



Village Public Safety Officer Program Overview

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VPSO PROGRAM HISTORY

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



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AS 18.65.670 - Village Public Safety Officers Program

(a) There is created in the Department of Public Safety a village public safety officer program to assist local governments and villages through nonprofit regional corporations or municipalities to appoint, train, supervise, and retain persons to serve as village public safety officers to administer functions relative to

(1) the protection of life and property in rural areas of the state; and

(2) providing probation and parole supervision to persons under supervision by communicating with and monitoring the activities and progress of these persons at the direction of probation and parole officers.



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(b) With funds appropriated for that purpose, the commissioner of public safety shall provide grants to nonprofit regional corporations for village public safety officers. If a nonprofit regional corporation for a rural area declines a grant under this subsection, the commissioner may provide the grant to a municipality with a population of less than 10,000 willing to administer the grant for the rural area. Before awarding a grant to a municipality, the commissioner shall consult with the nonprofit regional corporation that declined the grant. The commissioner of public safety shall coordinate with the commissioner of corrections when providing grants under this section, and the commissioners shall jointly execute an agreement with the nonprofit regional corporations or municipalities, as appropriate.

(e) In this section, “rural area” means a community with a population of less than 1,000 within

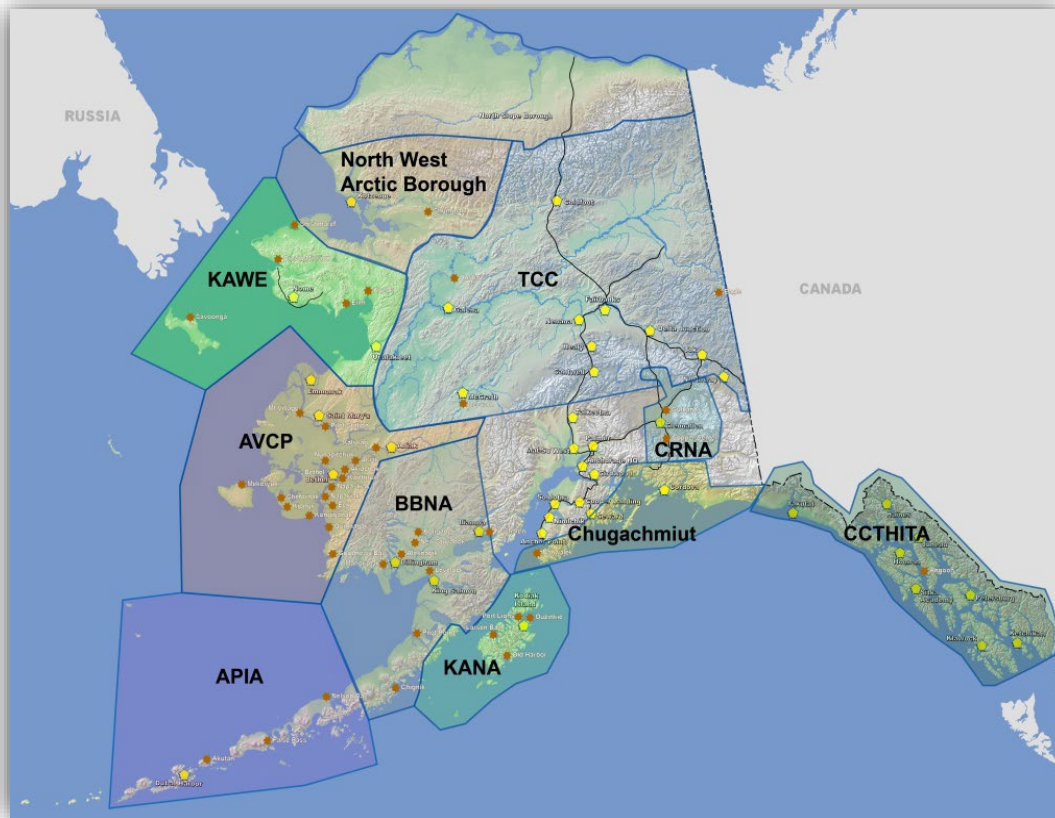
- (1) An unorganized borough; or
- (2) A borough, if the community is not connected by road to Anchorage or Fairbanks



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VPSO PROGRAM GRANTEES



Aleutian Pribilof Islands
Association

Bristol Bay Native Association

Central Council of Tlingit &
Haida

Chugachmiut

Copper River Native Association

Kawerak, Inc.

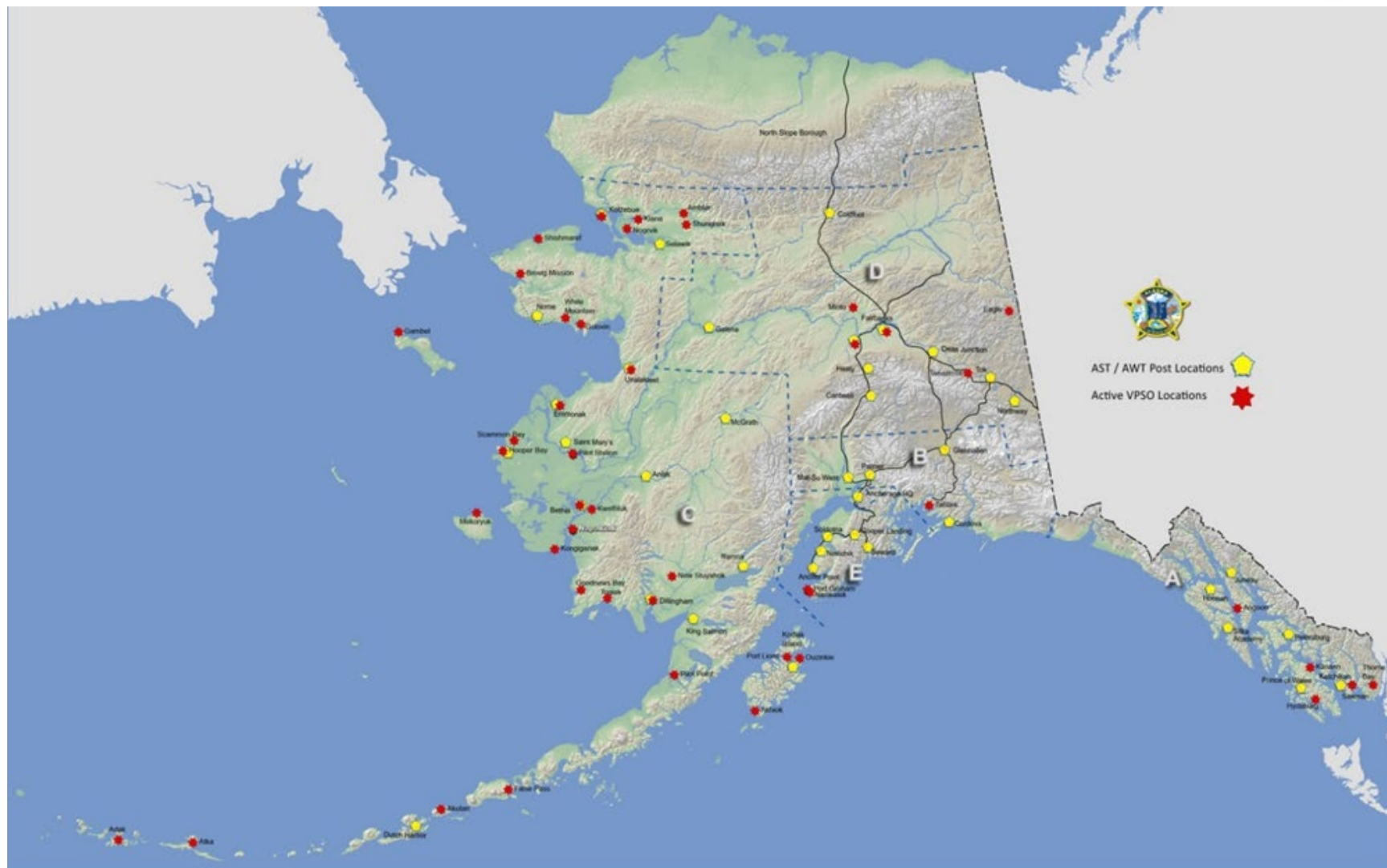
Kodiak Area Native Association

Northwest Arctic Borough

Tanana Chiefs Conference



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Fire - Training
and Education



Peace Officer

Search and
Rescue

Emergency
Medical
Services



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Qualifications to become a VPSO

- A citizen of the United States or a residence alien
- At least 21 years of age
- Good moral character
- A high school diploma, or General Educational Development (GED) test
- Must receive a physical examination by a physician before attending a basic training program academy:
 - Free from a physical or hearing condition which would affect performance
 - Have normal color discrimination, normal binocular coordination, normal peripheral vision, and corrected visual acuity of 20/30 or better in each eye
 - Free from a mental or emotional condition.



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Qualifications to become a VPSO

- Have you been convicted of:
 - a felony;
 - any misdemeanor within five (5) years of the date of hire;
 - a misdemeanor within 10 years of the date of hire, if the misdemeanor involved:
 - an assault against a family member, former family member, member of the individuals household, or former member of the household.
 - the violation of a domestic violence restraining order.
 - two or more DWI offenses.
- Have you ever:
 - illegally manufactured, transported, or delivered:
 - a controlled substance?
 - an alcohol beverage in violation of a local option under AS 04.11 or a municipal ordinance?
 - illegally used a controlled substance other than marijuana during the 10 years immediately before the date of hire, unless you were under the age of 21 at the time of using the controlled substance?



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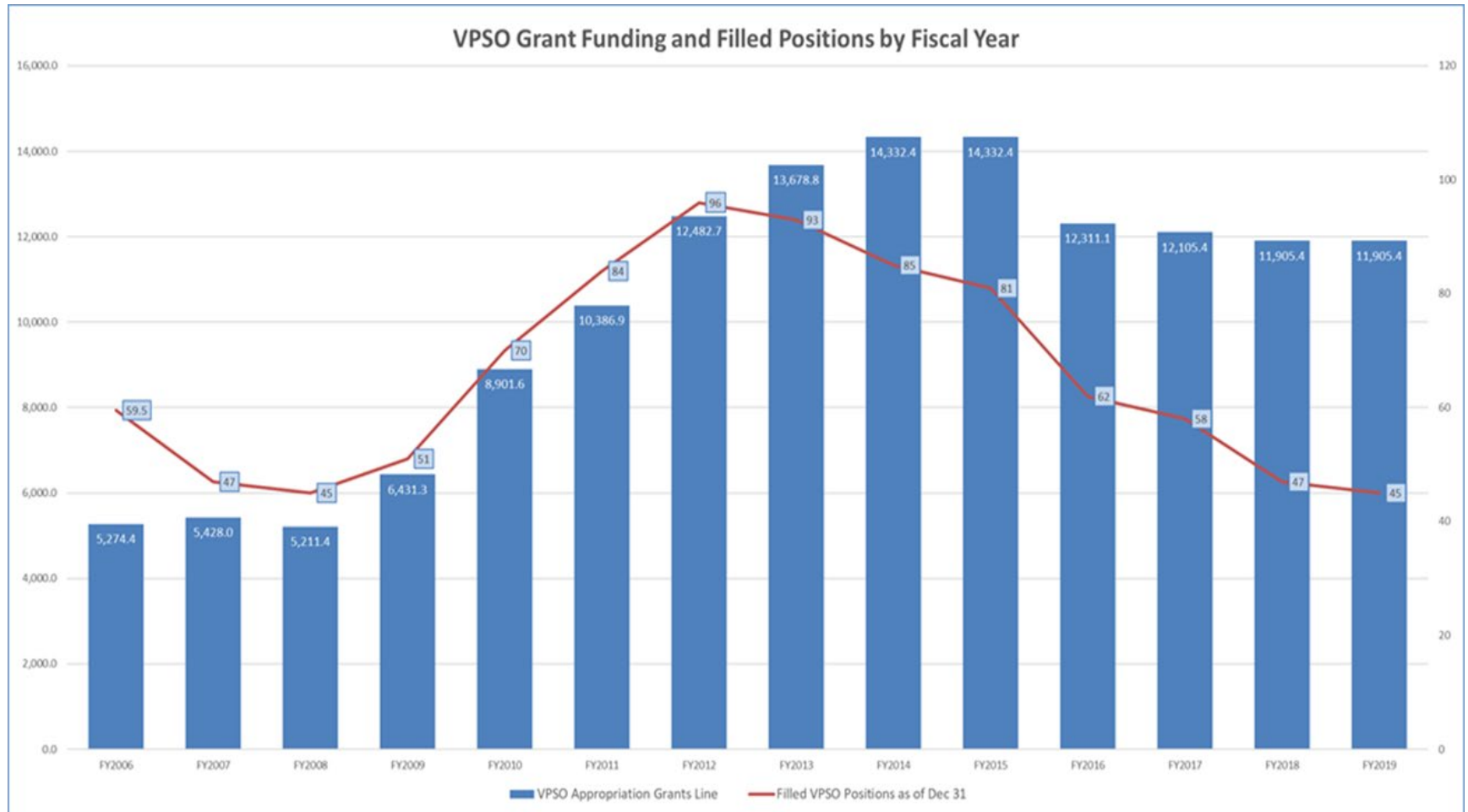
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- Have you been denied village public safety officer certification or had that certification revoked?
- Have you been discharged for cause or resigned under threat of discharge for cause from employment as a village public safety officer, a village police officer, or a police officer in this state or any other state?



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Highest paid full-time VPSO

Program Coordinator:

Salary: \$109,200.00

Fringe: \$68,796.00

Total: \$177,996

Highest paid VPSO:

Salary:

\$103,660.20 (with OT included) \$101,322.00 (without OT)

Fringe: \$47,683.69 (based on salary with OT included)

Total: \$151,343.89

Lowest paid full-time VPSO

Program Coordinator:

Salary: \$72,267.00

Fringe: \$31,074.81

Total: \$103,341.81

Lowest paid VPSO:

Salary:

\$56,842.81 (with OT included) \$53,716.06 (without OT)

Fringe: \$21,600.27 (based on salary with OT included)

Total: \$78,443.08



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<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Grant Appropriation</u>	<u>Filled Positions on Dec 31</u>
2010	\$8,901.6	70
2011	\$10,386.9	84
2012	\$12,482.7	96
2013	\$13,678.8	93
2014	\$14,332.4	85
2015	\$14,332.4	81
2016	\$12,311.1	62
2017	\$12,105.4	58
2018	\$11,905.4	47
2019	\$11,905.4	45



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Thank You

