HB 106

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REPRESENTATIVE REGGIE JOULE

To: Representative Herron, Co-Chair, Community & Regional Affairs
Representative Munoz, Co-Chair, Community & Regional Affairs

From: Representative Joule

Re: Request for hearing

Date: February 16, 2009

I would like to formally request a hearing on HB 106, "An act relating to village public safety officers and regional public safety officers." I have attached my sponsor statement, sectional analysis, bill, and other pertinent information. We would appreciate a hearing as soon as possible. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact Elizabeth Hensley in our office. I appreciate your consideration of this request.

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Sponsor Statement

HB 106

"An act relating to village public safety officers and regional public safety officers."

Village Public Safety Officers (VPSOs) serve as first responders in rural Alaska when disasters such as fires, lost persons, and medical emergencies strike. They also provide the only consistent law enforcement and crime prevention services in the majority of Alaskan villages, which are without police forces and resident State Troopers. Under current State law (AS 18.65.670-680), regional nonprofit corporations receive grants to administer the VPSO Program. HB 106 would amend the law to enable boroughs with fewer than 10,000 residents to receive VPSO funds and administer the Program in place of regional nonprofit corporations.

Not all regional nonprofit corporations wish to or have the capacity to administer the VPSO Program, the consequence being that far too many villages are without a VPSO. For example, in the northwestern part of the State, one VPSO delivers public safety services to 11 villages. When an emergency arises in a village, it can take days or weeks for the VPSO to respond. This results in everyday citizens being compelled to take public safety into their own hands by detaining criminals, for example – or worse – villages in which no reaction to an emergency occurs. When and if State Troopers or the single VPSO in the region makes it to the scene of the crime or accident, evidence is often destroyed and the situation is far more critical than it would have been had a VPSO been immediately available.

HB 106 aims to make emergency response and law enforcement available to more residents of the State, not just those who reside in urban areas and the 43 towns in which State Troopers are based.

House Bill 106 – VPSO Program

Sectional Analysis

February 16, 2009

Section 1: Adds boroughs as entities that may administer the VPSO Program.

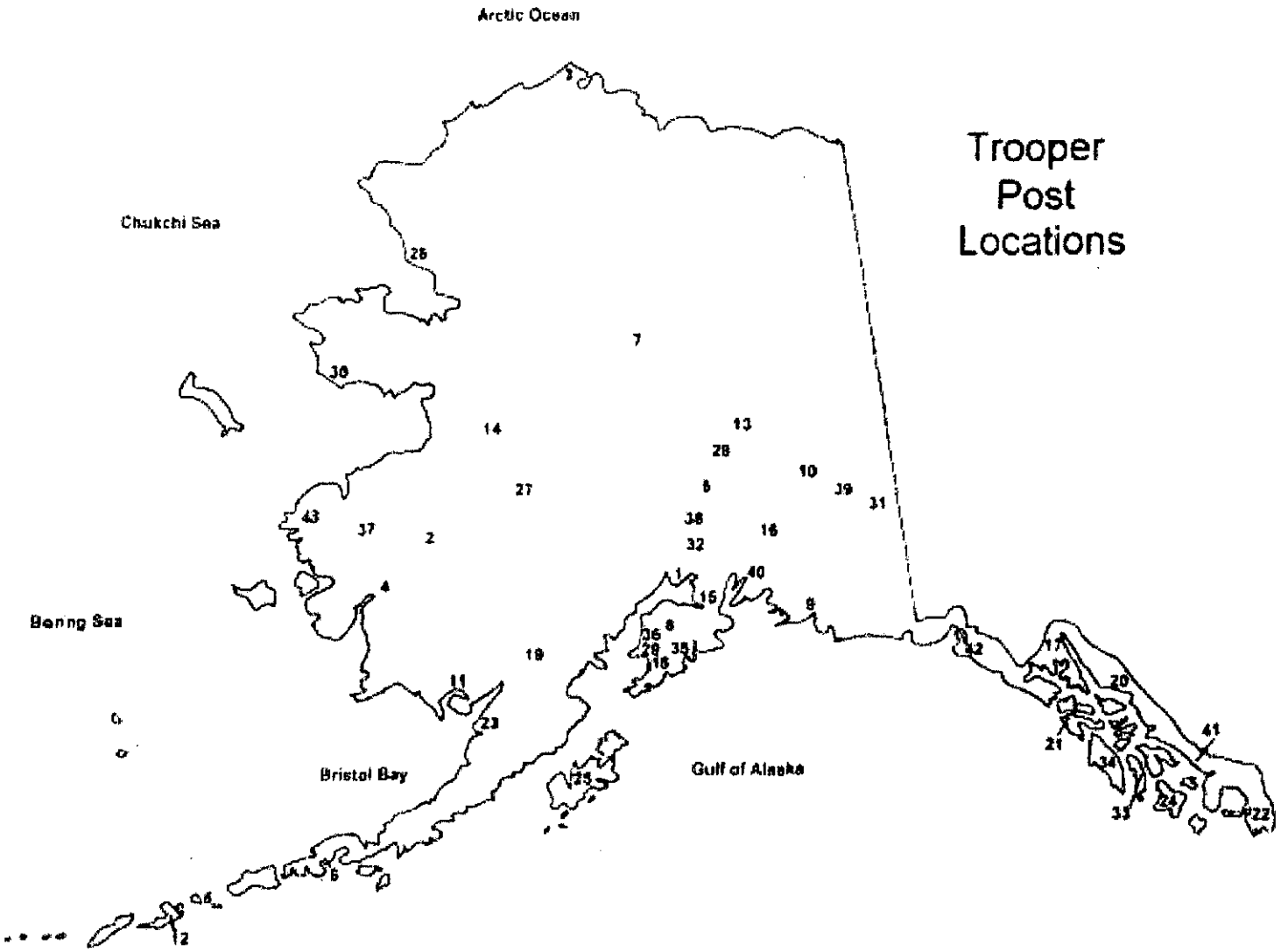
Section 2: Adds that boroughs with populations of under 10,000 may receive Department of Public Safety grants and administer the Program. Adds boroughs as entities that the Commissioners of Public Safety and Corrections shall jointly execute an agreement with when providing grants to the borough. Adds that for areas within a borough that exercises areawide law enforcement power, only the borough may receive grants.

Section 3: Adds that the Commissioner of Public Safety may adopt regulations pertaining to boroughs' participation in the VPSO Program.

Section 4: Adds that in addition to having the option to appoint Regional Public Safety Officers in rural areas of the state, the Commissioner of Public Safety may appoint them to boroughs that do not exercise areawide law enforcement powers and that have populations of under 10,000.

Request for Teleconferencing
House Bill 106 – VPSO Program
February 16, 2009

Please consider this a request for teleconferencing for statewide LIOs. We may need to provide some testifiers with an offnet number.



Headquarters and Posts for the Detachments and Bureaus

Detachment	Headquarters	Posts
A	Ketchikan	Haines, Juneau, Klawock, Ketchikan, Petersburg
B	Palmer	Glennallen, Palmer/Mat-Su West, Talkeetna
C	Anchorage	Anchorage, Aniak, Bethel, Dillingham, Emmonak, Iliamna, King Salmon, Kodiak, Kotzebue, McGrath, Nome, Saint Mary's, Unalakleet
D	Fairbanks	Barrow, Cantwell, Delta Junction, Fairbanks, Galena, Healy, Nenana, Northway, Tok
E	Soldotna	Anchor Point, Cooper Landing, Girdwood, Ninilchik, Seward, Soldotna
ABADE	Anchorage	Anchorage, Bethel, Fairbanks, Juneau, Kodiak, Kotzebue, Nome, Palmer, Soldotna, Wasilla
ABI	Anchorage	Anchorage, Fairbanks, Palmer, Soldotna, Mat-Su West

Source: http://www.dps.state.ak.us/AST/detachments.aspx

U.S. Census Bureau

American FactFinder

Alaska -- Borough or Census Area

GCT-T1-R. Population Estimates (geographies ranked by estimate)

Data Set: **2006 Population Estimates**

Note: For information on errors stemming from model error, sampling error, and nonsampling error, see: http://www.census.gov/popest/topics/methodology.

Rank	Geographic area	Population Estimates							Estimates Base	Census 2000
		July 1, 2006	July 1, 2005	July 1, 2004	July 1, 2003	July 1, 2002	July 1, 2001	July 1, 2000	April 1, 2000	April 1, 2000
	Alaska	670,053	663,253	656,834	647,747	640,544	632,241	627,533	626,931	626,932
	BOROUGH OR CENSUS AREA									
1	Anchorage Municipality	278,700	275,474	273,756	270,818	267,561	263,621	260,509	260,283	260,283
2	Fairbanks North Star Borough	88,754	87,555	86,769	85,172	84,722	83,795	82,727	82,840	82,840
3	Matanuska-Susitna Borough	80,480	76,112	72,187	68,292	65,079	62,204	59,907	59,322	59,322
4	Kenai Peninsula Borough	52,304	51,766	51,527	51,208	51,008	50,172	49,673	49,691	49,691
5	Juneau City and Borough	30,737	30,881	31,061	30,999	30,769	30,572	30,680	30,711	30,711
6	Bethel Census Area	17,147	17,118	16,979	16,844	16,627	16,291	16,092	16,046	16,006
7	Ketchikan Gateway Borough	13,384	13,263	13,199	13,343	13,573	13,810	13,985	14,059	14,070
8	Kodiak Island Borough	13,072	13,073	13,222	13,363	13,890	13,751	13,977	13,913	13,913
9	Valdez-Cordova Census Area	9,872	9,923	9,940	9,979	10,070	10,111	10,240	10,195	10,195
10	Nome Census Area	9,245	9,355	9,373	9,227	9,155	9,170	9,171	9,196	9,196
11	Sitka City and Borough	8,920	8,917	8,859	8,856	8,849	8,708	8,838	8,835	8,835
12	Wade Hampton Census Area	7,680	7,493	7,481	7,301	7,170	7,083	7,042	7,028	7,028
13	Northwest Arctic Borough	7,511	7,435	7,418	7,306	7,274	7,255	7,215	7,208	7,208
14	Southeast Fairbanks Census Area	6,773	6,488	6,034	5,738	5,625	5,696	6,167	6,174	6,174
15	North Slope Borough	6,608	6,790	6,951	7,145	7,152	7,240	7,373	7,385	7,385
16	Wrangell-Petersburg Census Area	6,098	6,230	6,294	6,286	6,447	6,622	6,689	6,684	6,684
17	Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	5,844	6,104	6,293	6,306	6,325	6,326	6,489	6,510	6,551
18	Prince of Wales-Outer Ketchikan Census Area	5,688	5,657	5,758	5,766	5,745	5,910	6,138	6,157	6,146
19	Aleutians West Census Area	5,239	5,368	5,457	5,452	5,157	5,374	5,441	5,465	5,465
20	Dillingham Census Area	4,970	4,966	4,944	4,907	4,971	4,888	4,931	4,922	4,922
21	Skagway-Hoonah-Angoon Census Area	3,100	3,137	3,137	3,149	3,278	3,387	3,433	3,436	3,436
22	Aleutians East Borough	2,647	2,696	2,670	2,720	2,668	2,460	2,684	2,697	2,697
23	Haines Borough	2,257	2,243	2,241	2,298	2,299	2,310	2,399	2,392	2,392
24	Denali Borough	1,846	1,813	1,896	1,863	1,851	1,837	1,894	1,893	1,893
25	Lake and Peninsula Borough	1,548	1,578	1,593	1,591	1,595	1,686	1,809	1,823	1,823
26	Bristol Bay Borough	1,042	1,103	1,090	1,107	1,146	1,182	1,232	1,258	1,258
27	Yakutat City and Borough	689	715	697	713	740	780	798	808	808

Source: US Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

State of Alaska
FY2010 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Public Safety
Village Public Safety Officer Program
Results Delivery Unit Budget Summary

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Village Public Safety Officer Program Results Delivery Unit

Contribution to Department's Mission

Preserve public peace and protect life and property in rural villages.

Core Services

- Contract with non-profit organizations to provide Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO) services throughout rural Alaska.

Major Activities to Advance Strategies

- VPSO training academy.
- VPSO regional update training.
- Driving Under the Influence (DUI) patrols.
- Domestic violence and DUI training.
- Report writing and investigation in-service.
- Coordination with outside domestic violence-related agencies and support groups.
- Domestic violence supervisory case review with district attorney coordination.
- Provide search and rescue management training.
- Water safety education.
- Increased inspections.
- Crime Stoppers.
- Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (ABC) training.
- Coordination of ABC investigations.
- Provide boater safety public education.
- Provide boater safety training to VPSOs and AST.
- D.A.R.E. programs.
- Alcohol Rewards Program.
- Patrol high crime areas.
- Investigator training.
- Enhanced communications between jurisdictions.
- Community Oriented Policing (COP) training.
- Participation in village council meetings.

FY2010 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

FY2010 Results Delivery Unit Budget: $7,100,700

Personnel:	
Full time	2
Part time	0
Total	2

Key RDU Challenges

VPSO are the first responders to incidents, and/or the only individuals immediately available to provide a broad range of public safety services in their village. These functions range from basic law enforcement, to probationer and parolee supervision, to provision of first aid to the injured, to assisting with search and rescue missions, to fire prevention activities.

VPSO retention continues to be a challenge. Many factors are responsible for high VPSO turnover. In fact, many of the same factors that affect Alaska State Trooper recruitment also influence VPSO recruitment, including the public's general lack of interest in law enforcement jobs. For VPSOs, one unique factor has been a historically low rate of pay. Funding in the form of supervision of parolees and probationers has continued to account for a considerable portion of the monthly VPSO salary. Furthermore, toward this end, an Alaska State Senate VPSO Task Force solicited input by holding a number of public meetings throughout the state in early 2008 and, in part, determined that additional funding was necessary for the program. As a result, effective July 1, 2008, the base rate of pay for VPSOs increased from $17.00 to $21.00 per hour.

The VPSO program has suffered from high turnover since inception. The expectations of a VPSO have changed over time and become more demanding. Consequently, fewer village residents are willing to serve as a VPSO, which then requires hiring entities to seek applicants from elsewhere. It has proven difficult at best to recruit qualified applicants from urban areas to serve in villages.

Grant management and oversight responsibility are requiring significant and increasing staff time. Upper level AST managers further are expending an increased amount of diplomatic effort in order to ensure that the program remains successful.

With the increase in pay, AST anticipates more successful recruitment, which is beginning to bear fruit. There will be a strong presence of Village Public Safety Officers at DPS recruitment booths during both the Alaska State Fair in Palmer and the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) conference held in Anchorage. The VPSO website continues to be regularly updated with information regarding VPSO employment opportunities and qualifications so that interested individuals may have easy access in applying for the VPSO program.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2010

The legislature appropriated $1,529,900 for the VPSO program to improve both the recruitment and retention of VPSOs in FY2009. $929,900 was designated as partial funding for fifteen new VPSO positions and $600,000 was designated for pay raises. Increasing the number of VPSOs will provide improved levels of service and a greater degree of assurance that Alaska's Native population is being served adequately and on par with all other citizens.

Major RDU Accomplishments in 2008

VPSO probation and parole services continue throughout the VPSO communities. Probation and parole training is being provided to new VPSOs attending the ten week session of basic VPSO training at the DPS Academy in Sitka. VPSOs are developing and maintaining good working relationships with probation and parole oversights, as well as continuing to monitor offenders within their communities on a regular basis.

DPS sponsored 970 hours training per available VPSO in FY2008. This training included Basic Village Police Officer Academy #16 and #17, VPSO Academy #34, regional training for all participating Native non-profit organizations, Street Survival, Reid Interview and Interrogation, and Learn to Return.

All participating Native non-profit organizations coordinated construction and / or renovation of public safety projects within their respective regions.

- AST conducted 2,340 VPSO village visits
- Troopers conducted 5,578 oversight hours
- Ten new VPSOs attended VPSO academy #34 in Sitka
- VPSOs investigated 3,607 cases, to include 57 driving under the influence (DUI), 95 assaults, and 143 domestic violence assaults. Total cases represent a 47.7 percent increase over FY2007, DUI represents a 63 percent increase over FY2007, assault represents a 50.5 percent increase over FY2007, and domestic violence assault represents a 51.7 percent increase over FY2007.

Contact information

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Village Public Safety Officer Program
RDU Financial Summary by Component

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2008 Actuals				FY2009 Management Plan				FY2010 Governor			
	General Funds	Federal Funds	Other Funds	Total Funds	General Funds	Federal Funds	Other Funds	Total Funds	General Funds	Federal Funds	Other Funds	Total Funds
Formula Expenditures												
None.												
Non-Formula Expenditures												
VPSO Contracts	5,082.7	0.0	0.0	5,082.7	6,666.3	0.0	0.0	6,666.3	6,666.3	0.0	0.0	6,666.3
Support	246.5	0.0	106.1	352.6	267.2	0.0	162.2	429.4	269.1	0.0	165.3	434.4
Totals	**5,329.2**	**0.0**	**106.1**	**5,435.3**	**6,933.5**	**0.0**	**162.2**	**7,095.7**	**6,935.4**	**0.0**	**165.3**	**7,100.7**

Village Public Safety Officer Program
Summary of RDU Budget Changes by Component
From FY2009 Management Plan to FY2010 Governor

All dollars shown in thousands

	General Funds	Federal Funds	Other Funds	Total Funds
FY2009 Management Plan	**6,933.5**	**0.0**	**162.2**	**7,095.7**
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-Support	1.9	0.0	3.1	5.0
FY2010 Governor	**6,935.4**	**0.0**	**165.3**	**7,100.7**

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Department of Public Safety
Active VPSO List by Village
November, 2007

PermID	Corp	VCode	Village	LstName	FstName	Work	Address	Zip	Oversight
DAC0	AVCP	RDKB	AKIACHAK	CHARLES	DAVID	825-4313	PO BOX 34	99551	TRP DUFFIELD
BZB2	AVCP	RDKF	AKIAK	BEAVER	BENJAMIN	765-7000	General Delivery		TRP DUFFIELD
JLL1	APIA	RBLB	AKUTAN	LEVAN	JAY	698-2315	po box 111	99553	DILLINGHAM
JSC1	BBNA	RDAB	ALEKNAGIK	CREASEY	JASON	842-2189	PO BOX 62	99555	TRP BUMP
CRH1	KANA	RARD	ANGOON	HARTZELL	CHARLES	788-3631	po box 286	99820	TPRP UMBS
HZA3	APIA	RBDA	ATKA	ANELON JR	HENRY	839-2214	PO BOX 47015	99547	DILLINGHAM
JMT2	AVCP	RDJC	CHEFORNAK	TOBELUK	JOHN	867-8733	GENERAL DELIVERY	99561	TRP ROBERTS
GWA0	BBNA	RBWA	CHIGNIK	ASHBY	GUY	749-2273	GENERAL DELIVERY	99564	TRP SHEPHERD
tdb0	TCC	RJKA	EAGLE	BEAUCAGE	TIMOTHY	547-2356	po box 957	ak	DAVID SHERBAHN
jjf0	AVCP	RDJD	EEK	FRIENDLY	JOHN	536-5328	PO BOX 52	99578	TRP DUFFILED
mvl0	BBNA	RCKD	EGEGIK	LEFERVERE	MARK	233-2217	PO BOX 10	99579	TRP HENDRICKSON
DED0	BBNA	RDAD	EKWOK	DECKER	DANIEL	464-3326	PO BOX 37	99580	TRP BUMP
GJB0	AVCP	RDBA	GOODNEWS BAY	BRIGHT	GEORGE	967-8050	PO BOX 145	99589	TRP ALTEPETER
TZP0	TCC	RJTA	HUSLIA	PAVLICK	TIMOTHY	829-2286	PO BOX 30	99746	JEANNINE SANTORA
JRL9	BBNA	RCZC	ILIAMNA/NEWHALEN	LAMONT	JAMES	571-1692	PO BOX 52	99606	TRP HENDRICKSON
CFA0	AVCP	RDCD	KIPNUK	ALEXIE	CHRISTOPHER	896-5515	PO BOX 002	99614	TRP ROBERTS
LOR0	KANA	RKCB	KOBUK	ROLLS	LESLIE	948-3222	PO BOX 44	99751	
GZT0	BBNA	RDAE	KOLIGANEK	TUNGUING	GUSTY	596-3418	PO BOX 5040	99576	TRP SADLOSKE
JEO0	AVCP	RDCB	KONGIGANAK	OTTO	JONATHAN	557-5607	PO BOX 5097	99559	TRP ALTEPETER
MDO0	AVCP	RDKC	KWETHLUK	OLICK	MAX	757-6629	PO BOX 56	99621	TRP KEMPER
RLJ0	KANA	RCAJ	LARSEN BAY	JONES JR	ROY	847-2262	PO BOX 144	99624	TRP ZITO
KWP0	TCC	REZA	MCGRATH	PARKER	KENNETH	524-3075	PO BOX 168	99627	TRP SPENCER
AJB0	AVCP	REWD	MT VILLAGE	BROWN	ALVIN	591-2921	PO BOX 32015	99632	TRP ADKINS
MDM2	KANA	RCYI	NANWALEK	MCCOMACK	MICHAEL	281-2277	PO Box 5515	99603	TRP BROWNING
WDO0	AVCP	RDKG	NAPAKIAK	OLICK	WILLIAM	589-2920	PO BOX 112	99634	TRP ROBERTS
GCL0	AVCP	RDKE	NAPASKIAK	LARSON	GREGORY	737-7639	PO BOX 6055	99559	TRP ALTEPETER
MEN0	APIA	RBSB	NELSON LAGOON	NEMETH	MICHAEL	989-2232	PO BOX 36	99571	DILLINGHAM
EJW0	BBNA	RDAG	NEW STUYAHOK	WONHOLA	EVAN	693-3170	PO BOX 51	99636	TRP BUMP
JMT1	AVCP	RDJA	NUNAPITCHUK	TOBELUK JR	JACOB	527-5718	PO BOX 102	99641	TRP BALLESTEROS/DUNFORD
BNW0	BBNA	RCCB	PILOT POINT	WISE	BYRON	797-2275	PO BOX 429		TRP HENDRICKSON
BGA0	KANA	RCAE	PORT LIONS	AMES	BRADLEY	454-2330	PO BOX 110	99550	TRP ZITO
wzp0	AVCP	RDBD	QUINHAGAK	PLEASANT	WASSILLIE	556-8314	GENERAL DELIVERY	99655	TRP ROBERTS
MFH0	TCC	RHZA	RUBY	HAGLIN	MARK	468-4603	PO BOX 81	99768	JEANNINE SANTORA
JGP0	KAWE	RHSB	SAVOONGA	PERATROVICH	JOHN	984-6011	PO BOX 206	99769	TRP KOSTO
PKY0	AVCP	RESB	SCAMMON BAY	YUNAK	PAULA	558-5529	BOX 86	99662	SGT MERRILL
DRW1	KAWE	RJZA	SHISHMAREF	WEBB	DONALD	649-3411	PO BOX 72174	99772	TRP WITROSKY
mzl0	APIA	RCEB	ST GEORGE	LEJARZAR	MICHAEL	859-2415	PO BOX 957	99591	DILLINGHAM
llr1	KAWE	RHRB	STEBBINS	RAYMOND	LEONARD	934-2340	PO BOX 71084	99671	TRP ERICKSON
GWR0	TCC	RJRA	TANANA	ROBINSON	GEORGE		PO BOX 189	99777	SGT WASSMANN
cmo0	KANA	RAER	THORNE BAY	OMALLEY	CLINTON	828-3905	PO BOX 19310	99919	BOB CLAUS
WPG0	AVCP	RDJB	TUNTUTULIAK	GILILA SR	WASSILLIE	256-2634	GENERAL DELIVERY	99680	TRP KEMPER
jkb1	KANA	HEKA	TYONEK	BYSTEDT	JAMES	583-2203	PO BOX 119	99922	TRP BLIZZARD
DZH0	KAWE	RHWD	WHITE MOUNTAIN	HARRELSON	DAN	638-3411	PO BOX 138	99784	

Alaska State Troopers
Village Public Safety Officer Program

Employment Opportunities

For employment opportunities, contact the individual Native Nonprofit Corporations. Please refer to the map below for the Corporation location.

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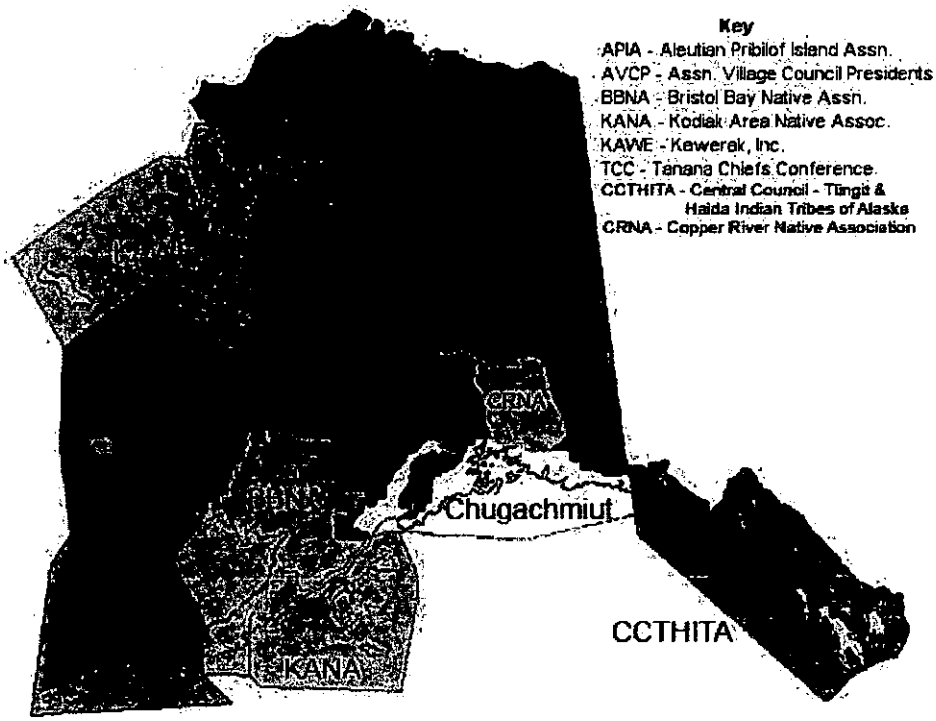
- Aleutian/Pribilof Island Association (APIA)
- Association of Village Council Presidents (AVCP)
- Bristol Bay Native Association (BBNA)
- Central Council - Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (CCTHITA)
- Chugachmiut Inc.
- Copper River Native Association (CRNA)
- Kawerak, Inc. (KAWE)
- Kodiak Area Native Association (KANA)
- Maniilaq Inc
- Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC)



For more detailed contacts on the VPSO Program please visit the "Contact Us" page.

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2009 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number:
Bill Version: **HB 106**
() Publish Date:

Identifier (file name): **HB106-DPS-DET-02-23-09**
Title "An act relating to village public safety officers."
Sponsor Representative Joule
Requester House Community and Regional Affairs

Public Safety
RDU Alaska State Troopers
Component AST Detachments
Component Number 2325

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

	Appropriation Required	Information					
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	**FY 2010**	**FY 2010**	**FY 2011**	**FY 2012**	**FY 2013**	**FY 2014**	**FY 2015**
Personal Services							
Travel							
Contractual							
Supplies							
Equipment							
Land & Structures							
Grants & Claims							
Miscellaneous							
TOTAL OPERATING	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES							
CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )							

FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts							
1003 GF Match							
1004 GF							
1005 GF/Program Receipts							
1037 GF/Mental Health							
Other Interagency Receipts							
TOTAL	**0.0**	**0.0**	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2009) cost: 0.0

POSITIONS

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

ANALYSIS: *(Attach a separate page if necessary)*

This bill amends AS 18.65.670 to include boroughs as an authorized entity allowed to administer the village public safety program.

Passage of this legislation will have no fiscal impact on the department.

Prepared by: Lt. Rodney Dial
Division Alaska State Troopers
Approved by: Joseph Masters, Commissioner
Department of Public Safety

Phone 907-247-4480
Date/Time 2/23/09 12:09 PM
Date

(Revised 11/19/2007 OMB)

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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 106( )

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY

Offered:
Referred:

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE JOULE

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to municipalities and to village public safety officers."**

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 * **Section 1.** AS 18.65.670(a) is amended to read:
4 (a) There is created in the Department of Public Safety a village public safety
5 officer program to assist local governments and villages through nonprofit regional
6 corporations **and municipalities** to appoint, train, supervise, and retain persons to
7 serve as village public safety officers to administer functions relative to
8 (1) the protection of life and property in rural areas of the state; and
9 (2) providing probation and parole supervision to persons under
10 supervision by communicating with and monitoring the activities and progress of these
11 persons at the direction of probation and parole officers.
12 * **Sec. 2.** AS 18.65.670(b) is amended to read:
13 (b) With funds appropriated for that purpose, the commissioner of public
14 safety shall provide grants to nonprofit regional corporations **or municipalities** for
15 village public safety officers **in rural areas of the state and municipalities with**

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populations of less than 10,000. The commissioner of public safety shall coordinate with the commissioner of corrections when providing grants under this section, and the commissioners shall jointly execute an agreement with the nonprofit regional corporations **or municipalities. For areas within a borough that exercises areawide law enforcement powers, the commissioner may provide grants under this section only to the borough**.

* **Sec. 3.** AS 18.65.670(c) is amended to read:

(c) The commissioner of public safety may adopt regulations related to village public safety officers, including minimum standards and training, criteria for community**, municipality,** or corporation participation, and the interaction between the Department of Public Safety and village public safety officers. The commissioner of corrections may adopt regulations related to the functions of village public safety officers providing probation and parole supervision.

* **Sec. 4.** AS 18.65.670 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(e) In this section, a borough exercises areawide law enforcement powers even if a city within the borough exercises those powers under AS 29.35.250(b).

* **Sec. 5.** AS 29.35.010 is amended to read:

Sec. 29.35.010. General powers. All municipalities have the following general powers, subject to other provisions of law:

(1) to establish and prescribe a salary for an elected or appointed municipal official or employee;

(2) to combine two or more appointive or administrative offices;

(3) to establish and prescribe the functions of a municipal department, office, or agency;

(4) to require periodic and special reports from a municipal department to be submitted through the mayor;

(5) to investigate an affair of the municipality and make inquiries into the conduct of a municipal department;

(6) to levy a tax or special assessment, and impose a lien for its enforcement;

(7) to enforce an ordinance and to prescribe a penalty for violation of

1 an ordinance;
2 (8) to acquire, manage, control, use, and dispose of real and personal
3 property, whether the property is situated inside or outside the municipal boundaries;
4 this power includes the power of a borough to expend, for any purpose authorized by
5 law, money received from the disposal of land in a service area established under
6 AS 29.35.450;
7 (9) to expend money for a community purpose, facility, or service for
8 the good of the municipality to the extent the municipality is otherwise authorized by
9 law to exercise the power necessary to accomplish the purpose or provide the facility
10 or service;
11 (10) to regulate the operation and use of a municipal right-of-way,
12 facility, or service;
13 (11) to borrow money and issue evidences of indebtedness;
14 (12) to acquire membership in an organization that promotes
15 legislation for the good of the municipality;
16 (13) to enter into an agreement, including an agreement for
17 cooperative or joint administration of any function or power with a municipality, the
18 state, or the United States;
19 (14) to sue and be sued;
20 (15) to provide facilities or services for the confinement and care of
21 prisoners and enter into agreements with the state, another municipality, or any person
22 relating to the confinement and care of prisoners;
23 **(16) to receive grants from and contract with the Department of**
24 **Public Safety under AS 18.65.670**.