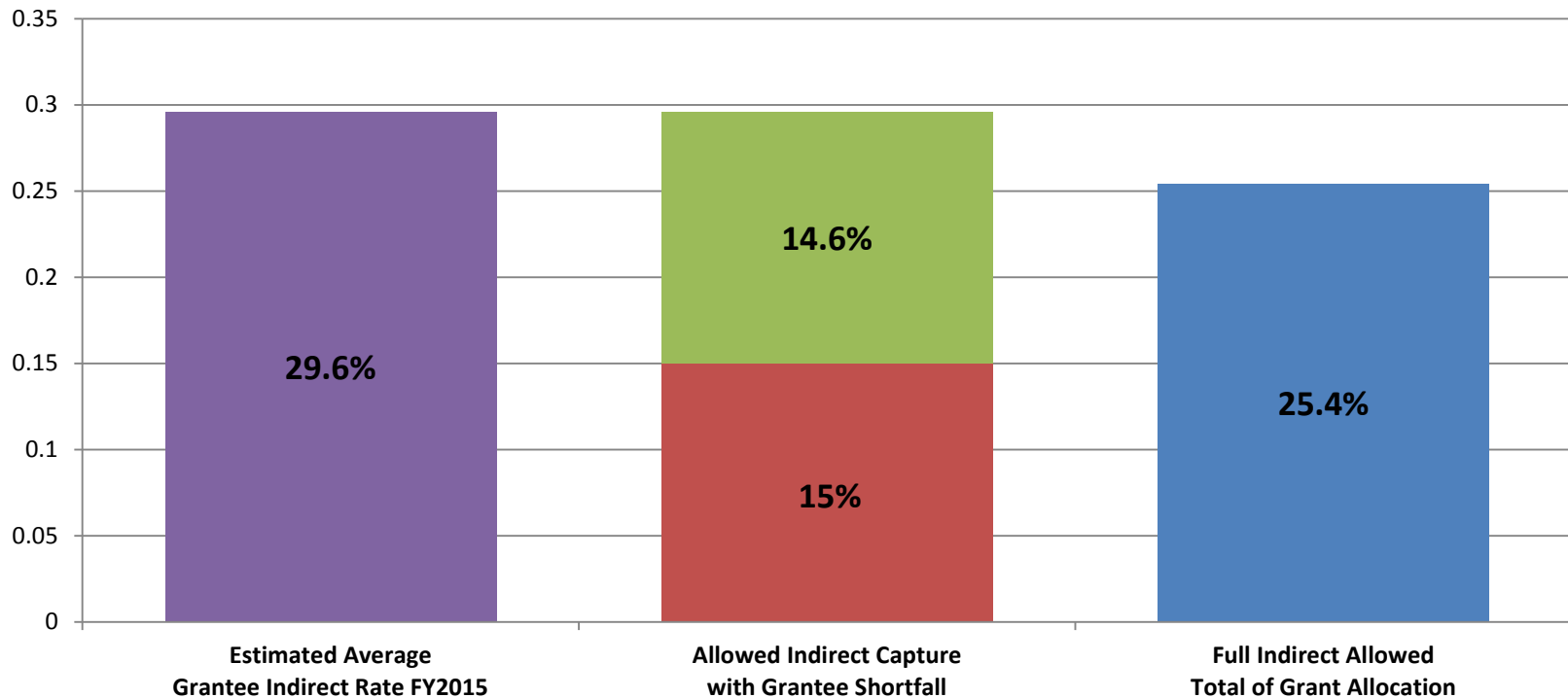


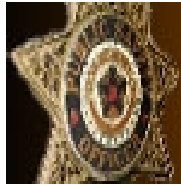
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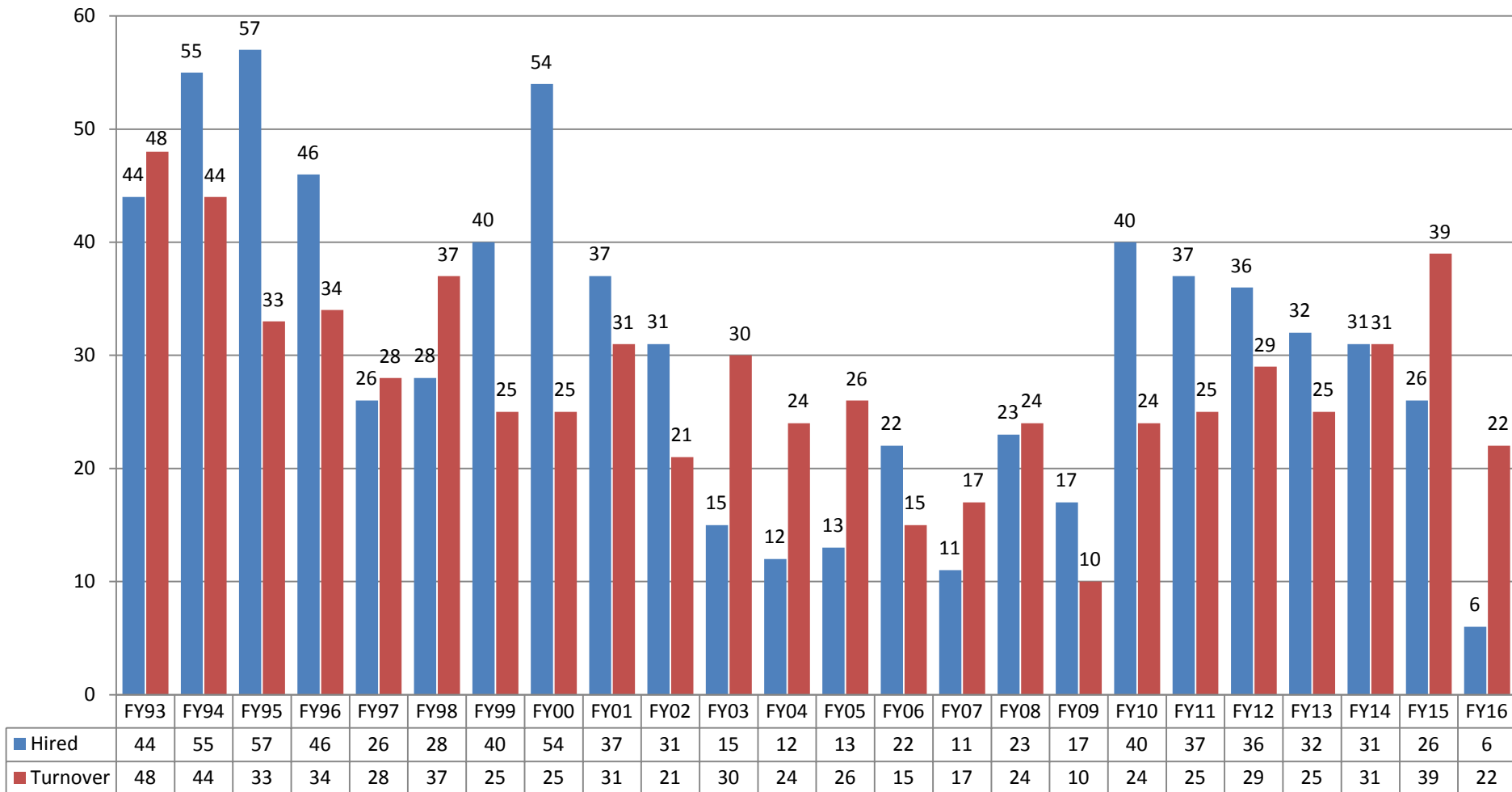
## FY16 Indirect

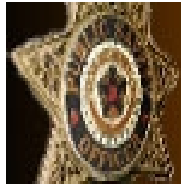
### Indirect Rates Issue





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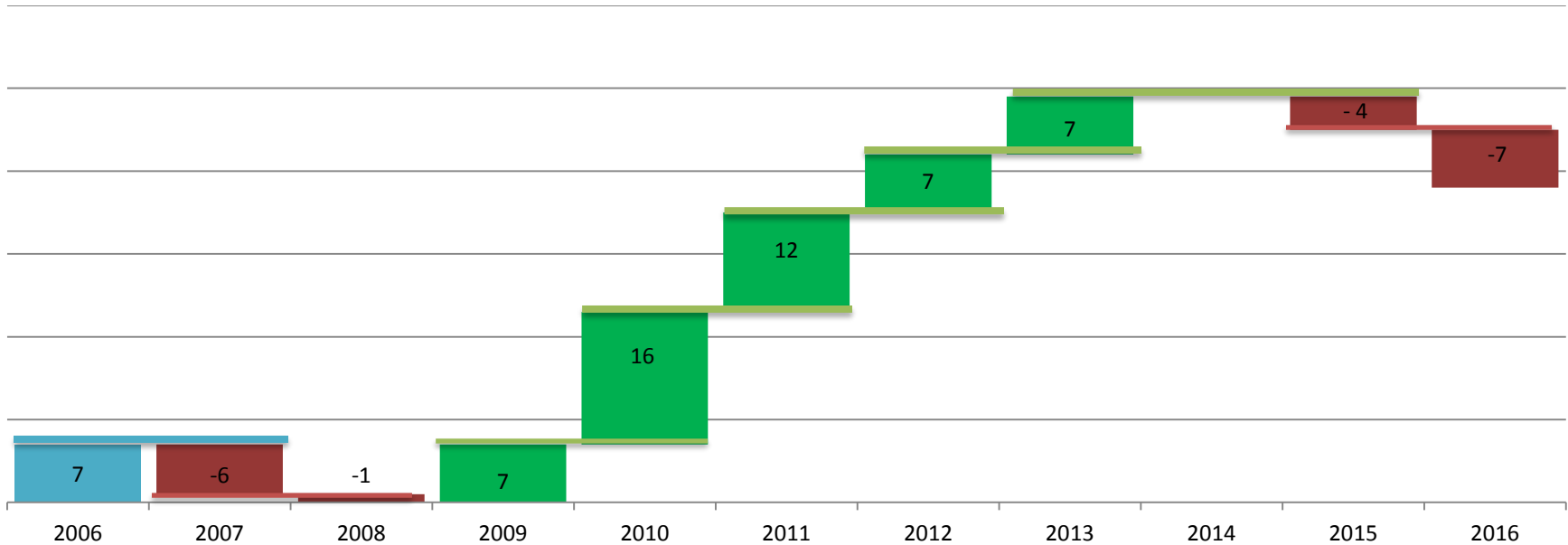




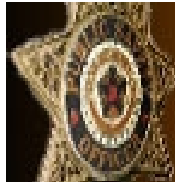
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## Turnover since 2006



The overall turnover of VPSOs in the program has trended up since 2006. In 2006, the program ended the year with 7 more VPSOs in communities than we began the year and since 2006, the program has steadily increased in the number of VPSOs in communities.



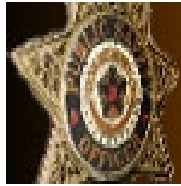
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## VPSO Academy

Year	Attendees	Dropped	Graduated	Graduation Rate
2008	11	6	5	45.5%
2009	19	9	10	52.6%
2010	24	11	13	54.2%
2011	26	6	20	76.9%
2012	38	6	32	84.2%

- 10 Week law enforcement
- 2 Week fire academy
- No firearms training



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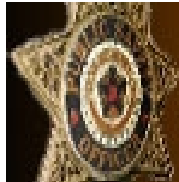


## RLET Training

Year/Phase	Attendees	Dropped	Graduated	Graduation Rate
13-01 Phase 3	14	0	14	100.0%
13-01 Phase 2	13	0	13	100.0%
13-01 Phase 1	18	5	13	72.2%
14-01 Phase 3	11	0	11	100.0%
14-01 Phase 2	14	2	12	85.7%
13-02 Phase 1	15	6	9	60.0%

- 10 week training in phases
- 5 week law enforcement (Sitka)
- 5 week law enforcement (Bethel or Sitka)
- 2 week fire training (Bethel or Sitka)





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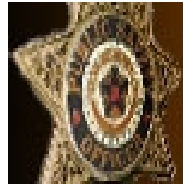


## ALET Training

Year-Class	Attendees	Dropped	Graduated	Graduation Rate
15-01	10	3	7	70.0%
15-02	4	2	2	50.0%

- 17 Week training
- 15 week law enforcement training
- 2 week fire training and ETT (Sitka or Anchorage)

Of the 9 VPSO that have graduated ALET, only two have left the program and these VPSOs have been hired by other Alaska law enforcement departments.



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## Thank You

