

# Department of Public Safety FY2027 Governor's Budget Overview

## House Finance Committee

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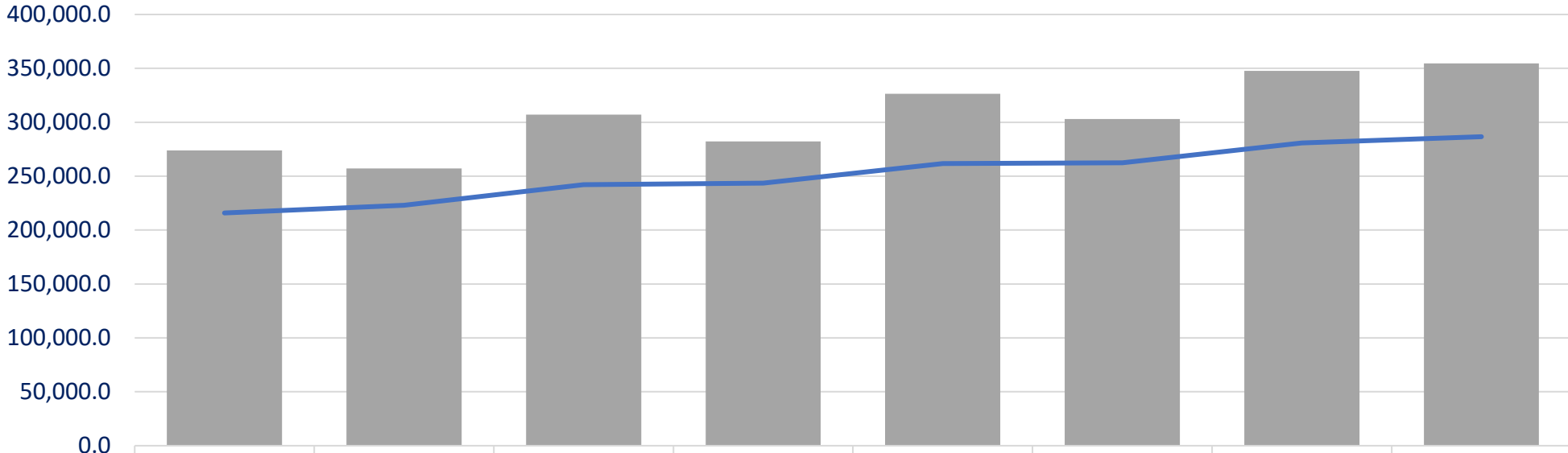
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Department of Public Safety



# Department Budget Trend (\$ in thousands)



■ Total Funding	\$273,790.9	\$257,143.3	\$307,071.5	\$282,242.9	\$326,443.7	\$303,032.5	\$347,723.9	\$354,559.9
— Unrestricted General Funds	\$215,893.0	\$222,995.3	\$242,184.1	\$243,512.7	\$261,658.5	\$262,445.1	\$280,932.0	\$286,618.7

**FY2027 Gov: \$354,559.9 (2.0% increase from FY2026)**



# FY2027 Budget

## Consolidated Appropriation Overview (\$ in thousands)

Appropriation	Position Count <small>(Permanent Full-Time, Part-Time, Longterm Nonpermanent)</small>	FY2027 Total	Unrestricted General Funds	
			Funding	% of UGF Budget
Fire and Life Safety	31	\$7,928.1	\$5,489.5	1.9%
Alaska State Troopers	748	\$218,181.4	\$195,256.4	68.1%
Village Public Safety Operations	5	\$26,101.4	\$26,076.4	9.1%
Alaska Police Standards Council	5	\$2,275.1	- 0 -	- 0 -
Integrated Victim Assistance	31	\$37,503.5	\$19,045.4	6.6%
Statewide Support	232	\$62,570.4	\$40,751.0	14.2%



# FY2027 Increment Overview (\$ in thousands)

Component	Amount	Fund Source	FY2027 Budget Change and Operational Impact
Detachments	\$1,303.0	UGF	Support annual lifecycle costs for body-worn and in-car camera systems previously funded in the Capital budget and with federal funding.
Alaska Bureau of Investigations	\$1,000.0	Other	Provide investigative support to Department of Law in domestic violence and sexual assault cases.
Alaska Bureau of Investigations	\$26.3	UGF	Additional authority for the Information Technology (IT) position allocated to the component which is included in the classification study conducted by the Department of Administration (DOA).
Alaska Police Standard Council	\$550.0	DGF	Expand training and certification support for law enforcement and village police officers.
Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (CDVSA)	\$169.2 -\$169.2	UGF Other	General funds added to replace reduced statutory distribution of Restorative Justice Fund.
Violent Crime Compensation Board (VCCB)	-\$592.0	DGF	Reduction in Restorative Justice Fund, based on available revenue.
Alaska Public Safety Communication Services	\$31.7	UGF	Additional authority for the IT positions allocated to the component which are included in the classification study conducted by DOA.
Information Systems	\$275.8 \$12.9	UGF Other	Additional authority for the IT positions allocated to the component which are included in the classification study conducted by DOA.
Criminal Justice Information Systems (CJIS)	\$27.0	UGF	Additional authority for the IT positions allocated to the component which are included in the classification study conducted by DOA.

UGF: Unrestricted General Fund DGF: Designated General Fund



# Body-Worn Camera & In-Car Camera Program

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- **Statewide Deployment** – 617 body-worn cameras and 374 in-car video systems deployed across Alaska State and Wildlife Troopers, Court Service Officers, Village Public Safety Officers, and Deputy Fire Marshals
- **Integrated Digital Evidence Platform** – Cloud-based system for secure upload, storage, redaction, audit tracking, and transmission to prosecutors
- **Subscription-Based Operating Model** – Annual costs reflect software licensing, evidence management tools, and Criminal Justice Information System-compliant storage rather than hardware replacement
- **FY2027 Funding Request** – Aligns ongoing funding with the current operating model and completes transition to the unified platform



Placeholder for body-worn and in-car camera video



# FY2026 Legislative Actions – Status Update (\$ in thousands)

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- **Talkeetna Post – Not Funded** – Coverage continues from adjacent posts; call volume and traffic along the Parks Highway remain high
- **\$1,000.0 Funded State Trooper Overtime** – The Department is managing within available authority; however, the reduced increment creates staffing pressures
- **Two Child Crimes Investigators** – Two investigators funded; a third was added to support full coverage model
- **Five Village Public Safety Officers (VPSOs)** – Programs currently employ 87 officers; rural operating costs create pressure to reach the 90 authorized



# Operational Realities of a 24/7 Statewide Public Safety Department

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- **Aircraft Operations** – Statewide aviation supports law enforcement, search and rescue, and rural response. Maintenance cycles and fuel volatility require ongoing management
- **Law Enforcement Supplies** – Troopers provide continuous coverage across vast geographic areas, balancing emergency response, investigations, and proactive policing
- **Village Public Safety Officer Programs** – Rural deployment involves housing, transportation, training, and logistics unique to remote Alaska communities
- **Victim Services** – Victim services must operate continuously. The Crime Victim Compensation Fund is revenue-driven and subject to volatility, while statutory obligations remain constant



# Thank You

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