

**OVERVIEW**

**DEPT. OF**

**PUBLIC**

**SAFETY,**

**1/10/06**

**Fire Cause per Location for 2005**

PROVIDED BY -  
DPS on 1/10/06

**Muni of Anchorage** - McHugh Creek - Arson/suicide - 1 death  
**Muni of Anchorage** - Anchorage - Careless Smoking - 1 death -  
No working sprinkler system in hotel

**Fairbanks/North Star** - Fairbanks - Flammables too close to combustible  
material - Space heaters too close to bedding - 1 death - No Smoke Alarms

**Mat-Su Borough** - Wasilla - Arson/homicide - 1 death  
**Mat-Su Borough** - Houston - Vehicle Crash - 1 death  
**Mat-Su Borough** - Willow - Complete destruction of home - cause  
undetermined at this time - 1 death

**Bethel district** - Napaskiak - Arson/homicide - 1 death  
**Bethel district** - Bethel - Inappropriate use of candle - 1 death - Smoke alarm  
worked, but victim went back in to fire area.  
**Bethel district** - Bethel - Careless Cooking - 1 death - No Smoke Alarms  
**Bethel district** - Bethel - Arson/homicide - 1 death  
**Bethel district** - Bethel - Arson/suicide - 1 death

**Valdez/Cordova** - Copper Center - Improperly installed wood stove with  
possible chimney fire - 3 deaths - No Smoke Alarms  
**Valdez/Cordova** - Cape Yakataga - No fire response - 1 death - fire  
completely destroyed structure - cause unknown

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18 EVENTS  
20 DEATHS

**Prince of Wales** - Metlakatla - Arson/suicide - 1 death, 1 severe injury -  
father was burned while trying to rescue son

**Southeast Fairbanks district** - Salcha - Misuse of fuel - 1 death - Using  
flammable liquid to start wood stove fire

**Dillingham district** - Dillingham - Careless Smoking - 1 death - Smoke  
Alarm did not operate

**Denali Borough** - Cantwell - Improperly installed equipment - 1 death -  
Victim was living in a home built RV - heating system installed incorrectly

**North Slope Borough** - Point Hope - Vehicle Crash - 1 death

## Louie Flora

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**From:** Milli Martin [millimom@xyz.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 09, 2006 3:30 PM  
**To:** Rep. Paul Seaton  
**Subject:** State Affairs teleconference Tues. a.m.

Dear Representative Seaton and members of the House State Affairs Committee,

On Jnaury 1st, two very beloved members of the Homer and Anchor Point Community met an untimely, unnecessary and tragic death at the hands of a speeding vehicle driven by someone who had lost their license due to past speeding violations.

Some months ago a young man from Anchor Point was also involved in a terrible head on collision on this same stretch of road, that resulted in the death of two more innocent people. When police went to serve additional charges, they found this person at Wildwood. He had been arrested, again, on drunk driving charges.

Maybe the State of Alaska needs additional laws, my conversations with law enforcement indicates what is desperately needed is to adequately fund the and District Attorney's and the Troopers, so maybe we can get a handle on this kind of horror. They indicated that DA is so overwhelmed, they do not have the time to properly prosecute crimes as they occur, and many are just excused for that reason. Added to this the skeleton crews for our State Troopers and it is no wonder they cannot adequately patrol the hundreds of miles of road that they are charged with patrolling. A friend of mine drove back from Anchorage on the 2nd, and said she saw one Trooper on the whole drive!

I hope your committee will consider the funding needed to make our roads safer.

Please share this memo with others members.

Thank you,

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# **Department of Public Safety**



## **House State Affairs Committee**

Overview

January 10, 2006



## Department of Public Safety is comprised of the following:

- Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (ABC)
- Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (CDVSA)
- Alaska Police Standards Council (APSC)
- State Crime Lab
- Statewide Information Services
- Records and Identification
- Sex Offender Registration (SOR)
- Concealed Carry Permits *what is amount of permits now law changed*
- Security Guard and Process Server Licensing
- State Fire Marshal
- Alaska State Troopers (AST)
- Alaska Bureau of Wildlife Enforcement (ABWE)
- Alaska Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Enforcement (ABADE)
- Alaska Bureau of Investigation (ABI)



# Division of Fire Prevention

## Fire Fatalities for 2005

*wildfire Terrains*

- QUICK SUMMARY -  
**18 Fires / 20 Deaths**

- *Cause of Death*

Undetermined: 2	Smoking: 2	Vehicle Crash: 2
Equip. Malfunction: 4	Misuse of Fuel: 1	Arson: 6
Combustibles too close: 2	Unattended Cooking: 1	

- *Location of Death (By Census Districts/Boroughs)*

Muni of Anchorage: 2	FB-North StarBoro: 1	Valdez/Cordova: 4
Mat-Su Borough: 3	Bethel: 5	Dillingham: 1
Prince of Wales: 1	SE Fairbanks: 1	Denali Borough: 1
North Slope Borough: 1		



# Division of Fire Prevention

## Project Code Red Activity

<http://www.dps.state.ak.us/fire/asp/pcr.asp>

### - QUICK SUMMARY -

- 99 Villages funded to date from inception
- 72 Delivered and training completed
- 7 Delivered and training completed in FY06
- 6 Scheduled for Spring 2006
- Goal of 25 delivered and completed for FY06



# Division of Fire Prevention Project Code Red Trailer's



These photo's were taken in Atka, Alaska. Each community is equipped with two trailers. Trailer #1 typically carries a Tri-Max 30 compressed air foam fire fighting system, (4) twenty pound dry chemical extinguishers, and two Tri-Max 3 foam extinguishers. Trailer #2 depicted here, has a Honda fire pump, suction hose, and a fire fighting hose.



# Division of Statewide Services

## - QUICK SUMMARY -

### Criminal Records and ID Bureau

- **Live Scan (Fingerprint Instrument) replacement update:**  
--Procurement in progress

### Information Services

- **APSIN: Re-design complete – Phased development and migration effort underway**

### Crime Lab

- **New DNA High Capacity Analyzer: Procured July 2005**
- **Number of DNA Hits: (92) since December 2004**
- **Power of DNA:** --Linked Alaskan to unsolved California homicide of 1989  
--Linked Alaska theft to a Florida convicted offender  
--Linked Massachusetts sex assault to an Alaska convicted offender
- **NIBIN (National Integrated Ballistic Information Network)**  
--Online: August 24, 2004 --IBIS (Integrated Ballistic ID System)
- **New lab vs. expand existing lab: Needs/Consideration**

*How many Tests 7,000*

*1,500 left*



# Division of Statewide Services

## - Quick Summary -

### Alaska Concealed Handgun Permits

- Number of active permits: 19,987
- Trend: Decline in permits issued (FY04 Legislation)
- Reciprocity with 29 states

### Sex Offender Registration

- Sex Offenders on the website: 4,127
- Trends: --New Registrations per year: 252  
--Updated Registrations per month: 680
- Challenges-Out of state offenders:  
--Required registration --Duration of registration --Tolling issues
- National Registry roll out: Active on 12/27/05

*2007  
not compliant*



# Division of Alaska State Troopers

## CORE MISSIONS

- Statewide Drug and Alcohol Enforcement
- Statewide Criminal Investigative Services
- Rural Public Safety Services
- Wildlife Law Enforcement
- Highway Safety
- Law Enforcement Training

*Shrink pool  
applicants*



# Division of Alaska State Troopers

## CHALLENGES

- Patrol Case Load – Urban:
  - Meeting service demands of a growing constituency
- Recruitment & Retention:
  - Challenges are a national trend
  - Competition with other agencies for limited applicant pool
  - Lack of adequate housing or office facilities in villages
- Vacancies: **Currently 42 positions statewide**
  - Vacancy factor: **(15)** - Net vacancies: **(27)**
- Court Service Officers (CSO) Hires:
  - FY06 (4) new positions funded – Positions filled 1/3/06





# Division of Alaska State Troopers

## ABI & ABADE

### - QUICK SUMMARY -

- Alaska Bureau of Investigation (ABI):
  - Three years running – all homicides solved
  - Success in linking various cases to other crimes
  - Cold case success (9 arrests or cases pending with DA)
- Alaska Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Enforcement:
  - Percentage of alcohol and drug seizures-upward trend
  - Number of meth labs are decreasing
  - Seeking US Postal Service 'cross designation'

*How much  
Meth import*

*How can we help*



# Division of Alaska State Troopers

## Village Public Safety Officer Program

### - QUICK SUMMARY -

- Positions: 59.5 State funded  
--Filled: 47.5 --Vacant: 12
- Positions: 10 Federally funded  
--Filled: 0
- Turnover Rate: FY05 = 44.07%
- Academy 2006: 22\Scheduled, 18\Started, 10\Remain
- Wage Increase: Beginning FY05, adjusted VPSO scale to eliminate disparity of pay throughout regions. Resulted in base pay increase from \$13.99/hr. to \$15.05/hr.

? full time 40 hr  
or ?



# Division of Alaska State Troopers

## ABWE

### - QUICK SUMMARY -

- Alaska Bureau of Wildlife Enforcement (ABWE):

- New Pilot Development and Advanced Training

- Tok Post vacant for months – now filled

- St. Mary's Post vacant over 2 years – Will be filled on 3/1/06

- Special enforcement programs-DUI, CIOT, SOR, ABC, Warrants, Prisoner transport, SAR Cases, DV orders, Robbery investigation

- Results of DUI 'Blitz' during Holiday: Dec. 23, 2005 – Jan. 2, 2006

- ^ABWE Overall: (5) DUI Arrests and (50) Citations issued

- (8) ABWE MatSu Troopers received training on Jan. 4, 2006 from ABC Inspector on inspecting alcohol facilities. Other training to follow.

*the officer is  
the pilot single  
officer missin?*

*citations  
not arrested?*



# Division of Alaska State Troopers

## Highway Traffic Enforcement

### - QUICK SUMMARY -

- **DUI Team:**

- Began operating on November 16, 2003 (Palmer based)
- Events worked 2005: (10)** Includes – Girdwood, Seward, Paxson, Anderson, Talkeetna, Fairbanks, Delta Junction, and Palmer
- FY07 Additional **(3)** Trooper DUI Team to be stationed in Fairbanks
- Total DUI's for 2005: (386)**
- Total citations for 2005: (1,666)**

- **Alaska Highway Fatalities – Trends: Downward**

- Alcohol Related Fatal Accidents:** Dropped from **(38)** in 1994 to **(23)** in 2005\*
- Total Fatal Crashes:** Dropped from **(70)** in 1994 to **(65)** in 2005\*
- Non-seatbelt Use in Fatal Accidents:**

Dropped from **(48)** in 1994 to **(23)** in 2005\*

\*Preliminary data provided by Alaska DOT/PF Highway Safety Office



# Division of Alaska State Troopers

## Statewide Training

### **- QUICK SUMMARY -**

- In-service Training:
  - Developed in-service training for municipal police
  - Focused on high risk – low frequency situations
  - Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) Training
  - Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) training
  - Expanded training for first line supervisors and commanders