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State Affairs Committee considered SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19

SCR 19-PROCLAIMING UNITED STATES MARSHALS DAY

Proclaiming September 24, 2012, to be United States Marshals Day.

and recommends:

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- attached amendment(s)
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<i>Alfred Kopylov</i>	Kopylov	✓			
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SENATOR FRED DYSON

Date: January 21, 2012

To: Senator Bill Wielechowski, Chair
Senate State Affairs

From: Senator Fred Dyson

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "FD", written over the printed name "Senator Fred Dyson".

Re: Request for Hearing - SCR 19

I respectfully request a committee hearing for SCR 19 – A Resolution proclaiming September 24, 2012, to be United States Marshals Day. Thank you.

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SCR 19

A Resolution proclaiming September 24, 2012 as United States Marshals Day

The purpose of this Resolution is to proclaim September 24, 2012 to be US Marshals Day in honor of the long standing service of the United States Marshals and their deputies to the State of Alaska.

The United States Congress appointed the US Marshals Service on September 24, 1789. After the purchase of Alaska from Russia on October 18, 1867, Alaska was designated a military district of the United States and placed under the control of the War Department. The US Army was charged with maintaining law and order until troops were withdrawn in 1877.

In 1884, law and order in Territorial Alaska was assigned to the Marshals. At the start of the gold rush there was only one Marshal and ten Deputy Marshals, the sole law enforcement authority throughout Alaska.

The Alaska Peace Officer Memorial chronicles the eight brave Deputy US Marshals who died in the line of duty in early Alaska. The deputy marshals continued to be the main force of law in rural Alaska until the formation of the Alaska State Troopers. Many early-era troopers were former deputy US Marshals.

The commitment to Alaska continues strong today. In March 1999, the U.S. Marshal's Office established the Alaska Fugitive Task Force to pull together resources of federal, state and local agencies to apprehend state and federal fugitives, especially those wanted for crimes of violence and drug trafficking. The Task Force has arrested over 5,000 subjects in Alaska and extradited over 250 subjects to other States for adjudication of crimes. US Marshal and Alaska State Trooper partnerships include the Village Crime Reduction Program, Registered Sex Offender Compliance & Enforcement Project and the Badges and Books Program.

Many non-fictional books about Alaska's history make reference to the US Marshals. Stories of the frontier Alaskan Marshal still live today in the minds of many village Elders who remember having Marshals in their villages when they were children.

In honor of this legacy, and the rich history between the great state of Alaska and the US Marshals Service, the Alaska State Legislature hereby proclaims September 24, 2012 as US Marshals Day.

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The United States Marshals Service in Alaska

A Brief History

The US Marshals Service was created by the First Congress in the Judiciary Act of 1789, signed into law by President George Washington on September 24, 1789.

After the United States purchased Alaska from Russia on October 18, 1867, Alaska was designated a military district of the United States and placed under the control of the War Department. The US Army was charged with maintaining law and order until troops were withdrawn in 1877. Alaska was then briefly governed in succession by the Treasury Department and the Naval Department.

Law and order was finally addressed by the Organic Act of May 17, 1884, making Alaska a civil and judicial district subject to the laws of Oregon. Law in the rugged Alaska Territory was now upheld by the US Marshals under a District Judge. At the start of the gold rush there was only one Marshal and ten Deputy Marshals, the sole law enforcement authority throughout Alaska.



In 1897, Deputy Marshals William C. Watt and James Mark Rowan were the first to be killed in the line of duty. The Alaska Peace Officer Memorial chronicles the many brave Deputy US Marshals who paid the ultimate sacrifice in early Alaska.

It was the tumult of the gold rush period which first brought to focus the need for additional law enforcement support to the US Marshal's Office which would continue to bear the responsibility for law enforcement in Alaska for the next forty years.

In 1941 the 15th Territorial Legislature established the Territory of Alaska Highway Patrol for the purpose of enforcing the traffic code, but did not provide the new organization with general police powers. In 1945, as lawlessness continued to thrive outside the jurisdiction of local police departments, the members of the Alaska Highway Patrol were deputized as Special Deputy US Marshals to fill this void.

In 1953, the Alaska Highway Patrol was reformed as the Alaska Territorial Police and granted full police powers by the Territorial Legislature. Additional personnel were hired from the ranks of the US Marshals.

With the advent of statehood in 1959, the Alaska Territorial Police was renamed the Alaska State Police and the organization became a division of the Department of Public Safety. The new State Police added 13 former US Deputy Marshals and 10 new recruits to their ranks, increasing their number to 78 commissioned officers. In 1967, the Alaska State Police were renamed the Alaska State Troopers.

The US Marshals commitment to Alaska continues to be strong. Today the Marshals are headquartered in Anchorage and maintain a two-man office in Fairbanks. The Juneau, Ketchikan and Nome sub-offices are manned during scheduled court arraignments.

In March 1999, the Alaska Fugitive Task Force was established to pull together resources of several agencies and concentrate apprehension efforts on state and federal fugitives, especially those wanted for crimes of violence and drug trafficking. With the assistance of the Alaska State Troopers, the Anchorage Police Department, the Alaska National Guard Counter-Drug Support Team, the Alaska State Probation/Parole Office and other municipal law enforcement agencies, the Task Force has arrested over 5,000 subjects in Alaska and extradited over 250 subjects to other States for adjudication of crimes.

Due to the vast geography of Alaska and the unique challenges of providing law enforcement services, Alaska Deputy US Marshals participate in a variety of special missions like the Alaska Fugitive Task Force and the sharing of US Marshal marine and aviation assets to assist Alaska State Troopers and local law enforcement agencies in the fight against sexual assault and bootlegging in Southwest Alaska. Current US Marshal and Alaska State Trooper partnerships include the Village Crime Reduction Program, Registered Sex Offender Compliance & Enforcement Project and the Badges and Books Program.

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AST & US Marshal Service

We are pleased to share information about our mutual endeavors with the US Marshal Service. Recently, there have been three targeted initiatives involving the cooperative efforts of the Alaska State Troopers (AST) and US Marshal Service (USMS), as well as other law enforcement agencies. These are the Registered Sex Offender Compliance and Enforcement Project, the Village Crime Reduction and Community Oriented Policing Program, and the Badges-and-Books Program. I'm attaching articles concerning the latter two projects which contain additional details about each initiative. The Sex Offender Compliance and Enforcement Project addressed the statewide need to verify the compliance status of registered sex offenders living in Alaska. At the end of this five-month sweep, AST and the USMS Sex Offender Investigations Branch (working in conjunction with multiple municipal police departments, the state probation and parole offices, and the District Attorney's Offices) traveled to 134 communities throughout Alaska and contacted or verified the status of 1,910 sex offenders who were required to register to confirm whether they were in compliance with Alaska's sex offender registration requirements. In addition to these targeted efforts, the ongoing joint partnership between AST and the USMS, along with local law enforcement and VPSO's, continues to have a positive impact on public safety throughout Alaska.

Kelly Howell
Special Assistant to the Commissioner
Department of Public Safety

VCRP: 2010

VCRP PARTNERS:

Alaska State Troopers
U.S. Marshals
DOC Probations
U.S. Postal Inspectors
District Attorney's Office
U.S. Attorney's Office
Village Police Officers
Village Public Safety Officers



Article and Photos by:

Megan A. Peters

Trooper Steve Kevan somberly walked into the tight quarters of an Emmonak home and removed his hat and gloves. The sub-zero temperatures from outside could be felt emanating from Trooper Kevan's clothes as he sat down on a stool next to a fizzing container of pink liquid with eight blueberries floating on the surface. "You know why I am here, Mr. Kassock? You understand this is a serious matter, Home-brew?" Mr. Kassock nodded and took another drag off of his hand-rolled cigarette.

Normally Trooper Kevan is a larger-than-life character—and little of that has to do with his intimidating size. On this occasion he had a humble, quiet voice and his posture was unassuming. "I'd like to talk to you about it and ask you some questions, if that is okay. But first, I am going to read you your rights and see if you have any questions for me."

While Trooper Kevan continued his interview, a Deputy U.S. Marshal and Captain Steve Arlow, Commander of Alaska State Troopers' C Detachment, listened and looked around the small home for evidence of home-brew activity. A cousin of Mr. Kassock was sitting on the couch nearby and offering encouraging words and support.

Trooper Kevan, Captain Arlow and the Deputy U.S. Marshal, along with 31 other Law Enforcement officers, were in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta participating in a week-long Village Crime Reduction and Community-Oriented Policing Program (VCRP) backed by Governor Sean Parnell as a part of the "Safe Homes, Strong Families" initiative.



Trooper Steve Kevan field tests a batch of home-brew found in a home in Emmonak. Samples of the home-brew are also collected to send off for further analysis. Before leaving the home, Trooper Kevan poured the liquid down the drain and punctured the container with a knife to prevent further use.

VCRP is a multi-faceted operation. The Community-oriented policing aspect is vital in fostering positive relationships between villages and law enforcement officers. Communities in the area have repeatedly asked law enforcement to rid their villages of alcohol and violence. However, in many instances in the past and present, the people in the villages were unwilling to step forward with good tips that are needed to develop cases. By meeting with community leaders, school officials and the people living in the villages, more and more individuals realize they have to be apart of the process to reach the goal. Individuals are stepping forward more than ever to be a part of a working solution.

A focus of the program was contacting all individuals required to register with the Sex Offender and Child Kidnapper Registry to verify compliancy status. During the sweep, 71 offenders were contacted. The contacts resulted in 16 arrests of individuals for being out of compliance. During the contacts, photos were taken of the offenders along with their home coordinates being logged and documented. Holding offenders accountable is one way for communities to safeguard families.

Individuals on probation were contacted as apart of VCRP to verify their compliance regarding court-imposed conditions. The contacts were mostly positive and individuals were forthcoming and friendly during their visits. There were a few contacts that didn't go so smoothly. The very first contact of the operation resulted in a man jumping out a back window in an attempt to avoid law enforcement. One of the Marshals slipped on the ice while pursuing him. After a brief chase, and getting some help from witnesses in locating the man, the runner was taken into custody without further incident.

More than a dozen firearms were seized during the compliancy contacts that took place in the Y-K Delta. Most of the weapons were discovered in Emmonak. It is against both state and federal law for a felon to have firearms in their possession or in their home, regardless of who owns the gun. The weapons had to be identified and logged then transported to a secure evidence holding facility in Bethel.



Alaska State Troopers and Deputy U.S. Marshals snapped a group shot in front of AST's two Caravans before heading into the field. The Caravans were used extensively during the operation to transport prisoners and officers.



Trooper Josh Cook and a Deputy U.S. Marshal review paperwork before making contact with Sex Offenders and individuals on probation in Kotlik, AK.



Yeast is one of the main ingredients for making home-brew. Troopers found an empty bag thrown away while investigating allegations of manufacturing alcohol during a case in Emmonak, AK.

VCRP STATS

Sex Offender Compliancy Checks:	71
Offenders Out of Compliance:	16
Assaults:	13
Warrant Arrests:	19
Home-brew Related Arrests:	10
Probation Compliancy Checks:	14
Probation Violation Arrests:	6
DUI Arrests:	1
MICS Arrest:	2
Trespass Arrests:	1
Contraband Arrests:	1
Search and Rescue Operations:	3
Drug/Alcohol Arrests:	6
Total Investigative Contacts:	476
Total Arrests:	74

*Statistics are based off of preliminary data and are subject to change.

Villages Visited

- Bethel
- Emmonak
- Kwethluk
- Chevak
- Kasigluk
- Napaskiak
- Nunapitchuk
- Hooper Bay
- Akiachak
- Alakanuk
- Kotlik
- Akiak
- Atmautluak

The Alaska Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Enforcement Investigators took advantage of the opportunity presented at VCRP to team with United States Postal Inspectors and conduct a number of drug and alcohol interdiction operations. Officers performed undercover buys as well as carried out airport and postal interdiction contacts. Their efforts produced 34 new cases, 2 felony arrests, 4 misdemeanor arrests and 2 probation arrests. In addition to the arrests, a large amount of alcohol, oxycodone and marijuana was seized.

The program was a very new experience for many of the Deputy U.S. Marshals and even some of the troopers. Due to a weather delay, initial plans had to be scrapped and re-worked. Instead of flying out to villages as the VCRP called for, some troopers and marshals jumped on snowmachines and headed out to villages relatively close to the hub village of Bethel. It was the first time riding a snow machine for many of the marshals.

Trooper Andy Evarts, currently stationed in Fairbanks, has flown for AST for years and has logged many hours in the cockpits of a variety of planes. The VCRP took him to a region he



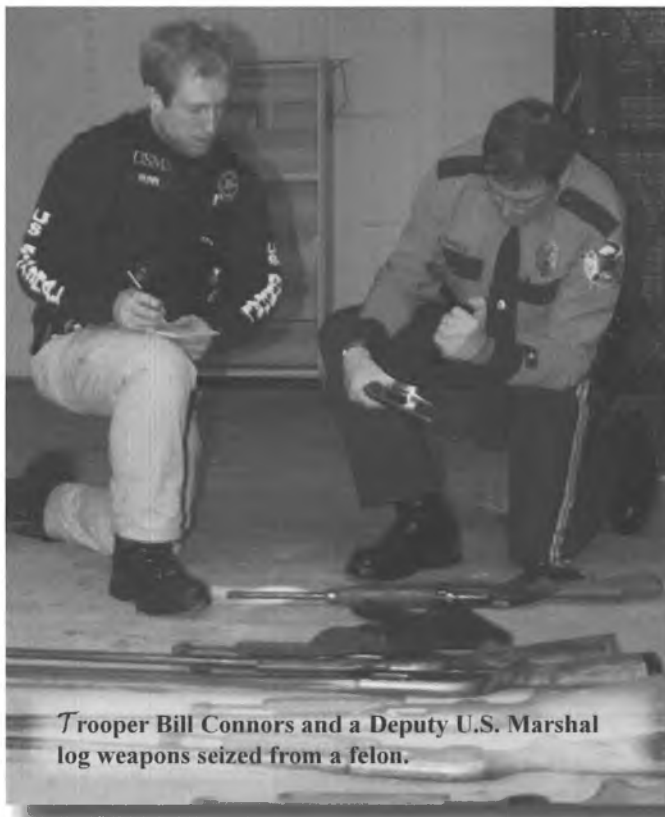
Before heading out to another village for compliancy checks troopers were called on to respond to a domestic violence incident in Emmonak. Troopers responded to a number of assaults in progress while out in Rural Alaska.

hadn't seen before.

The VCRP was a very unique program. Even though the U.S. Marshals and the Alaska State Troopers have had a strong, positive working relationship, this operation was the first of its kind with the two agencies pairing together in two-man teams and enforcing the laws side-by-side. Many other agencies were crucial in the success of VCRP by providing support, resources and manpower. The reach and scope of VCRP was enormous and the communities effected by the programs were grateful for the concentrated efforts put forth to help the villages regain control of the violence, alcohol and drug issues that cause turmoil.



Trooper Bill Connors has some difficulty finding and making out a serial number on a rifle seized from a felon.



Trooper Bill Connors and a Deputy U.S. Marshal log weapons seized from a felon.



Four pounds of marijuana was seized by ABADE in Bethel following an undercover sting operation during VCRP.



DPS PIO# 11-034
June 13, 2011

Western Alaska Flooded with Books

(BETHEL, Alaska) – On Tuesday June 7, 2011, Badges-and-Books launched its first patrol on the Lower Kuskokwim River. Alaska State Troopers, U.S. Marshal Service and the Village Public Safety Officer Program (VPSO) conducted the first of many boat patrols handing out children's books along the river systems in rural Alaska. The focus of this program was to visit traditional summer fish camps and contact as many children in those camps as possible. During the contacts Alaska State Troopers, U.S. Marshals, and VPSOs handed out reading books. The objective is to build positive relations and provide opportunities for rural children of Alaska to get to know law enforcement in a different light.



Photo: Chief Deputy Marshal Marc Otte, Capt. Steven Arlow, Trooper Perry Barr, Deputy Marshal Sonny Caudill (taking the Photo) with children from the village of Tuluksak, AK receiving badges-and-books gifts.

The patrol started in Bethel, AK and continued up the Kuskokwim river system and sloughs to Tuluksak, AK. Though fish camps were not heavily populated yet the program had some success in a few fish camps. A stop in Tuluksak provided for several children to visit the U.S. Marshal's patrol boat. Officers handed out books, snacks and other small law enforcement momentum.

The day's event was received well by the children and parents and will continue throughout the summer on both the Yukon/Kuskokwim Delta's.



Photo: Young boy from Kwethluk, AK at fish camp on the Kuskokwim reading after receiving a badges-and-books gift.

Books N Badges is a cooperative effort between Alaska State Troopers and the United States Marshals Service. The program would not be successful without the generous support of GCI and Northern Air Cargo.



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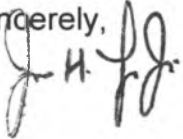
Senator Fred Dyson
Alaska State Senate
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Dear Senator Dyson:

On behalf of the Alaska Peace Officers Association (APOA), I would like to thank you for introducing Senate Concurrent Resolution 19, a resolution proclaiming September 24, 2012 to be United States Marshals Day.

The APOA State Board of Directors recently reviewed this resolution and unanimously supports this resolution.

We thank you for your recognition of this illustrious law enforcement organization and its members for their contribution to the State of Alaska. Please contact the APOA office in Anchorage at 277-0515, if there is anything our organization can do to assist you in your work for our State.

Sincerely,


John Lucking, Jr.
State President

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