

BULLET BACKGROUND PAPER
ON
ALASKA WING (CIVIL AIR PATROL) FUNDING SHORTFALL

PURPOSE

Provide an overview of the funding the Alaska Wing (AKWG) of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) receives from the USAF, corporate headquarters and its membership in understanding the impact of the loss of state funding on AKWG's assigned missions.

DISCUSSION

- The AKWG receives resources (aircraft, vehicles and communications equipment) and funding from the USAF via National Headquarters, Civil Air Patrol to conduct the three missions of CAP; emergency services (Search & Rescue), aerospace education and cadet programs
 - Based on historical data, we anticipate flying 130 hours supporting USAF-funded actual SAR missions valued at \$15.7K, and \$76.3K of SAR mission training in FY20. 140 volunteer aircrew and 464 first responders accomplish these missions in some of the most challenging conditions, at significant personal risk across volunteer hours valued at \$2.6 million (as recorded in FY18)
 - AKWG expects to fly approximately \$30K-worth of USAF-funded pilot proficiency flying, with an estimated \$20K remainder of flying training paid for "out of pocket" by our volunteers
- AKWG receives additional funding from partners, corporations and members
 - USCG-funded inspection transport missions estimated at \$22K expected in FY20
 - Annual advertising revenue from AKWG magazine "Wingtips" approximately \$10K
 - Membership dues, donations & interest collected annually-estimated \$22.5K for FY20
- The Alaska Wing of the Civil Air Patrol was removed by the Governor's office from the FY20 state budget. Consequently, all 16 AKWG units have been directed to pay for their own utilities and facility maintenance (where AKWG previously subsidized these expenses with grant funds).
 - Based on historical data, utilities to support units in the field are expected to be \$110K
 - Insurance premiums required to operate AKWG facilities in FY20 is estimated to be \$14.3K
 - AKWG's Seward & Homer facilities have been placed into "cold storage" for lack of funding
 - Required roof repair of Kodiak facility on hold due to lack of funding-estimated \$60K
- Without obtaining additional funding, the ability to execute timely airborne and ground SAR missions from outlying locations will be significantly degraded: 5 hours for western missions (with twice the crews required to conduct the missions, if even executable for weather) and 2 hours (assuming clear roads) in the interior area of operations

SUMMARY

The Alaska Wing of the Civil Air Patrol seeks additional funding in order to maintain its current alert posture and provide direct support to the USAF, federal agencies and the citizens of Alaska. In FY19, AKWG flew 131 hours of actual SAR resulting in 35 "finds" and 2 "saves." Without the additional \$184.3K in FY20, AKWG will likely place additional outlying facilities into "cold storage" status, directly and negatively impacting our response time and mission effectiveness.