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VPSO Task Force Public Meetings Agenda

- Opening remarks – Senator Olson

- Purpose of the Task Force
- What we hope to accomplish
- Process we are using

- Overview of the current VPSO program – Commissioner Monegan

- Problems we're aware of, such as recruitment and retention, salary, etc.
- Things that have already been tried, or are in the works
- Introduction of tiered approach to public safety officers throughout Alaska

- Public input and discussion – please:

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- Closing – Senator Olson and other members of the Task Force

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• Opening remarks – Senator Olson

- Purpose of the Task Force

In May 2007, the Senate passed SR7, "A resolution creating and relating to the Senate VPSO Task Force". This resolution created a Task Force to find ways to strengthen and improve public safety in rural Alaska by identifying problems with the Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO) program, and ways those problems might be addressed.

- What we hope to accomplish

By taking testimony from those most affected by rural public safety issues, we hope the ideas, concerns and potential solutions discussed at these meetings will give the Task Force what it needs to make thoughtful recommendations for improvement to the Legislature.

- Process we are using

We are holding 7 public hearings, and an additional meeting with most of the VPSOs to share the results of these meetings, and solicit their feedback and ideas as well.

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