

# Department of Public Safety FY2025 Budget Overview

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Senate Finance Subcommittee

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Department of Public Safety

# Mission, Key Objectives, and Statewide Impact

Mission	Key Objectives	Statewide Impact
The mission of the Department of Public Safety is to ensure public safety and enforce fish and wildlife laws	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Recruit and Retain</li><li>• Rural Law Enforcement and Safety</li><li>• Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault</li><li>• Village Public Safety Officer Division</li><li>• Fisheries and Wildlife Resource Protection</li><li>• Narcotics and Major Crime Investigations</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Law Enforcement Patrol and Investigations</li><li>• Alaska Scientific Crime Detection Lab</li><li>• Resource Protection</li><li>• Victim Services</li><li>• Special Patrol Activities</li><li>• Search and Rescue</li><li>• Alaska Public Safety Information Network (APSIN)</li><li>• Alaska Land Mobile Radio Network (ALMR)</li></ul>



# Budget Organizational Chart

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## Fire and Life Safety Division

Building and fire safety inspections  
Plan Review Bureau  
Alaska Fire Standards Council

## Alaska State Troopers

Search and Rescue; Rural Trooper Housing;  
Dispatch Services; Drug and Alcohol  
Enforcement; Detachments (four); Alaska  
Bureau of Investigation; Aircraft Section;  
Alaska Wildlife Troopers; Marine  
Enforcement; Prisoner Transportation;  
Special Projects; Highway Patrol

## Village Public Safety Officer Division (VPSO)

Ten regional VPSO programs serving 140  
villages and tribes  
Certification and de-certification of VPSOs

## Alaska Police Standards Council

Alaska police certification; misconduct and  
disqualification investigations; monitor  
compliance with regulation/legislation;  
develop, monitor, revise law enforcement  
training and training requirements

## Victim Services Division

Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual  
Assault; Violent Crimes Compensation  
Board; Domestic Violence and Sexual  
Assault Training; Victim Navigator Program;  
Missing Persons Clearinghouse; Victim  
Services Administration and Support

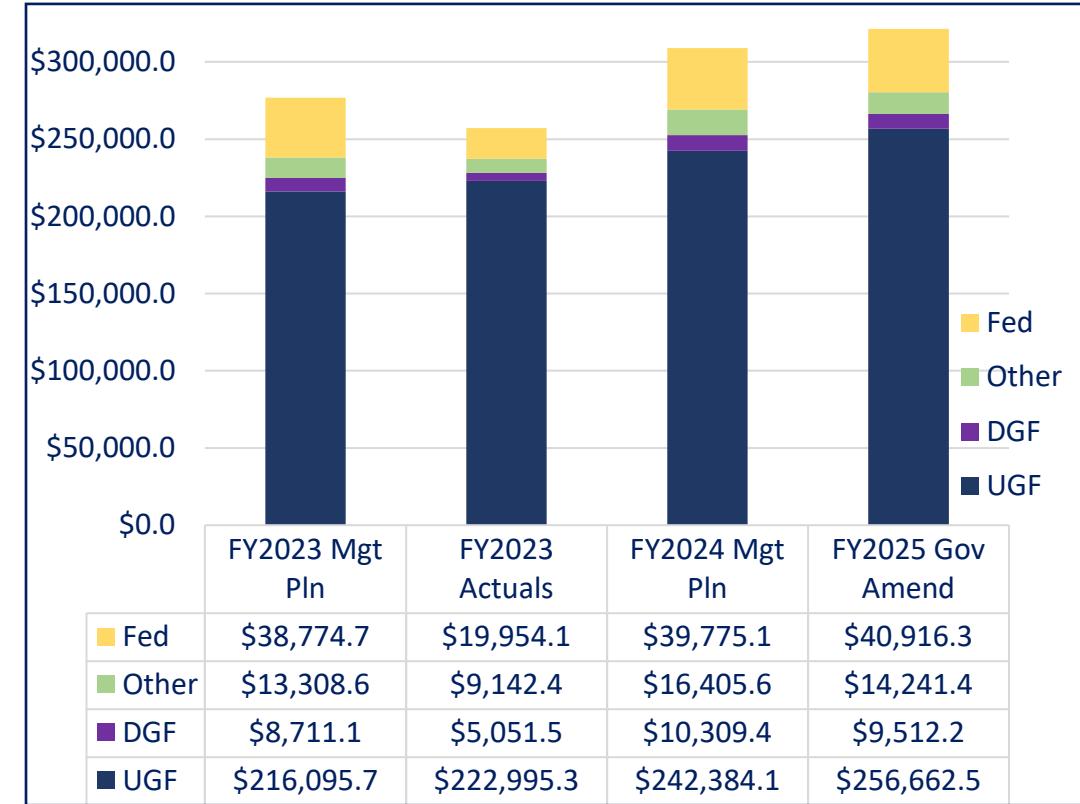
## Statewide Support

Commissioner's Office; Training Academy;  
Division of Administrative Services; Alaska  
Public Safety Communication Services;  
Information Systems; Criminal Justice  
Information Systems Program; Alaska  
Statewide Crime Detection Laboratory;  
Facilities Maintenance and Rent



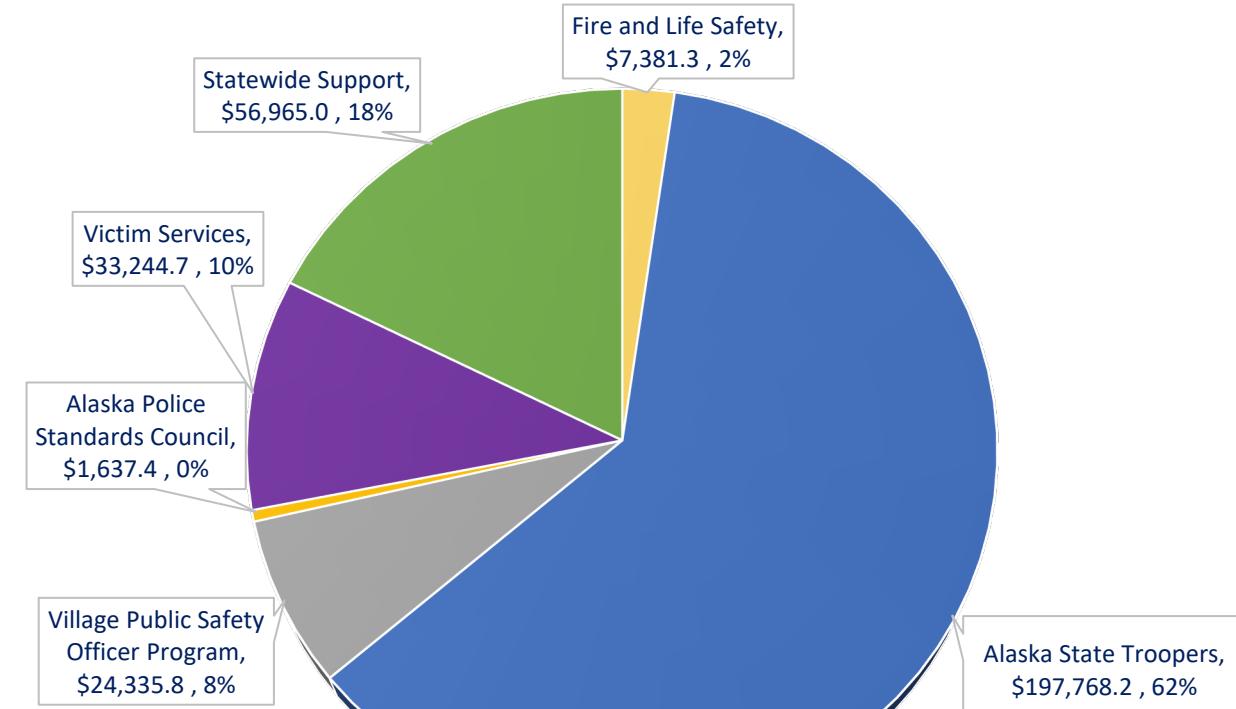
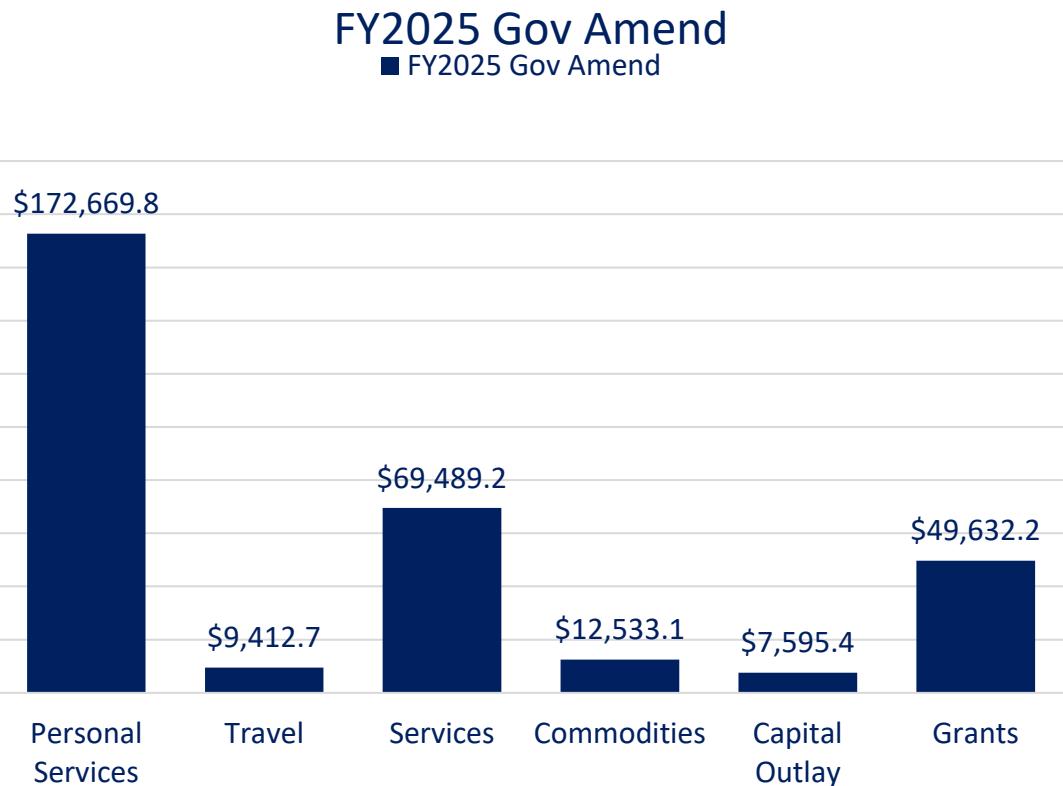
# Total Budget by Fund Group (FY2023 – FY2025) (\$ in thousands)

- Total FY2025 Governor's Amended Budget: \$321,332.4
- Overall Increase from FY2024 Management Plan: \$12,458.2 / 4%
- Unrestricted General Fund Increase from FY2024 Management Plan: \$14,278.4 / 5.9%
- Permanent Full Time Positions: 1,003
- Position Increase from FY2024 Management Plan: 12



# Department of Public Safety Funding Breakdown

(\$ in thousands)



Department of Public Safety

# Fire and Life Safety Division

(\$ in thousands)

## Contribution to the Overall Department

**Mission:** Prevent the loss of life and property from fire and explosion.

**Staff:** 32 permanent full-time positions

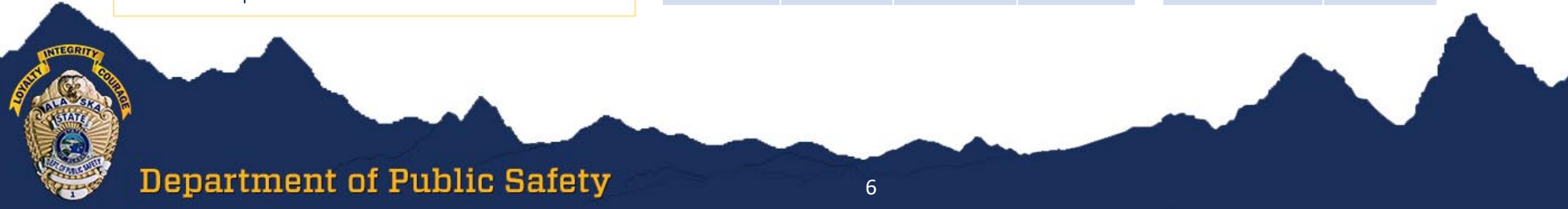
### Core Services:

- Fire training programs and education
- Fire and life safety inspections
- Building plan review for code compliance
- Provide relevant standards adoption through review process
- Ensure that existing standards are updated to latest revisions

**Significant  
Budget Change:**

**New Anchorage lease  
\$100.0 (UGF)**

Funding	FY2023 Actuals	FY2024 Management Plan	FY2025 Governor Amended	Change FY2024 Management Plan to FY2025 Governor Amend	% Change
UGF	\$4,341.0	\$4,846.6	\$5,023.2	\$176.6	3.6%
DGF	\$55.3	\$1,375.1	\$1,391.8	\$16.7	1.2%
Other	\$177.1	\$405.4	\$413.1	\$7.7	1.9%
Federal	\$18.1	\$553.2	\$553.2	\$0.0	0.0%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$4,591.5</b>	<b>\$7,180.3</b>	<b>\$7,381.3</b>	<b>\$201.0</b>	<b>2.8%</b>



# Alaska State Troopers Division

(\$ in thousands)

## Contribution to the Department's Mission:

Preserve public peace; protect life, property, and wildlife resources.

**Staff:** 703 permanent full-time positions

## Core Services:

- Alaska State Troopers
- Alaska Wildlife Troopers
- Highway safety
- Tribal Liaisons
- Investigations
- Judicial Services
- Search and Rescue
- Marine Enforcement
- Drug and Alcohol Enforcement
- Rural Trooper Housing
- Dispatch Services

Funding	FY2023 Actuals	FY2024 Management Plan	FY2025 Governor Amended	Change FY2024 Management Plan to FY2025 Governor Amend	% Change
UGF	\$157,814.6	\$168,435.0	\$176,901.8	\$8,466.8	5.0%
DGF	\$1,349.5	\$2,486.3	\$2,335.5	\$150.8	-6.1%
Other	\$2,590.4	\$4,503.0	\$4,209.8	-\$293.2	-6.5%
Federal	\$5,364.2	\$12,761.9	\$14,321.1	\$1,559.2	12.2%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$167,118.7</b>	<b>\$188,186.2</b>	<b>\$197,768.2</b>	<b>\$9,582.0</b>	<b>5.1%</b>



# Alaska State Troopers Division

(\$ in thousands)

## Significant Budget Changes: Recruit and Retain

### Alaska State Trooper Detachments

- Add Program Manager and Travel for Trooper Recruits to Support Recruitment Strategies and Initiatives \$249.6 (UGF)

### Alaska State Trooper Detachments and Alaska Wildlife Troopers

- Compliance with Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 for Trooper Relocation \$437.5 (UGF)

### Alaska Bureau of Investigation

- Compensation for Forensic Scientists Resulting from Implemented Compensation Study \$93.8 (UGF)
- Digital Forensics Training \$75.0 (UGF)

### Aircraft Section

- Add Maintenance Inspector for Quality Assurance \$148.3 (UGF)
- Add Criminal Justice Planner to Support Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems Unit for Drone Operations \$154.1 (UGF)



# Alaska State Troopers Division

(\$ in thousands)

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## Significant Budget Changes:

### Rural Law Enforcement and Safety

#### Alaska Bureau of Investigation

- Add Three Non-Permanent Child Crime Investigators \$698.5 (UGF)
- Full Funding for Four Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Investigators \$450.1 (UGF)

#### Aircraft Section

- Address Rising Costs for Rural Alaska Hangar and Tie Down Leases \$158.2 (UGF)
- Add Two Pilots in Nome and Fairbanks to Meet Demand \$408.3 (UGF)



# Alaska State Troopers Division

(\$ in thousands)

Significant Budget Changes:  
Align with Actual Costs

- Rural Trooper Housing
  - Address Increasing Lease and Utility Costs \$390.0 (UGF)
- Alaska State Trooper Detachments
  - Digital Evidence Management Storage to Provide Increased Access to Evidence Needed for Legal Proceedings \$75.0 (UGF)
  - Address Increasing Lease and Utility Costs \$265.0 (UGF)
  - Fully Fund State Trooper in Western Alaska \$87.2 (UGF)
  - Full Funding for FY2021 Filled Positions \$92.0 (UGF)
  - Vehicles for Judicial Services \$147.0 (UGF One-Time Increment)
- Alaska State Trooper Detachments and Alaska Wildlife Troopers
  - Cost Increases for Law Enforcement Supplies and Equipment \$800.0 (UGF Multi-Year FY2024 – FY2027)
- Alaska Wildlife Troopers Marine Enforcement
  - Joint Enforcement Agreement with National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration \$1,500.0 (Fed)



# Alaska State Troopers Division

(\$ in thousands)



- 172 drug and alcohol arrests in 2023
- 83 kilograms of illicit fentanyl seized in 2023
  - 41.5 million potentially fatal doses
- 79 kilograms of methamphetamines seized in 2023
- 29 AST Drug/Alcohol Investigators
- 11 active K9s
- Continued partnership with local, state, and federal law enforcement through the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Initiative (HIDTA)



# Village Public Safety Officer Division

(\$ in thousands)

## Contribution to the Department's Mission:

Preserve public peace; protect life and property in rural villages; provide public safety outreach to communities through various community policing programs.

**Staff:** Five permanent full-time positions

## Core Services:

- Fire prevention and suppression
- Emergency medical support
- Search and rescue
- Conduct investigations
- Enforce criminal laws
- Provide public safety training

Funding	FY2023 Actuals	FY2024 Management Plan	FY2025 Governor Amended	Change FY2024 Management Plan to FY2025 Governor Amend	% Change
UGF	\$17,242.9	\$20,888.6	\$24,310.8	\$3,422.2	16.4%
DGF	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	0.0%
Other	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	0.0%
Federal	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$25.0	\$25.0	100.0%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$17,242.9</b>	<b>\$20,888.6</b>	<b>\$24,335.8</b>	<b>\$3,447.2</b>	<b>16.5%</b>



# Village Public Safety Officer Division

(\$ in thousands)



## Significant Budget Changes:

- Salary Increase for Village Public Safety Officers and Add Ten Village Public Safety Officers \$3,499.8 (UGF)
- Add Federal Authority for Future Grants \$25.0 (Fed)



James Hoelscher  
Division Director



# Alaska Police Standards Council

(\$ in thousands)

**Contribution to the Department's Mission:** To produce and maintain highly trained and positively motivated professional officers, capable of meeting contemporary law enforcement standards of performance.

**Staff:** Five permanent full-time positions

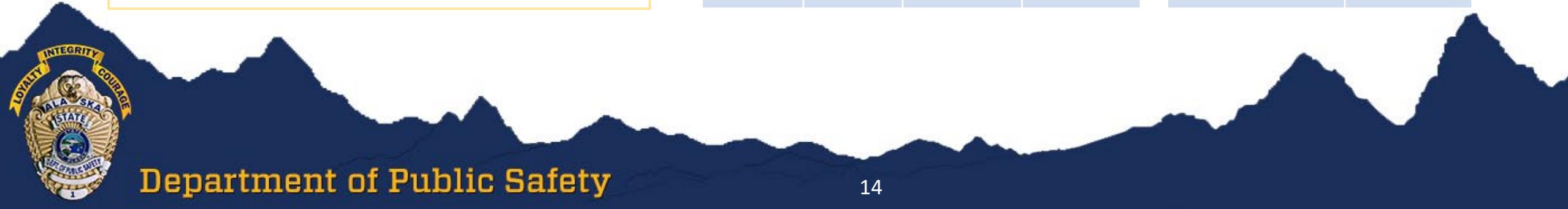
## Core Services:

- Academy, in-service, advanced training for police, corrections, probation, parole, and municipal correctional officers
- Ensure compliance with minimum qualification regulations

## Significant Budget Change:

Add Administrative Investigator \$160.0 DGF

Funding	FY2023 Actuals	FY2024 Management Plan	FY2025 Governor Amended	Change FY2024 Management Plan to FY2025 Governor Amend	% Change
UGF	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	0.0%
DGF	\$1,263.5	\$1,352.8	\$1,557.8	\$204.6	15.1%
Other	\$80.0	\$80.0	\$80.0	\$0.0	0.0%
Federal	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	0.0%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$1,343.5</b>	<b>\$1,432.8</b>	<b>\$1,637.4</b>	<b>\$204.6</b>	<b>15.1%</b>



# Victim Services Division

(\$ in thousands)

**Contribution to the Department's Mission:** Provide victim-centered responses, enhanced services, and training vital to the safety, stability, and healing of crime victims/survivors and family members; uphold victims' rights; are culturally responsive; and lead to enhanced public safety and community trust.

**Staff:** 30 permanent full-time positions

**Core Services:**

- Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
- Violent Crimes Compensation Board
- Domestic violence/sexual assault training unit
- Victim navigator program
- Missing persons clearinghouse

Funding	FY2023 Actuals	FY2024 Management Plan	FY2025 Governor Amended
UGF	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$14,344.0
DGF	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$2,004.6
Other	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$1,981.5
Federal	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$14,914.6
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$0.0</b>	<b>\$0.0</b>	<b>\$33,244.7</b>

Change FY2024 Management Plan to FY2025 Governor Amend	% Change
\$14,344.0	100.0%
\$2,004.6	100.0%
\$1,981.5	100.0%
\$14,914.6	100.0%
<b>\$33,244.7</b>	<b>100.0%</b>



# Victim Services Division (\$ in thousands)

## Significant Budget Changes:

### Victim Services Administration and Support

- Add Two Paralegal-2 for Victim Navigator Program \$239.3 (UGF)
- Add Administrative Assistant-1, \$109.3 (UGF)
- Transfer in Positions from Alaska State Troopers, \$1,328.5 UGF and \$316.3 (I/A)
- Add Division Director for New Victim Services Division \$254.0 (UGF)

### Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

- Fund Change to Align with Balance of Restorative Justice Account \$105.7 in Governor's Budget and \$99.1 in Governor's Amended Budget (PFD Crim Other to UGF)
- Reverse CSLFRF Federal Authority -\$702.7 (Fed)
- Reverse One-Time Family Justice Center Model Study -\$200.0 (UGF)
- Reverse One-Time UGF for Lost Federal Victim Services Funding -\$3,000.0 (UGF One-Time Increment)

### Violent Crimes Compensation Board

- Decrease Funding Source to Align with Balance in Restorative Justice Fund \$(2,299.3) (PFD Crim Other)



# Statewide Support (\$ in thousands)

**Contribution to the Department's Mission:** Provide the Department of Public Safety with executive management and administrative support; provide Alaska's criminal justice system with specialized law enforcement support such as training, information systems, person identification, and forensic science services.

**Staff:** 228 permanent full-time positions

**Core Services:**

- Statewide Services Division
- Training Academy
- Commissioners Office
- Administrative Services Division

Funding	FY2023 Actuals	FY2024 Management Plan	FY2025 Governor Amended	Change FY2024 Management Plan to FY2025 Governor Amend	% Change
UGF	\$29,330.5	\$32,903.8	\$36,082.7	\$3,178.9	9.7%
DGF	\$443.7	\$3,090.6	\$2,222.9	-\$867.7	-28.1%
Other	\$5,210.3	\$7,472.8	\$7,557.0	\$84.2	1.1%
Federal	\$7,838.8	\$10,864.6	\$11,102.4	\$237.8	2.2%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$42,823.3</b>	<b>\$54,331.8</b>	<b>\$56,965.0</b>	<b>\$2,633.2</b>	<b>4.8%</b>



# Statewide Support (\$ in thousands)

## Significant Budget Changes: Outreach and Efficiencies

- Commissioner's Office
  - Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Outreach and Education \$250.0 (UGF)
  - Add Criminal Justice Technician 2 for Public Records Act Compliance for Body Worn Cameras \$142.0 (UGF)
- Administrative Services
  - Federal Authority for Development of Cost Allocation Plan \$200.0 (UGF)
- Criminal Justice Information Services Program
  - Public Interface Portal for Crime Data \$67.0 (UGF One-Time Increment)
- Laboratory Services
  - Expand State Toxicity Lab Testing and Testimony \$235.7 (UGF)



# Statewide Support (\$ in thousands)

Significant Budget Changes:  
Align with Actual Costs

- Commissioners Office
  - Support Reimbursable Services Agreement for Two Department of Law Criminal Division Attorneys \$418.2 (UGF)
- Training Academy
  - Address Rising Costs for Training Academy \$190.0 (UGF)
  - Replace Decommissioned Vehicle for Training Academy \$65.0 (UGF One-Time Increment)
- DPS State Facilities Rent
  - Address Rising State Facility Lease Costs \$270.0 (UGF)
- Laboratory Services
  - Address Fully Implemented Compensation Study for Forensic Scientists \$931.5 (UGF)
- Criminal Justice Information Systems Program
  - Address Fully Implemented Class Study for Criminal Justice Information Systems Administrator \$69.2 (UGF)



# Vacancy

(as of 2/1/2024)

## All Department Staff

Position Titles	Budgeted Positions	Vacant Position Count by Month								YTD Average	
		Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24		
Civilian	485	88	88	88	96	97	89	79	77	88	18%
Limited Commissioned	71	9	9	10	10	10	10	10	11	10	14%
Commissioned	411	65	65	66	71	73	70	62	62	67	16%
Permanent Part-Time (Seasonal)	13	7	7	8	8	8	9	9	9	8	63%
Non-Permanent	27	4	4	4	4	2	2	3	5	4	13%
Total PFT Only**	968	163	163	165	178	181	170	152	151	165	17%

## Commissioned and Limited Commissioned Positions

Position Titles	Budgeted Positions	Vacant Position Count by Month								YTD Average	
		Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24		
Court Services Officer	62	6	6	7	8	8	8	9	8	8	12%
Deputy Fire Marshal	9	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	33%
Major	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Captain	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Lieutenant	25	4	4	4	4	5	3	3	3	4	15%
Sergeant	72	5	5	5	6	4	4	2	2	4	6%
Corporal	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
State Trooper	296	56	56	57	61	64	63	57	57	59	20%
Total	482	74	74	76	82	84	81	73	74	77	16%



# Thank you!

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