

From: [Lou Theiss](#)
To: [Senate Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Re: Public safety cuts - Girdwood
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On Mar 31, 2015 9:47 AM, "Lou Theiss" <theiss111@gmail.com> wrote:

While moving 3 of 6 Troopers to Soldotna and closing the Girdwood State Trooper post will certainly save the State a few hundred thousand, it will raise the overall cost of policing dramatically.

Muni of Anchorage wants to put 6 to 9 APD in Girdwood. To patrol 3 miles of improved road at a cost of between \$1.2 and \$1.5 million. Because most crime occurs out on the state highway, APD has said they will have a presence on the state highway. The taxes on my modest house will increase by \$1500 a yr to pay for patrolling on a STATE HIGHWAY...The troopers never have spent much time in our town or in their office...they are almost always out on the highway

We would like to contract with the troopers, out of girdwood area service budget funds to have a troop\constable. It worked for 20 yrs in the '80s and '90s.

Thank you, lou theiss 40 yr resident