



Memorandum

To: Representative Delena Johnson, Co-Chair
Representative Bryce Edgmon, Co-Chair
Representative Neal Foster, Co-Chair

House Finance Committee

From: Pam Halloran, Administrative Services Director
Department of Public Safety

Date: February 20, 2024

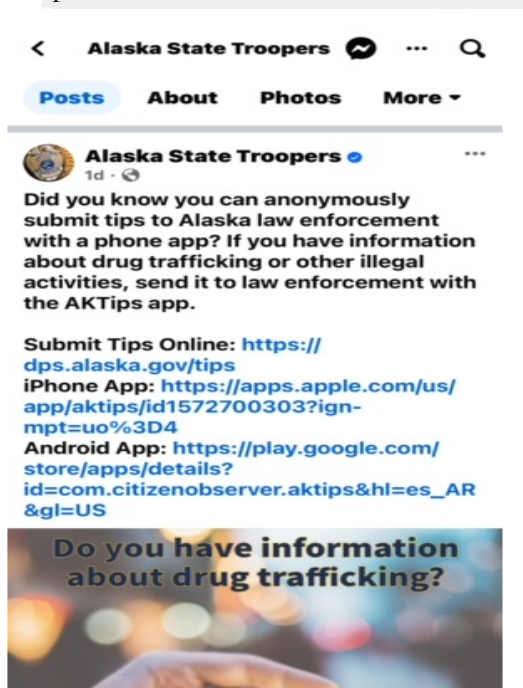
Subject: Response to Questions from HFIN for Public Safety FY2025 Budget Overview
Presentation on 2/13/24

Co-Chairs Edgmon, Foster and Johnson,

In response to the questions posed to the Department of Public Safety (DPS) in the House Finance Committee meeting on February 13, 2023:

1. ***Can we set AKTIPS up on Facebook? (Rep Cronk)***

The department recently promoted AKTIPS is currently on Facebook. Below is a screenshot of a post.



2. *What are the terms of the memorandums of Agreements (MOAs) with villages who employ VPSOs? Can we provide an example of a Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO) MOA agreement? (Rep Josephson)*

The terms for a memorandum of agreement (MOA) between the grantee (Alaska Native organization, AS 47.27.070(a) or their designee as allowed in AS 18.65.670) and the village/community/city council/tribe (governing body) are required to be substantially similar across the regions.

Attached is a sample Memorandum of Agreement DPS provides to grantees, which contains basic terms required under 13 AAC 96.050 that outlines the relationship and the services that a VPSO will provide to the community. The agreement must (1) be comparable to agreements that the grant recipient has made with other villages in the region that the grant recipient serves; (2) require that the grant recipient and the village comply with this chapter and with state and federal law; and (3) set out a public safety program objective and specific job descriptions for village public safety officers that include the duties and responsibilities that the grant recipient and the village expect an officer to perform.

Attachments:

Sample VPSO Memorandum of Agreement

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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

Between

The **Organization**, and **Governing Body**

I. Purpose and Scope:

- A. This is a MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) between **Organization** and the **Governing Body** to provide a Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO) for the community of _____.
- B. The parties mutually consent to placing a VPSO in the community named above for the purpose of conducting public safety duties and to comply with the State of Alaska Administrative Code 13 AAC 96.050 Grantee agreements with villages.

II. The **Organization** hereby agrees to:

- A. Comply with statutes AS 18.65.670-688 and regulations 13 AAC 96 governing the VPSO program participation; and
- B. Comply with applicable state and federal laws; and
- C. Set out a public safety program objective and specific job description for the VPSO, attached to this MOA.

III. The **Governing Body** hereby agrees to:

- A. Accept and support the placement of a VPSO in the community; and
- B. Comply with statutes AS 18.65.670-688 and regulations 13 AAC 96 governing the VPSO program participation; and
- C. Comply with all applicable state and federal laws.

IV. Amendments

- A. An amendment to this MOA may be proposed by either party in writing; and
- B. An amendment will become effective on the date of signing by both parties.

V. Duration/Termination of MOA

- A. This MOA shall be perpetual until amended or voided by consent of both parties; and
- B. Either party may terminate this MOA without delivery of a Termination Notice in writing to the affected party; and
- C. Termination will be effective 30 days from delivery in writing to the affected party.

VI. Dispute Resolution

- A. Dispute resolution may include consenting to mutually agreed resolution; or
- B. Consenting to the final decision of the Alaska Department of Public Safety VPSO Program Director; or
- C. Filing of legal recourse. Venue for such recourse shall be in the municipality of Anchorage, Alaska.

This agreement is hereby enacted by signatures below:

For Organization:

Printed Name & Title	(Signed)	Date

For Governing Body:

Printed Name & Title	(Signed)	Date