

Department of Public Safety FY2026 Governor's Budget Alaska State Trooper Budget Focus on Impact **House Finance Subcommittee**

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Sworn Officers per 1,000 people

National: 2.4
Alaska: 1.7
State Troopers: 1.47

State and National Rates of Sworn Officers per 1,000 Population



Source: "Crime in Alaska 2023"
<https://dps.alaska.gov/Statewide/R-I/UCR>



K9 Unit

- Drug Interdiction
 - Three K9
- Dual Purpose
 - Three K9 - Drug Interdiction and Tracking
- Electronic Storage Detection (ESD)
 - One ESD K9

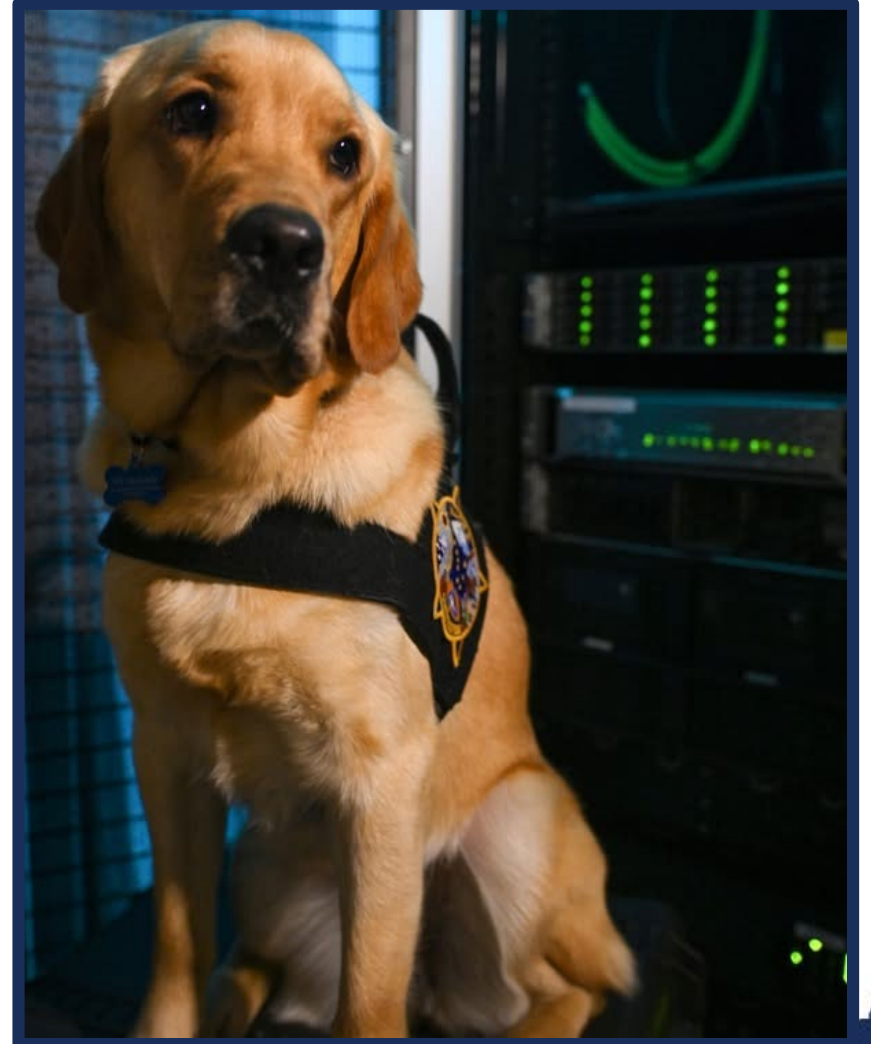


Photo: K9 Sunny, Alaska Bureau of Investigation



Search and Rescue in Fairbanks

- DPS Aircraft Video placeholder



Talkeetna Post \$2,404.6 (in thousands)

- 7.6% increase in population since 2010
- More than 2,500 calls for service annually
- 180 road miles between Mat-Su West & Cantwell
- September 2021 to September 2024:
 - 421 vehicle collisions
 - 262 welfare checks
 - 785 reports of illegal drug use



Special Investigators: \$1,075.5 (in thousands)

- Western Alaska, including Northwest Alaska, reported the highest rate of felony sex offense instances with a rate of 326 per 100,000 population
- This rate exceeds Anchorage, which reported a rate in 206.1 per 100,000 population

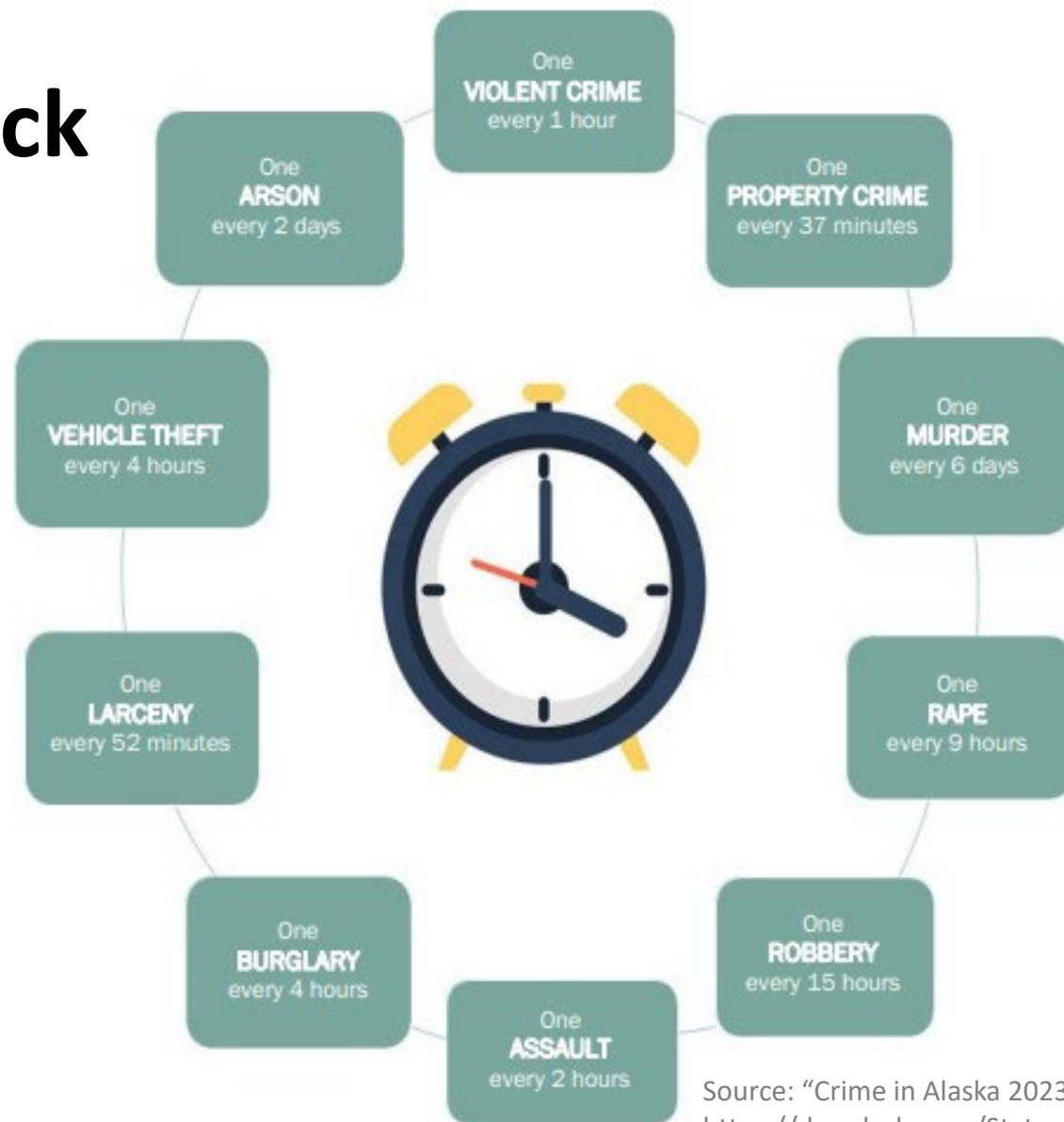
Statewide

- 18% of victims are under the age of 10
- 36% are under the age of 17



2023 Crime Clock

- Summary of crime in Alaska
- Time-based estimates
- A general ‘trend’ not a predictor



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Incremental Budget Increases (in thousands)

- \$1,808.6 Re-open Talkeetna Post + \$596.0 One-Time Costs (4 Troopers, 1 Wildlife Trooper)
- \$1075.5 (3) Child Sexual Abuse investigators in Kotzebue
- \$2,348.0 Trooper overtime true-up
- \$500.0 Law enforcement supplies
- \$123.0 Dispatch center contract increases
- \$65.0 Crime scene forensic van (Soldotna)
- \$50.0 Genetic genealogy unidentified human remains



Thank You

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