

General Information

Board/Commission and seat you are seeking:
Alcoholic Beverage Control, Public Safety Seat

Additional Boards/Commissions of interest:
None

State Boards/Commissions on which you have served:
none

First Name
Rex

Middle Name
Robert

Last Name
Leath

Military Service

Conflict of Interest

Full disclosure of personal financial data under AS 39.50.010 is required for certain boards and commissions. Are you willing to provide this information if required for the board or commission which you are applying?
Yes

Service in a public office is a public trust. The Ethics Act (AS 39.52.110) prohibits substantial and material conflicts of interest. Is it possible that you or any member of your family will benefit financially by decisions to be made by the board or commission for which you are applying? If you answer 'yes' to this question you MUST explain the potential financial benefit.
No

Please explain the potential financial benefit

Employment History

Employment work history including paid, unpaid, or voluntary.
Alaska Department of Public Safety-1999 to present
Licensed plumber-Slayden Plumbing-1997 to 1999
Copper Basin Mechanical- 1997 to present
Commercial Fisherman-Kodiak based-1994 to 1997

Education, Training, Experience & Qualifications

List both formal and informal education and training experiences:
25 year Alaska resident.
Kodiak High School graduate.
UAS/UAF/UAA/University of North Carolina college credits-72
Alaska Law Enforcement Training Academy
Graduate of Drug Enforcement Administration drug course
Child Fatality Forensic Review team (all child deaths and their causes to include alcohol/drug related).
Deputy Commander of Alaska Bureau of Investigation (reviewing all state homicides and their causes to include drug and alcohol related).
Deputy Commander of Alaska Statewide Drug Enforcement Unit (reviewing all state narcotics investigations and alcohol sale/transport/barter crimes)
Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy Graduate-Class 249

List any professional licenses, certifications, or registrations and dates obtained that may be used as qualifying criteria:

APSC Advanced Police Certificate

APSC certified police instructor

List any community service, municipal government, and state positions held, and any awards received.

Alaska State Trooper- 1999 to present

AST Division Trooper of the Year award

AST Division Supervisor of the Year award

Conviction Record

Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor within the past five years or a felony within the past ten years?

No

Conviction Circumstances

Certification of Accuracy & Completeness

By submitting this online application, I swear the information I have entered on this form is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if I deliberately conceal or enter false information on the form my application may be rejected, I may be removed from the list of eligible candidates, or I may be removed from the position. I agree that the Office of the Governor may contact present or former employees or other persons who know me to obtain an additional information about my skills and abilities. I understand that the information on this application is public information and may be released through a legal request for such information.

Type "I certify"

"I certify"

Resume Addendum:

Press Release Wording

Rex Leath Jr., 40yoa from Wasilla, is currently a Captain with the Alaska Wildlife Troopers. He has been working for the Department of Public Safety, both the Alaska Wildlife Troopers and the Alaska State Troopers, for over 17 years. He has served time as a patrol trooper, drug investigator, Fusion center director, Deputy Commander of the Alaska Bureau of Investigation, Deputy Commander of the Statewide Drug Enforcement Unit and as a detachment commander with the Alaska Wildlife Troopers. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy.

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Alcohol Beverage Control Board

550 West 7th Ave., Suite 1600

Anchorage, AK 99501

Re: ABC Board seat

Dear ABC board,

I am writing this letter to announce my desire to be considered for the "Public Safety" seat on the Alaska Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) board. I am enthusiastically optimistic at the opportunity to bring my life and work experiences to the Alcohol Beverage Control board, and most importantly, the citizens of Alaska as it relates to alcohol control/regulatory issues.

I moved to Kodiak Alaska in 1992. Having lived in numerous locations around the state since that time, I have seen communities with alcohol and/or controlled substances challenges. At times these challenges resulted in positive outcomes and other times they did not. This included dynamics with extended family members who were negatively affected by such substances.

Prior to my career in law enforcement starting in 1999, I was a commercial fisherman and construction worker. In this capacity, as a working community member, I was able to observe the community dynamics that are affected by alcohol and controlled substance access or lack thereof. From Unalaska, to Hoonah, I saw the communities and people of Alaska and how they reacted to or were affected by the decisions made by the local communities and the state of Alaska as it applies to alcohol control and regulations. There were times it seemed that things were "good" and other times it appeared as if "we" could do better.

This time period of my life sparked a desire to work in law enforcement. I joined the Alaska State Troopers in 1999 and worked patrol in Fairbanks. This work as you know immediately exposed me to alcohol and controlled substance related events on a daily basis. My learning curve at this time was steep, but extremely valuable to my future endeavors in law enforcement.

I transferred to Kotzebue in 2001 and worked patrol there, ultimately transferring to what was called the Alaska Bureau of Drug Enforcement position there. My time in Kotzebue, in both capacities, allowed me to work in many small communities, all of which were "local option" communities. In regards to the alcohol dynamics there, alcohol crimes were quite common at times and I became intimately familiar with sale, transportation and illicit financial transactions tied to alcohol.

Since that time I have been the patrol Sergeant over Seward and Cooper Landing posts, the Lieutenant supervising the Criminal Intelligence Unit, the Director of the Alaska Fusion Center (AKIAC), the Deputy Director of the Alaska Bureau of Investigations major crimes as well as the Deputy Director of the Statewide Drug Enforcement Unit (SDEU). Currently I am the N detachment commander for the Alaska Wildlife Troopers.

This diverse career path has allowed me to work in and supervise law enforcement efforts in the entire state of Alaska at times. Specifically my time in SDEU gave me a working knowledge and perspective of local option that few law enforcement members have. I have seen the aftershocks of devastation from some of these areas that were affected negatively by certain community votes or wishes, as well as successful community models by others.

I have a very solid and functioning knowledge of alcohol issues and the enforcement of regulations and laws that govern them in Alaska. Having dealt with so many crimes related to this element, as well as the people affected by it, I know how diligent we must be to ensure we as a state support the people that live here as our communities navigate the title 4 issues that are constantly before us. With growing budget concerns and sheer logistics of this great state, some desires or wishes when it comes to title 4 are not obtainable. With 12 years as a supervisor in the Department of Public Safety I have managed statewide budgets, implemented court ruling and writing proposed legislation and am very successful at finding alternative routes to the goal at hand. As a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy I also understand the value of collaboration with partnerships at the public, state and national levels.

My wife Laura and I, along with our 4 sons, reside in Wasilla Alaska and Alaska is our home. We spend time recreating on the Kobuk River as well as Kodiak, and my family too knows the importance of Alaska properly managing our exposure to influential substances such as alcohol. Because of the value to me that my wife and sons hold, as well as the value of the citizens in the state of Alaska who face these elements, I am eager to serve them and work to ensure we "get it right". When it comes to the interpretation and implementation of regulations and laws governing this venue, we owe this to those we serve.

I am a strong public speaker, pro-active, energetic and dedicated to public safety in Alaska. The issues that the ABC board addresses on a daily basis are close to my heart. I truly appreciate the opportunity to be considered for this position.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Rex Leath", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Rex Leath