

Department of Public Safety

Department Overview



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Department of Public Safety

"The mission of DPS is to ensure public safety and enforce

fish and wildlife laws"

DIVISIONS

- Administrative Services
- Statewide Services
- Fire & Life Safety
- Alaska State Troopers (AST)
- Alaska Wildlife Troopers (AWT)

BOARDS & COUNCILS

- Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (ABC)
- Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (CDVSA)
- Alaska Police Standards Council (APSC)
- Alaska Fire Standards Council (AFSC)



Alaska State Troopers

“preserve public peace, protect life, property, and resources”

Detachments

Bureau of Alcohol and Drug
Enforcement

Bureau of Investigations

Bureau of Judicial Services

Bureau of Highway Patrol

Village Public Safety Officer Program

DPS Training Academy

- 133,401 calls for service
- 18 Homicides in 2010, 9 DV related, 1 SA related; all but one are solved, actively worked.
- 78 open cold cases, 30 cases have been solved, 11 have resulted in arrests for 1st Degree Murder, 20 are actively being worked.
- Jimmy Eacker: killer of Toni Lister was found guilty of Murder - First Degree by a Kenai jury in March 2010.
- Rita (Coville) Reth: killer of Scott Coville plead out to Murder in November 2010.
- Kenneth Dion: killer of Bonnie Craig is going to trial May 9th 2011.
- Marijuana grow operations, CY10 = 75.
Prescription drug abuse cases increased from 216 in CY09 to 410 in CY10.
- Alcohol importation arrests CY10 = 234 arrests
- 400 Sexual Assaults and 363 Sexual Abuse of Minor cases (CY10)
- 63,099 Prisoner transports, 8,302 Arrest Warrants served or closed, 20,459 Writs served or closed
- 789 SARs, 389 Saves (CY10)
- 57 highway fatalities, 16 alcohol related (CY10)
- 4 Highway Safety Corridors –2 fatalities CY10, 1 alcohol related



VPSO Program

“preserve public peace and protect life and property in rural villages”

VPSO Contracts

- Aleutian Pribilof Island Association
- Bristol Bay Native Association
- Chugachmiut
- Tlingit-Haida Central Council
- Kawerak
- Tanana Chiefs Council
- Association of Village Council Presidents
- Kodiak Area Native Association
- Northwest Arctic Borough
- Copper River Native Association

- As of November 2010; 83 of 86 funded positions were filled.
- 24 VPSO's are currently at Academy
- Study; 40% reduction in the rate of serious injury from assault in communities with VPSO or VPO
- Prosecution for SA is 3.5 times higher in communities with VPSO or VPO
- Governors commitment to place VPSO's in communities. 15 Per Year
- VPSO AHFC Housing projects in Iguigig, Sleetmute, and Akiak approved
- Rural Grants – equipment, supplies and training
- Trooper Support - Village visits 4,113
- VPSO's investigated 6,020 incidents
- 173 DV and Assault arrests, 52 DUI arrests
- Probation and Parole
- 10 VPSO's attended DARE Sponsored Training
- Established Regional VPSO Support Trooper in Bethel – 3 additional positions projected for FY12



Alaska Wildlife Troopers

“enforce fish and game laws; preserve public peace; protect life, property, and resources”

Detachments

Wildlife Investigations Unit

Marine Enforcement

Aircraft Section

- 89,312 resource user contacts
- 4.3% violation to contact rate
- Boating Safety – 10,702 contacts
- Deaths: 2010 = 11 2009 = 12 2008 = 14
2007 = 17
- Cooperative Agreements with USFWS, NMFS-JEA, NPS
- Aircraft section participation in the Medallion Aviation Safety Program
- Lake Hood Hangar is complete

Recent Enforcement Success -

- **Illegal Guiding and Outfitting; Same Day Airborne; Sport Fish Guide Violations** – Kurt Lepping :700 days jail, fined \$45,000, forfeited both Cessna 206 and Piper Super-cub used in commission of the violations.
- **Father, Son Plead Guilty to Big Game Guiding Violations in Brooks Range** - Michael H. Vanning Sr and Michael C. Vanning Jr. Each fined \$7,000, forfeited Piper Super-cub used in the commission of the violations.
- **Ninilchik Sport Fishing Guide's License Revoked and Jail imposed for illegal Acts** - Arthur C. Aho, halibut sport fishing guide, Sentenced with 90 days in jail, fined \$5,000, 40 hours of community work service, and six years probation.



Fire & Life Safety

“prevent the loss of life and property from fire and explosion”

Life Safety Inspections Bureau

Plan Review Bureau

Training & Education Bureau

Office of Rural Fire Protection

Joint Pipeline Office

- Fire Deaths: 24 in 2007, 19 in 2008, 22 in 2009, 12 in 2010.
- In 2010 1,940 building inspections were completed which was a 7% increase over 2009 (1,485)
- In 2010 1,356 plans were reviewed which was an 11% increase from 2009 (1,188)
- 1,299 students trained in 2009, 1,028 in 2010
- 11 deferred jurisdictions, audited every 2 years. Just completed first two year cycle.
- Fire and Building Officials Forum – 4th annual to be held in April.
- Office of Oil & Gas Systems and Facilities – in process of hiring plans examiner. Office to be fully staffed before end of session.
- Designed and implemented home fire safety iPhone “App”. Available for free in iTunes.



Statewide Services

“preserve public peace, protect life, property, and resources”

Alaska Public Safety Information Network
(APSIN)

Statewide Information Services
Network Support Group

Criminal Records and Identification
Bureau

Automated Fingerprint Identification
System (AFIS)

Permits and Licensing

- Security Guard Licensing

- Civilian Process Server

- Concealed Handgun Permits

Sex Offender Registration

- APSIN re-design in final development stages
- Statewide Records Management System Development
- Statewide Traffic and Criminal Software (TraCS) System and Support
- Information Sharing Initiatives with Criminal Justice Partners:
 - DMV/Courts/Corrections/
 - Infrastructure planning and support for all hazards Fusion Center
- 2756 Registered Sex Offenders, 98 non-compliant
- 7086 Active Concealed Handgun Permits
- 77,971 Fingerprint cards received in 2010
- Fingerprint background backlog was 13,000 with 150 day turn time. This was eliminated and current turn time is 3-5 business days.
- Challenge; Digital Network Storage and migration to new technologies



Office of the Commissioner

“provide support and policy direction to divisions and agencies within the department”

Office of Professional Standards

Alaska Police Standards Council

Alaska Fire Standards Council

Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

Crime Detection Laboratory

- Office of Professional Standards (OPS) is fully operational.
- Software tool now in place for managing citizen complaints and internal investigations. Also tracks uses of force, pursuits, and employee commendations.
- Web link in place for public reporting of employee conduct directly to OPS.
- Continue Training of 3,171 persons in statewide law enforcement.
- Training & Certification is offered to 6100 career firefighters and volunteers
- CDVSA funding to 21 Victim Service and 8 Batterers Intervention programs across Alaska; 10,657 victims accessed services.
- Funded 61 DV/SA Training sessions for Law Enforcement, Advocates, Prosecutors, First Responders, Court Personnel.
- Statewide prevention strategies employed: Real Alaska Men Choose Respect; Stand Up Speak Up; the 4th R (relationship) school curriculum started 34 teachers trained in 20 schools.
- Licensing of approx. 1800 liquor licensees and enforcement to ensure compliance with alcohol laws and regulations.



Crime Detection Laboratory

“provide forensic services to the Alaskan community”

SECTIONS

Breath Alcohol

Blood Alcohol

Biological Screening

DNA

Controlled Substances

Fire Debris (Arson)

Firearm/Toolmarks

Latent Prints

Evidence

- 4756 cases submitted
 - 15% increase
 - 78% turned in 30 days or less
 - 8% improvement
- Cases over 120 days old 2%
 - 9% reduction
- Biological screening (pre-DNA) backlog eliminated
- Implemented a new sexual assault evidence collection kit
- 30 day turnaround time for CODIS samples
- 71 database hits
- DNA Backlog Reduction
 - Eliminated all sexual assault cases awaiting analysis prior to 2009
- New Crime Laboratory Construction on Schedule
 - June 2012 move in date

QUESTIONS ?

