

### Department of Public Safety Aircraft Section

### House Finance Subcommittee

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# FY2023 Significant Operating Budget Changes (All \$ in Thousands)

- Funding for two State Trooper Tactical Flight Officers (one Anchorage, one Fairbanks) and a civilian Aircraft Pilot (Dillingham) – \$614.2 UGF and 3 PFT
- One-time funding for training and equipment for two new State Troopers \$149.4 UGF
- Funding for increased costs associated with basic operations \$1,800.0 UGF
- Funding for Aircraft Pilot training \$290.0 UGF



### **Essential to DPS Mission**

- 43 Aircraft stationed across Alaska PATROL CARS IN THE SKY
- Communities of Juneau, Kodiak, Cordova, Soldotna, Anchorage, Wasilla, Glennallen, Tok, Delta, Fairbanks, Coldfoot, Kotzebue, Nome, Galena, McGrath, King Salmon, Bethel, Dillingham
- Dynamic operation supporting All DPS missions
- Operations at nearly every state-maintained airport in Alaska and many off airport strips
- Aircraft in DPS support:
  - Search and Rescue operations statewide
  - Transport and movement of Troopers and Fire Marshals into and out of rural Alaska for law enforcement missions
  - Victim transport from rural Alaska to support services
  - Prisoner transport statewide
  - Wildlife and fisheries enforcement
  - Efficient transport of Troopers for criminal investigations and support of VPSO's
  - Cargo transport, HAZMAT and other law enforcement items



## **Standardization of Operation**

- Standardize missions, safety of operations, safety management system, maintenance, aircraft types and direction
- Civilian pilots to support flight operations
- Provide reliable aircraft for Department while working to modernize fleet
- Provide essential training for department pilots

#### **BY THE NUMBERS:**

- Average 190,000 gallons of fuel annually (Av gas and Jet fuel)
- In last 24 months aircraft have flown approximately 1.5 million miles
- 6,000 flight hours annually
- 20,000 take offs and landings
- Average age of aircraft in fleet 42 years old
- 75,000 pounds of cargo annually

# Thank You

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