

"Loyalty, Integrity & Courage"

... We shall always remember



The Alaska State Troopers whose lives were lost while in the service of the State

Dennis F. Cronin 2/18/1974

Larry R. Carr 12/11/1974

Frank S. Rodman 12/11/1974

Roland E. Chevalier Jr. 4/4/1982

John D. Stimson 1/14/1983 Troy L. Duncan 5/19/1984

Robert L. Bittick 10/11/1994

C.E. Swackhammer 10/11/1994

Bruce A. Heck 1/10/1997

David C. Churchill 9/16/1998



This book is dedicated to our fallen Troopers and their Families



Ronald L. Otte, Commissioner Department Of Public Safety Alaska State Trooper

It has often been asked by those outside of our great state how "so few can give so much" and yet set a standard few are ever able to obtain. To the 237 men and women of the Alaska State Troopers and their support staff the answer is simple; an unwavering commitment to excellence and to the citizens of Alaska.

With a land mass one quarter the size of the "Lower 48", approximately 34,000 miles of coastline, and road service to only 10% of the state, the daily response to requests for law enforcement assistance present unique challenges seldom experienced by other states. What would be the adventure of a lifetime for many, is a matter of daily routine to the Trooper in the field. Through the use of airplanes, boats, snow machines, helicopters, and ATV's, the Troopers are able to respond across vast areas of the Alaska wilderness in inclement weather, to insure all Alaskans receive an answer to their call for help.

From the urban centers of Anchorage and Fairbanks, to a small isolated village on the Yukon River, the challenges of insuring an effective law enforcement presence are unequaled anywhere in the world. The Troopers have met that challenge through their dedication, professionalism, and innovation.

As you read this report you will learn of the many programs, issues, and statistical accomplishments of the Department. What you will not see are the men and women whose daily heroics, although seldom heard, are responsible for our success.



Colonel Glenn G. Godfrey Director Alaska State Trooper

This report gives an overview of the allocation of Alaska State Trooper resources and locations of Trooper Posts throughout the State of Alaska.

It provides insight into challenges faced by the Troopers in delivering public safety services and highlights some of their many accomplishments. In the remote areas of this great state, responding to critical incidents such as homicides, search and rescues, and assaults are a daily part of a Trooper's life.

The Troopers provide public safety services to over 200 communities, with most of those located off the highway system in remote areas. This makes the delivery of law enforcement services in Alaska one of the most unique and challenging when compared to the rest of the United States.

The Alaska State Troopers stand ready to provide these services on a daily basis statewide without hesitation. I am proud of the men and women in the Alaska State Troopers who are willing and able to accept these challenges. This truly is more than a job to our employees. It is an occupation, it is a way of life, and they take pride in being public servants in one of the most critical roles State Government provides.



Major Randy Crawford Deputy Director Field Enforcement Commander



Major Ted Bachman Division Operations

HISTORY OF THE ALASKA STATE TROOPERS

Law enforcement is a difficult job anywhere, but the Alaska State Troopers face challenges not encountered by other law enforcement agencies in the U.S. One-fourth the size of the Continental U.S., Alaska consists of 587,878 square miles of diverse territory that experiences extreme weather State Troopers cope with blizzards, conditions. hundreds of inches of snowfall, avalanches, winds in excess of 100 mph, sub-zero temperature, and heavy rainfall. The state is filled with rugged mountains, massive glaciers, tundra, forests, and more than 3,000 rivers, more than three million lakes, and a coastline of almost 34,000 miles. The vast expanses of the State, combined with the terrain and weather create a significant challenge for Troopers.

The evolution of law enforcement in Alaska began in the mid-1800's with the U.S. Army and Navy being the sole law enforcement authority. Later, U.S. Marshals were appointed but were far too few in number. It was the tumult of the gold rush period which first brought into focus the need for additional law enforcement to supplement the U.S. Marshal's Office which would continue to bear the responsibility of law enforcement in Alaska for the next 40 years.



In 1941 the 15th Territorial Legislature established the Territory of Alaska Highway Patrol.

The Highway Patrol was established for the purpose of enforcing the traffic code but did not provide the new organization with police authority. In 1945, as lawlessness continued to thrive outside the jurisdiction of local police departments, members of the Alaska Highway Patrol were deputized as Special Deputy U.S. Marshals. In 1948, the Highway Patrol was given the full authority of peace officers to enforce the laws of the Territory.

By the early 1950's, the Federal Department of Justice recognized the increasing law enforcement

needs of the Territory, particularly in "Bush" Alaska. The Territorial Legislature responded in 1953 by establishing the Alaska Territorial Police – total strength of 36 Officers. The Alaska Highway

Patrol had already gained a reputation as an elite corps and formal training became a hallmark of the new Territorial Police. As officers began to serve in remote posts, they gained



a reputation for integrity and capability – which has been carried forward to the present day.

With the advent of statehood in 1959, the name of Alaska's law enforcement agency was changed to the Alaska State Police and the organization became a division of the Department of Public Safety. The

new State former U.S. new recruits increasing 78 Officers. State Police



Police added 13 Marshals and 10 to their ranks, their number to Additionally, the would provide

"Contract Officers" for communities willing to pay for trained law enforcement.

During Governor Walter Hickel's first administration in 1967, the name was changed to the Alaska State Troopers. Under Commissioner Mel Personett, the Troopers focused their work in areas of Alaska not being served by Community Police, and began to offer more sophisticated services to law enforcement organizations statewide. Also in 1967, the Public Safety Training Academy saw its first year of operation.

Today, the Alaska State Troopers number approximately 240 commissioned and 190 civilian personnel. The Troopers' major components are five Detachments and a Criminal Investigation Bureau (founded in 1971).



ALASKA REGIONAL MAP



DIVISION OF ALASKA STATE TROOPERS

This Division is the largest of four within the Department of Public Safety and is divided into geographic areas referred to as "DETACHMENTS"

"A" Detachment

Southeast Alaska - Headquarters located in Ketchikan with Posts in Haines, Juneau, Klawock, and Petersburg

"B" Detachment

South Central Alaska - Headquarters located in Palmer with Posts in Big Lake, Glennallen, and Talkeetna

"C" Detachment

Western Alaska and the Aleutian Chain - Headquarters located in Anchorage with Posts in Aniak, Bethel, Cold Bay, Dillingham, King Salmon, Kodiak, Kotzebue, Nome, and Saint Mary's

"D" Detachment

Northern Alaska - Headquarters located in Fairbanks with Posts in Cantwell, Delta Junction, Galena, Healy, Nenana, Northway, and Tok

"E" Detachment

Kenai Peninsula - Headquarters located in Soldotna with Posts in Cooper Landing, Girdwood, Homer, Ninilchik, and Seward

"I" Detachment (Criminal Investigation Bureau)

Headquarters located in Anchorage. This Detachment services the entire State in various criminal investigations.



Anchorage	Ketchikan
Aniak	King Salmon
Sarrow (CSO Only)*	Klawock K
Sethel	Kodiak
* Cantwell	Kotzebue Kotzebue
* Cold Bay	Nenana
* Cooper Landing	Ninilchik
* Delta Junction	* Nome
Dillingham	Northway
* Fairbanks	Palmer
♦ Galena	* Petersburg
* Girdwood	Sitka
* Glennallen	Seward
* Haines	Soldotna
* Healy	St. Marys
* Homer	Talkeetna
◆ Juneau	* Tok

*Court Services Officer

Detachments and Programs



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The Department of Public Safety, Division of Alaska State Troopers Director's Office is located at 5700 East Tudor Road in Anchorage. The staff in headquarters is comprised of the Director, holding the rank of Colonel, two Majors, one Captain, four Lieutenants, and three First Sergeants. Although these personnel are responsible for supervising individual units and programs, they primarily exist to assist in supporting the five detachments across the state and the Criminal Investigation Bureau.

Some of the primary programs supervised by staff members include:

- Anchorage Emergency Operation Center
- Budget
- Commercial Vehicle Enforcement
- Division Audit & Review
- Division Recruitment
- Judicial Services (Anchorage)
- Permits & Licensing
- Sex Offender Registration
- Statewide Search & Rescue
- Training

DIVISION OPERATIONS ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

The Director and staff support the detachments in short and long ranging goal fulfillment. The support is inclusive of assisting the detachments through statistical analysis, legislative analysis, program inception and implementation, assistance in identification and prioritizing enforcement programs, physical facility research and recommendations, resource allocations and disbursement analysis, grant application and program execution, special unit analysis and coordination and assisting in any special project that may impact the operation of a particular detachment.

Fully 85% of the staff's time is allocated strictly to detachment support, with the remaining 15% spent on assigned unit oversight and supervision.

Estimated breakdown of time expenditure in detachment support is as follows:

A Detachment	10%
B Detachment	15%
C Detachment	20%
D Detachment	15%
E Detachment	15%
I Detachment	10%

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT

The Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit consists of one Trooper assigned to the Department of Transportation. This Trooper provides training and supervises several commercial vehicle inspectors who are Department of Transportation employees assigned to the Anchorage area. This unit reviews commercial vehicle accident reports and assists in commercial vehicle accident investigation and enforcement around the state.

PERMITS & LICENSING

The Permits & Licensing Section is located in the Alaska State Trooper headquarters building in Anchorage. The section has two primary components. One component is responsible for licenses surrounding security guard functions and process service functions. The other component is responsible for all Alaska Concealed Handgun Permits.

The Security Guard and Process Server component licenses all security guard companies and licenses individual security guards, both armed and unarmed. There are 32 security guard companies in Alaska which employ approximately 1,000 guards. Additionally, there are 62 individuals throughout the state which are presently licensed to serve process.

The Concealed Handgun Permit component is responsible for issuing, revoking, and renewing all permits. There are currently over 11,000 active permit holders in the state. The section receives approximately 200 new applications every month.

The Permits & Licensing Section is staffed by an administrative supervisor and two administrative clerks.

RECRUITMENT

The Alaska State Troopers Recruitment Unit is located in the Alaska State Troopers headquarters building in Anchorage. The office staff includes one Alaska State Trooper, one Fish & Wildlife Protection Trooper, and a civilian clerk. The unit is assisted by the Department of Public Safety Human Resources Unit in Juneau.

As part of the selection process, applicants must pass a written examination and a physical

An extensive background investigation is then conducted which includes a credit history, driving history, and criminal history checks. After successfully completing an oral interview process, applicants are given a conditional job offer. Successful candidates are scheduled for a polygraph examination, drug screening, medical examination, and psychological examination.

Successful applicants attend a 16-week Public Safety Academy training in Sitka and then are assigned to a 15-week field training program throughout the state. Trooper Recruits are expected to develop to the point of being able to perform all law enforcement functions independently. Evaluations during the academy and the field training program determine continued employment as an Alaska State Trooper.

During 1999, approximately 3,600 individuals requested information on the recruitment program. A total of 1,500 applicants were screened and ultimately 37 candidates were selected to attend the Academy as Alaska State Troopers and Fish & Wildlife Troopers.

JUDICIAL SERVICES

Judicial Services consists of ten units throughout the state. Total personnel assigned statewide in the Judicial Services Unit are one Lieutenant, two Sergeants, five Troopers, and 33 Court Service Officers. Judicial Services is responsible for providing security to the Alaska Court System, the safe transportation of inmates to and from court, between correctional institutions, and the extradition of wanted persons to and from the state, as well as the timely service of legal process. During fiscal year '99, Judicial Services personnel transported 35,669 prisoners and processed 34,986 court issued writs. The security provided by Judicial Services includes protection of the judiciary, security of the court buildings, and maintaining peace and order in the court rooms. The prisoners transported by Judicial Services include felons, misdemeanants, and fugitives. The writs served include subpoenas, summons and complaints, writs of assistance, evictions, executions, child custody orders, mental health commitments, domestic violence protective orders, and several other types of court process.

There are Judicial Services Units within the following locations:

- Anchorage
- Barrow
- Bethel
- Fairbanks
- Juneau
- Kenai
- Ketchikan
- Palmer
- Nome

The units are staffed by Alaska State Troopers, Court Service Officers, and administrative clerks.

The Court Service Officer (CSO) is a unique class of Officer. Court Service Officers work under the general direction and command of the Alaska State Troopers. Court Service Officers carry a limited commission, are not certified police officers. They are assigned a range of duties and responsibilities in support of the court. Court Service Officers provide prisoner transport, court security, and process service under authority of AS 22.20.100-130.

SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION PROGRAM

In 1994, the Legislature of Alaska passed Alaska Statute 12.63.010, the Registration of Sex Offenders, into law. It tasks the State/DPS with establishing and maintaining a statewide registration database program to identify and track persons convicted as sex offenders and child kidnappers.

The actual registration process encompasses the offenders completing and verifying paperwork listing their name, residential address, vehicles, courts of conviction, submission of fingerprints, DNA samples, and a current photograph.

Dependent upon the level of conviction(s), an offender is required to register annually every year for 15 years following unconditional release from the Department of Corrections, or quarterly for life after unconditional release. There are currently over 3,800 sex offenders/child kidnappers in the database.

Registration is done throughout the state at Trooper or Fish & Wildlife Protection posts, municipal police departments, in a state correctional facility 30 days prior to release from the Department of Corrections, or at the Central Registry Office of the Sex Offender Registration Program in Anchorage.

All registrant information is submitted to the Sex Offender Registration Central Registry (SORCR) and the information entered into the database maintained by two administrative clerks. The data is cross referenced to the Alaska Public Safety Information Network (APSIN) System for verification and updates. After verification, the information is entered into a database, which updates the web site. A commissioned member of the Director's staff of the Alaska State Troopers oversees and supervises the Sex Offender Office and Program.

SEARCH & RESCUE COORDINATION/ EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTER

In Anchorage, the Alaska State Troopers Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is located in the National Guard Armory in Fort Richardson, Alaska. The Anchorage ECO is the largest of the four Trooper dispatch centers and provides services to 30 agencies.

Routine and emergency calls for service are received and dispatched to State Troopers and Fish & Wildlife Officers from Glennallen and Talkeetna to the north, Palmer and the Anchorage bowl, to Girdwood on the Seward Highway. The 18 dispatchers staff the center around the clock. The EOC is supervised by a First Sergeant who is also the Statewide Search & Rescue Coordinator. This position manages the SAR responsibility for the Alaska State Troopers as directed in AS 18.60.120-175.

During fiscal year '99, the Alaska State Troopers conducted over 160 search and rescue missions involving 21,260 man hours and saving 239 persons. Twenty persons were found deceased during these operations.

During the active SAR period of 9/1/99 through 12/31/99, there was a 55% increase in search and rescue operations from 60 in fiscal year '99 to 109 in fiscal year '00.

ADDITIONAL DIVISION PROGRAMS

In addition to the units already mentioned, oversight of several operational programs of the Division is done by members of the Director's staff. Some of these programs are:

SERT

The state has two Special Emergency Reaction Teams (SERT) with one located in Anchorage/Mat-Su area consisting of 17 members and one team located in Fairbanks having 12 members. The teams primarily are composed of State Troopers and are supplemented with local law enforcement officers. All team members work in their normal assigned positions, but receive specialized training to assist in response to emergency situations.

<u>K-9</u>

The K-9 Program consists of patrol dogs in Palmer and Fairbanks. The Statewide Drug Enforcement Unit maintains a dog in the Anchorage area and one of the Fairbanks K-9 is cross trained in patrol and drug detection. The K-9 and handler undergo quarterly training and review to maintain their certifications.

FTO

The Field Training & Evaluation Program (FTEP) consists of a 15-week program that Trooper Recruits must complete upon graduating from the DPS Academy in Sitka. Troopers are assigned to three different training officers during this period to receive on-the-job training and instruction to improve upon the knowledge gained at the Academy while in the field environment. The final two weeks of the program evaluation takes place to determine whether a recruit is passed into probation as an Alaska State Trooper.

The Director's staff writes and monitors several federal grants to include highway safety, traffic, equipment, training, drug/alcohol enforcement, and local law enforcement block grants.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING ACADEMY

Sitka, Alaska









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The Department of Public Safety's Training Academy is located in Sitka, Alaska on a 19 acre campus. The Academy consists of modern facilities with two classrooms and accommodations for 54 resident students. The nearby Sheldon Jackson College provides meals, gym, and pool facilities. The first recruit class graduated in 1954. Over the years, the Academy's reputation, staff. and curriculum have continued to grow. Increasingly, law enforcement agencies and other public entities throughout the State looked to the Academy for facilities and instructors to provide basic law enforcement training for their employees.

In additional to training State Trooper recruits, the Public Safety Academy conducts essential in-service training in Sitka and in the field for DPS commissioned Troopers and personnel. Over the past years, in-service training has been provided in the specific areas of:

- Supervision
- Budget Management
- Management of Staff
- Shooting Decisions
- Accident Reconstruction
- Search and Rescue Procedures



DPS ACADEMY SITKA, ALASKA

The Academy has become the primary law enforcement training center in Alaska for the basic academy. With the exception of the Anchorage Police Department, virtually all police departments in the state send their basic trainees to the DPS academy. The basic academy is 14 weeks in duration covering all the topics required to become a certified Police Officer in Alaska.

Recognizing that police work is one of the most stressful and dangerous occupations, the Academy's professional staff conducts a comprehensive and rigorous training curriculum involving physical, academic, and group stressors. Academy training includes physical fitness testing, an aerobic exercise program, distance running, physical methods of arrest, impact weapons, and firearms training.

Physical Fitness Training





Handgun Training

Academically, each student is challenged by the demands of daily classroom work, required evening study, weekly testing, and final exams

Study Area



One of the most important aspects of Academy training is its ability to simulate "real world" situations. Carefully monitored recruits are put through stressful situations in which the training staff is able to identify actual or potential problems. The staff can then deal with the problems through individual evaluations, motivation, and counseling. Academy trainees do not simply learn theory, they live the role of a law enforcement officer.

The Academy's continued success in training municipal police officers, VPSO's, and State Troopers is the result of quality training tailored to meet the special needs of law enforcement officers in Alaska.

Almost without exception, police officers in Alaska report that their training at the Public Safety Academy was one of the most useful and fulfilling aspects of their law enforcement careers. Academy graduates leave the training facility with a solid foundation upon which to build careers as competent, well prepared, and professional Troopers and Officers.



Traffic Stop Training



Pepper Spray Training



Recruits prepare for early morning fitness run.



	LEGEND				
No.	Agency	% Of Total Graduates	Total No. Graduates (1995-1999)		
1	Alaska State Troopers	19%	83		
2	Fish & Wildlife Protection	8%	33		
3	University of Alaska SE	20%	85		
4	Police Departments	25%	106		
5	Fire Prevention Deputy Marshals	2%	7		
6	State Park Rangers	.5%	2		
7	U.S. Army	.5%	2		
8	U.S. Coast Guard	3%	11		

SITKA TRAINING ACADEMY YEARLY TOTAL GRADUATES

AGENCY	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Alaska State Troopers (DPS)	9	10	10	24	30
Fish & Wildlife Protection (DPS)	5	5	6	11	6
University of Alaska SE	17	29	20	10	9
Police Departments	21	17	24	16	28
Fire Prevention Deputy Marshals	2		2	1	2
State Park Rangers	2				
U.S. Army	1		1		
U.S. Coast Guard			6	5	
VPSO	20	21	19	14	19
TOTALS	77	82	88	81	94

ACADEMY TRAINING BY STUDENT CLASSIFICATION 1999

Agency	ALET Spring & Fall 14 Wks. Each	DPS Transition Spring & Fall 2 Wks. Ea.	VPSO 8 Wks.	APSC Recert. 2 Wks.	FWP In-Service 1 Wks.	AST In-Service 1 Wks.	ADF&G In-Service 1 Wks.	CAP Youths 2 Wks
DPS/AST	32	39						
DPS/FWP	6	7						
DPS/State Fire Marshals	2					7		
Municipal Police Officers	31			12				
DOT Airport Police	1							
UAS College Students (Civ.)	9							
VPSO			20					
Other Civilians							30	
CAP Cadets (Youths)								18

ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGES

AST	35%
Municipal Police	30%
VPSO	12%
UAS Students	8%
FWP	6%
CAP Cadets	4%
Fire Marshals	2%
Other Civilians	2%
Airport Police	1%

ACADEMY TRAINING BY WEEKLY ACCRUAL 1995 - 1999

AGENCY	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	TOTAL TRAINING
DPS/AST	666	283	586	577	526	2,638 Weeks
DPS/FWP	98	82	78	262	98	618 Weeks
DPS/State Fire Marshals	24		26	13	28	91 Weeks
Municipal Police Officers	402	198	353	314	458	1,725 Weeks
DOT Airport Police	72	36	65		14	187 Weeks
State Park Rangers				9		9 Weeks
UAS College Students (Civ.)	372	348	507	208	126	1,561 Weeks
Military Security Police	12		104	130		246 Weeks
VPSO	225	198	171	160	180	934 Weeks
DPS Civilians				66		66 Weeks
Other Civilians		34	43		30	107 Weeks
CAP Cadets (Youths)					54	54 Weeks

ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGES

AST	32%
Municipal Police	21%
UAS Students	19%
VPSO	11%
FWP	8%
Military Security	3%
Airport Police	2%
CAP Cadets	1%
Fire Marshals	1%
DPS Civilians	1%
Other Civilians	1%

"A" DETACHMENT Southeast Alaska

DETACHMENT HEADQUARTERS KETCHIKAN

POSTS HAINES JUNEAU KLAWOCK PETERSBURG







"A" DETACHMENT KETCHIKAN, ALASKA





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"A" Detachment of the Alaska State Troopers consists of the southeast region of the State. The area includes numerous islands, the Tongass National Forest, and logging, fishing and resort communities from Dixon Entrance in the south to Cape Yakataga in the north.



Detachment Headquarters is located in Ketchikan.

The detachment area encompasses more than 62,000 square miles of land. The estimated population within "A" Detachment is approximately 73,302. Posts in the detachment are located in:

Detachment headquarters has one Lieutenant, one First Sergeant, one Sergeant and six Troopers. There are 14 cities within "A" Detachment that have city police departments. All the city police departments and the Village Public Safety Officers work closely with the Alaska State Troopers. The Troopers assist all police departments in southeast during emergency situations and major case investigations, as well as with routine matters as needed. The Alaska Department of Fish & Game, the U.S. Forest Service, and U.S. Coast Guard work closely with the State Troopers to help patrol the numerous waterways and forest service areas. All post Troopers are responsible

for large and often very isolated areas.

- Ketchikan
- Haines
- Juneau
- ♦ Klawock
- Petersburg



Tongass Narrows

INDIVIDUAL POSTS WITHIN "A" DETCHMENT ...

Ketchikan: The Ketchikan post is the largest post in the detachment and is the detachment headquarters. The Ketchikan post is responsible for two additional cities as well as the Tongass National Forest and Misty Fjords National Monument. Population totals about 15,664 residents with Troopers providing service to approximately 5,807 of those residents. Travel is by car, boat, jet, small air carrier, or the State Ferry System. The Ketchikan post is the only Trooper post in southeast Alaska with 24 hour patrol coverage. The Ketchikan post services the following 3 communities:

♦ Hyder
♦ Metlakatla
♦ Saxman

Klawock: This post is located on Prince of Wales Island, the third largest island in the United States. The island has a number of communities with a seasonally varying population which is connected by over 1,000 miles of road. Both Klawock and the city of Craig have police departments. Two Troopers are responsible for public safety services and enforcement on the rest of the island and outlying waters. Population totals about 4,785 residents with Troopers providing service to approximately 1,976 of those residents. The Klawock post services the following 10 communities:

- Coffman Cove
- Craig
- Edna Bay
- Hollis
- Hydaburg
- Kasaan
- Naukati
- Polk Inlet

"A" Detachment's Comparison Statistics





Juneau: The Juneau post consists of one Sergeant and one Trooper. The Sergeant supervises the Haines, Petersburg, and Juneau posts and oversees the Juneau Judicial Services Unit. They serve Juneau and several additional cities/villages. In addition, this post is

responsible for two Troopers assigned to Governor security. The Juneau Police Department serves the



city of Juneau area with 24 hour coverage. Juneau is located on the mainland, however, there is no direct road access. Population totals about 42,179 residents with Troopers providing service to approximately 1,127 of those residents. *The Juneau post services the following 8 communities:*

- Angoon
- Elfin Cove
- Gustavus
- ♦ Hoonah
- Pelican
- Tenakee Springs
- Whitestone Bay
- Yakutat

Haines: One Trooper is assigned to cover an area which increases during spring and summer due to tourism, fishing, and logging. Population totals about 3,436 residents with Troopers providing service to approximately 836 of those residents. The Haines post services the following 2 communities:

Klukwan

Skagway

Petersburg: One Trooper provides coverage to multiple communities and outlying areas. Both Petersburg and the City of Wrangell have police departments. Population totals about 7,238 residents with Trooper providing service to approximately 529 of those residents. **The Petersburg post services the following 7** communities:

- Hobart Bay
- Kake
- Port Alexander
- Port Protection
- Kupreanof
- Pt. Baker
- ♦ Wrangell

"A" DETACHMENT

1999 REPORTED OFFENSES

(Offense Categories Comprised of Multiple Specific Offense Designations)

OFFENSE CATEGORY	NUMBER OF OFFENSES
ALCOHOL	7
ASSAULT - FELONY	31
ASSAULT - MISDEMEANOR	118
AUTO THEFT	20
BURGLARY	54
DRUGS	18
FINANCIAL CRIMES	13
FISH & GAME	92
HOMICIDE	1
LARCENY	172
MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT	171
NON-CRIMINAL	4,244
OFFENSES AGAINST MINORS	1
OTHER CRIMINAL	364
OTHER DEATHS	32
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION/ORDER	44
ROBBERY	3
SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR	27
SEXUAL ASSAULT	23
TRAFFIC	649
WEAPONS	17
TOTAL	.S 6,101

"B" DETACHMENT South Central Alaska

DETACHMENT HEADQUARTERS PALMER

POSTS BIG LAKE GLENNALLEN TALKEETNA





"B" Detachment Headquarters - Palmer



Lobby





"B" DETACHMENT

PALMER, ALASKA



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"B" Detachment of the Alaska State Troopers is located primarily in the south central region of Alaska. The patrol area borders the Municipality of Anchorage, the Kenai Peninsula Borough, the Denali Borough and the Canadian Border. The total land mass encompasses approximately 55,000 square miles.



Detachment Headquarters is located in Palmer.

The detachment currently has a total of 43 Alaska State Troopers with five clerks and one evidence clerk. The detachment is the second largest in the Alaska State Troopers. Posts within the Detachment are located in:

- Big Lake
- Glennallen
- Palmer
- Talkeetna

The Palmer post has 24 hour patrol coverage. Big Lake, Glennallen, and Talkeetna posts are on standby for calls during non-working hours. A Judicial Services Trooper and three Court Services Officers serve the area courts. The detachment contains vast areas which are popular summer and winter recreation spots. These areas consist of numerous wilderness and rural areas that are popular hunting, fishing, snowmachining, skiing, boating, and sightseeing destinations. At this time, certain areas within the detachment are reported to be the fastest growing areas in the state.

There are four city police departments within the patrol areas of "B" Detachment: Wasilla, Palmer, Valdez, and Cordova. The Alaska State Troopers assist these agencies in emergency situations and when requested for major case investigations.

The local police departments are staffed with a total of 38 commissioned Officers to serve an estimated population of 15,963 residents. "B" Detachment serves the remaining estimated 49,374 residents with 43 Troopers.

The economy in the Detachment area is based on a diversity of retail and other services along with some light manufacturing. Many residents in the area are employed in Anchorage and make a daily commute on the Glenn Highway.

INDIVIDUAL POSTS WITHIN "B" DETCHMENT ...

Palmer: The Palmer post is one of the main field training posts for recruits following their completion of the basic academy at the DPS Training Academy in Sitka. Palmer post receives four to eight new recruits every six months for the field training.

Palmer post lies primarily within the Matanuska-Susitna Borough having a population of about 45,873. *The Palmer post services the following 7 communities:*

♦ Butte

Knik

♦ Moose Creek

Mat-Su Borough

- Chickaloon
 - ♦ Sutton
- Lazy Mountain

Big Lake: The post in Big Lake houses two Alaska State Troopers. They cover a wide patrol range and additional outlying communities. Big Lake is a community on the shore of Big Lake and is approximately 18 air miles from Alaska's largest city, Anchorage. Population in the Big Lake area is approximately 8,230. The Big Lake post services the following 2 communities:

- Houston
- Meadow Lakes









Local Moose Resident Glennallen: One Sergeant, three Troopers, and one clerk are situated in this post. The post covers 17 communities including Glennallen. The area has a population base of 9,893 residents with about 3,294 being serviced by Troopers. This area is additionally the business hub for the Copper River region. The Glennallen post services the following 16 communities:

- Chistochina
- Chitina
- Copper Center
- ◆ Copperville
- Cordova
- Gakona
- ♦ Gulkana

- McCarthy
- Mendeltna
- Paxson
- Slana
- Tatitlek
- Tazlina
- Tonsina

Talkeetna: Staffing in Talkeetna consists of one Sergeant, three Troopers and one dispatcher. Population of Talkeetna and the outlying communities it services, not including Mat-Su Borough area, is approximately 1,341 residents. **The Talkeetna post services the following 6 communities:**

- Alexander Creek
- Chase
- Petersville
- Skwentna
- Trapper Creek
- ♦ Willow

"B" DETACHMENT

1999 REPORTED OFFENSES

(Offense Categories Comprised of Multiple Specific Offense Designations)

OFFENSE CATEGORY	NUMBER OF OFFENSES
ALCOHOL	122
ASSAULT - FELONY	190
ASSAULT MISDEMEANOR	576
AUTO THEFT	232
BURGLARY	431
DRUGS	154
FINANCIAL CRIMES	37
FISH & GAME	51
HOMICIDE	7
LARCENY	886
MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT	1,269
NON-CRIMINAL	13,100
OFFENSES AGAINST MINORS	13
OTHER CRIMINAL	1,650
OTHER DEATHS	108
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION/ORDER	101
ROBBERY	8
SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR	83
SEXUAL ASSAULT	37
TRAFFIC	1,872
WEAPONS	72
TOTALS	S 20,999

"C" DETACHMENT Western Alaska, Aleutian Chain & Kodiak Island Area

DETACHMENT HEADQUARTERS ANCHORAGE

> POSTS ANIAK BETHEL COLD BAY DILLINGHAM KING SALMON KODIAK KOTZEBUE NOME ST. MARY'S





"C" Detachment covers all of western Alaska, including the Aleutian Chain and Kodiak Island. There are approximately 69,902 people living in the nearly 267,000 square miles located within its boundaries.



The detachment has a total of nine Trooper posts in the cities of:

Kodiak

Nome

♦ Kotzebue

St. Mary's

- Aniak
- Bethel
- Cold Bay
- Dillingham
- King Salmon

There are 45 commissioned Alaska State Troopers within these posts to provide services to their specific patrol areas.

Detachment headquarters is located in Anchorage staffed with a Captain, a Lieutenant, and two Sergeants. Headquarters also houses the Anchorage Service Unit consisting of three Troopers.



CAPTAIN DOUG NORRIS COMMANDER (907) 248-1410

The Anchorage Service Unit is responsible for follow-up investigations in rural areas, prisoner transports, special traffic enforcement on the Seward and Glenn Highways, enforcement of sex offender registration violations, serving arrest warrants, and other special projects.

The detachment is responsible for managing the Village Public Safety Officer Program. The VPSO program has 124 VPSO positions statewide with 84 of them currently funded. Sixty-seven (67) of these VPSO's currently work within "C" Detachment's boundaries. All training for these VPSO's and many Village Police Officers are conducted by a Sergeant in "C" Detachment headquarters.

Within "C" Detachment there are also 12 communities with organized city police departments employing Alaska Police Standards Council (APSC) certified police officers. These cities are Bethel, Dillingham, King Cove, Kodiak, Kotzebue, Naknek, Nome, Saint Mary's, Saint Paul, Sand Point, Togiak and Unalaska. The detachment serves as back up for all city police departments. It provides immediate assistance during emergency situations and for any major case investigations upon request.



"C" Detachment communities are primarily located in rural Alaska.

All the posts and villages can only be reached by air or water.



INDIVDIUAL POSTS WITHIN "C" DETACHMENT ...

Bethel: One First Sergeant, two Sergeants, and eight Troopers are assigned to Bethel with a population of 5,471 residents. One Court Services Officer is stationed at Bethel post to service the superior and district courts located in Bethel. The Bethel Post serves 26 villages in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta which adds an additional 11,244 residents. Bethel Post also assists city police on major investigations when requested. Bethel has a state owned airport with passenger, cargo, and air taxi services.

The port of Bethel is the northern most medium draft port in the U.S. River travel is the primary means of local transportation in the summer and becomes a 150 mile ice road to surrounding villages in the winter. A barge service based in Bethel provides goods to the Kuskokwim villages. *The Bethel post services the following 27 communities:*

- Akiachak
- Akiak
- Atmautluak
- Chefornak
- Chevak
- Eek
- Goodnews Bay

- Hooper Bay
- ♦ Kasigluk
- Kipnuk
- ♦ Kongiganak
- Kwethluk
- Kwigillingok
- Mekoryuk

- Napakiak
- Napaskiak
- Newtok
- Nightmute
- Nunapitchuk
- ♦ Oscarville
- Platinum

- Quinhagak
- Scammon Bay
- Toksook Bay
- Tuluksak
- Tunanak
- Tuntutuliak

Aniak: Three Troopers reside in a community of 576 residents with no city police department. Aniak is located on the south bank of the Kuskokwim River at the head of Aniak Slough, 170 miles east of Bethel and the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta. The area encompasses five square miles of land. Total population in all villages is 3,024 residents. The economy is based on government, transportation, and retail services. Access is limited to air and water. The Aniak post services the following 17 communities:

- Anvik
- Red Devil
- Chuathbaluk

Lime Village

Russian Mission

Shageluk

♦ Sleetmute

- Crooked Creek
- Grayling
- ♦ Holy Cross
 ♦ Stony River
 - 🔶 Takotna
 - ♦ Teilda
- Napaimiut

McGrath

- Nikolia
- Upper Kalstag

Saint Mary's: The post is manned by two Alaska State Troopers. Population for the communities is approximately 4,299 residents. The city of St. Mary's has approximately 475 residents along with their own police department. The St. Mary's post services the following 9 communities:

- Alakanuk
- Emmonak
- Georgtown
- Kotlik
- Marshall

- Mt. Village
- Pilot Station
- Pitkas Point
- Sheldon Point

Dillingham: One Sergeant and two Troopers man the Dillingham post. The City of Dillingham has it own police department. Dillingham is located at the extreme northern end of Nushagak Bay in northern Bristol Bay. It lies 327 miles southwest of Anchorage. The city can be reached by air and sea only. The fishing industry is the primary economic source in the area. Population coverage for the Dillingham post, not including the city of Dillingham, is approximately 1,230 residents.

Dillingham post also is responsible to service the superior and district courts located in Dillingham. The Dillingham post services the following 11 communities:

- Aleknagik
- Nelson Lagoon
- ♦ Egegik
- Saint Paul Island
- Ekuk
- ♦ Koliganek
- Manokotak
- Togiak Twin Hills

Cold Bay: One Trooper is assigned to this post. Cold Bay does not have a city Police department. The Post's patrol area services 1,111 residents. Because of its central location in the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge on the western end of the Alaska Peninsula, Cold Bay serves as the regional center for air transportation on the Alaska Peninsula and as an international hub for private aircraft. The Cold Bay post services the following 9 communities:

- Adak
- Atka
- False Pass
- King Cove
- Nikolski

- King Salmon: Two Troopers provide service to 2,090 residents. The number of residents increase dramatically during the summer months due to the fishing industry. Over 30,000 visitors pass through the King Salmon airport each summer. The King Salmon post services the following 19 communities.
- Akutan
- ♦ Chignik
- Chignik Lagoon
- Chignik Lake
- ♦ Igiugig
- Iliamna
- ♦ Ivanoff Bay
- Kokhanok
- ◆ Levelock
- Naknek

- Newhalen
- New Stuvahok
- Nondalton
- Pedro Bay
- Perryville
- Port Alsworth
 - ◆ Portage Creek
 - South Naknek
 - Ugashik

Kotzebue: The post is located on the Baldwin Peninsula in Kotzebue Sound, on a three mile long spit which ranges in width from 1,100 to 3,600 feet. The post has one Sergeant and three Troopers.

The villages outside of Kotzebue consist of 3,941 residents. The City of Kotzebue has approximately 2,932 residents. Air is the primary means of transportation year round. Snow machines are used in the winter for local transportation. The Kotzebue post services the following 10 communities:

- Ambler
- Noatak

Kobuk

- Buckland ♦ Deering
- Noorvik
- Kiana
- Kivalina
- Selawik
- Shungnak

Pilot Point

Port Heiden

Port Moller

Shemya Station

- ♦ Saint George

- Clarks Points

Nome: One Sergeant and five Troopers staff this post. The city of Nome has its own police department. The Nome post provides coverage to 15 villages, with a population coverage of about 5,696 along with assisting the Nome Police Department upon request. The City of Nome has a population of 3,615 residents. Nome lies 539 air miles northwest of Anchorage, 102 miles south of the Arctic Circle, and 161 miles east of Russia. Nome is a regional center of transportation for surrounding villages. *The Nome post services the following 16 villages:*

- Brevig Mission
- ♦ Elim
- Shaktoolik
- ◆ Enim
- ♦ Gambell
- Golovin
- Koyuk
- Diomede
- Port Clarence
- ♦ Savoonga

- Shismaref
- Saint Michael
- Stebbins
- Teller
- Unalakleet
- Wales
- White Mountain



Troopers encounter sled dog teams in rural Alaska.

Kodiak: This post is responsible for approximately 7,096 residents. One Sergeant and six Troopers make up the Kodiak post. Additionally, the City of Kodiak has a police department and has a population of 6,893.

Known as "*The Emerald Isle*", Kodiak Island is the largest island in Alaska and is second only to Hawaii in the entire United States. *The Kodiak post services the following 7 communities:*

- Afognak Island
- ♦ Old Harbor
- Akhiok
- Karluk
- Ouzinkie
- ♦ Port Lions
- ♦ Larsen Bay

"C" Detachment's Comparison Statistics






VILLAGE PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAM



"C" Detachment is responsible for overseeing the operation of the Village Public Safety Program. The Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO) Program began in the late 1970's as a means of providing rural Alaskan communities with needed public safety services at the local level. The VPSO Program was designed to train and employ individuals residing in the village as first responders to public safety emergencies such as search and rescue, fire protection, emergency medical assistance and law enforcement support.



Since the program's inception, the number of communities served by VPSO's has fluctuated from 124 funded positions to the existing 84 funded positions. The presence of these Officers has had a significant impact on improving the quality of life in the participating villages. The Village Public Safety Officers are generally the first to respond to many calls for help from community members, hence their motto:

"FIRST RESPONDERS --LAST FRONTIER"

Funding for the VPSO Program is set up through a separate Budget Request Unit within the DPS budget and is managed by the Division of State Troopers. The funds are then channeled by individual grants to nine regional non-profit Native corporations on a cost reimbursement basis. The primary purpose of working with the regional nonprofit Native corporations is to place the local administration of the program into the hands of an organization more aware of the specific needs of the areas to be served. They are also able to deal with a workable number of contracts while retaining a certain amount of regional flexibility.



VPSO Sgt. Simeon Askoak received special recognition from Congressman Don Young.

Law enforcement in most rural areas is the primary responsibility of the State Troopers. From rural outposts the Troopers attempt to respond immediately to emergencies, as quickly as possible to felony cases, and as soon as possible to misdemeanors. Their efforts, however, are often hampered by delayed notification, long response distance, the uncertainties of weather and transportation, and limited manpower. In communities associated with the VPSO Program, citizens are afforded immediate response to all emergencies without delays caused by weather or distance. Although VPSO's are not expected to handle high risk or complex investigative situations, they do act as a valuable communications link with the Troopers. Their immediate action, as directed by an oversight Trooper, can resolve many potentially volatile situations and can often protect important evidence until Troopers arrive.

Part of the conceptual design of the VPSO Program is to provide a long term career ladder for the rural, often Native individual seeking advancement in the public safety field. The Department of Public Safety provides those advanced training to qualified individuals recommended by their nonprofit and oversight Trooper, thereby enhancing their chances for employment in municipal police and fire departments, with the State of Alaska as a State Trooper or Fish and Wildlife Trooper, state or local corrections Officer, or a private security position.





C Detachment

1999 Reported Offenses

(Offense Categories Comprised of Multiple Specific Offense Designations)

OFFENSE CATEGORY	NUMBER OF OFFENSES		
ALCOHOL	547		
ASSAULT – FELONY	253		
ASSAULT - MISDEMEANOR	796		
AUTO THEFT	54		
BURGLARY	245		
DRUGS	114		
FINANCIAL CRIMES	14		
FISH & GAME	25		
HOMICIDE	23		
LARCENY	333		
MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT	110		
NON-CRIMINAL	9,151		
OFFENSES AGAINST MINORS	26		
OTHER CRIMINAL	766		
OTHER DEATHS	128		
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION/ORDER	292		
ROBBERY	9		
SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR	195		
SEXUAL ASSAULT	146		
TRAFFIC	375		
WEAPONS	98		
TOTALS	13,700		

"D" DETACHMENT Interior Alaska

DETACHMENT HEADQUARTERS FAIRBANKS

POSTS CANTWELL DELTA GALENA HEALY NENANA NORTHWAY TOK







"D" Detachment is the largest of the detachments.



Detachment Headquarters is located in Fairbanks.

The entire detachment consists of a total of 53 Alaska State Troopers, 39 of whom are located in Fairbanks with five Troopers and one Sergeant assigned to the General Investigations Unit (GIU), four Troopers to rural unit enforcement, and the remaining 31 Troopers to Fairbanks patrol. Posts within the detachment are located in:



CAPTAIN MICHAEL STICKLER COMMANDER (907) 451-5310

"D" Detachment encompasses primarily interior Alaska and more than 205,000 square miles of area. The majority of the area is accessed mainly by air, snowmachine, or boat. The total land mass of the detachment is larger than any state in the union with the exception of Texas.

The detachment services the entire interior highway region of Alaska and is responsible for over 1,550 miles of highway enforcement, along with search and rescue operations from Cantwell to Barrow.

- Cantwell
- Delta Junction
- Fairbanks
- Galena
- Healy
- Nenana
- Northway
- Point Barrow (Judicial Services)
- Tok



Fairbanks Communications Center

The detachment also has 15 Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO) positions. Currently, seven of the VPSO positions are vacant.

There are several city police departments within the detachment area. "D" Detachment supports city police agencies with resources and manpower as needed, providing both emergency assistance and investigative support. The cities that have certified police departments are: Fairbanks, Tanana, Fort Yukon, Nenana, Galena and North Pole. City police departments service approximately 36% of the area's population, while 64% of the population within the detachment is serviced by the Alaska State Troopers.

Most recent census data indicated the population is at 97,388. The city departments service about 35,095 residents, with the balance of 62,293 being served by "D" Detachment.

During the late spring to early fall period, the detachment experiences a large increase of tourist and transient population.

"D" Detachment contains more road miles than any other detachment in the state, with major highways through or connecting to Fairbanks. Approximately one-half of the highway miles in Alaska are within the detachment boundaries.

"D" Detachment is the base for the Northern S.E.R.T. and Dive Teams, with two canine units assigned to Fairbanks patrol. Troopers in this post are assigned to various units depending upon area of responsibility. Specialized units include patrol, General Investigations (GIU), and Roving Rural.

GENERAL INVESTIGATION UNIT (GIU)

GIU is staffed with one Sergeant and four Investigators. The unit is tasked with the investigation of major events, reports of harm, interagency follow-up, support for patrol, negotiations, interrogation/interview, and other duties as assigned.

ROVING RURAL

The Roving Rural Unit is based in Fairbanks and services 18 communities servicing approximately 2,578 residents. The unit consists of one Sergeant and four Troopers, two of which are pilots. The Roving Rural Unit services the following 21 communities:

- Alatna
- Allakaket
- Fort Yukon

Evansville

- Arctic Village ♦ Livengood
- ◆ Beaver
- Minto
- Bettles
- Manley Hot Spr.
- Birch Creek
- ◆ Central
- ♦ Circle
- ◆ Circle Hot Spr. ◆ Venetie
- Chalkyitsik
- Coldfoot
- ♦ Wiseman

Rampart

Tanana

Steven's Village



INDIVIDUAL POSTS WITHIN "D" DETACHMENT ...

Fairbanks: The Fairbanks post has 24 hour coverage, and when necessary, the Fairbanks Troopers will respond to neighboring villages to handle emergency situations. Normal Trooper patrol range is about 50 miles in all directions from Fairbanks. Post area coverage is about 50,460 residents. The city of Fairbanks has a population of about 33,313. The Fairbanks posts services the following 9 communities:

- ♦ College
- Eielson AFB
- Ester
- Fox
- Harding Lake
- Moose Creek
- North Pole
- Salcha
- Two Rivers

Delta: Three Alaska State Troopers cover an area approximately 10,000 square miles and a population of about 3,242 residents. The post is located near the intersection of the Richardson and Alaska Highways and is responsible for around 60 miles of the Alaska Highway. There are two self-sustaining communities in the area, Whitestones Farm & Living World Ministries, with a population of 200. Additionally, Fort Greely is located near Delta and serves as a cold weather survival school and training location for the U.S. Army in the Interior. *The Delta post services the following 4 communities:*

- ♦ Big Delta
- Delta Junction
- Fort Greeley
- ♦ Healy Lake

Galena: This post is manned by two Alaska State Troopers and is located on the Yukon River. This post also services six outlying villages, two of which have current VPSO's in the community. The City of Galena has one Police Officer with a population of 563 residence. Coverage area for the Post is approximately 30,000 square miles with a population of about 688. The Galena post services the following 6 communities:

- ♦ Hughes
 ♦ Koyukuk
- ♦ Huslia♦ Kaltag
- NulatoRuby

Northway/Tok Post: Tok is staffed with one Sergeant and two Troopers. Northway is staffed by two Troopers. Additionally there are two VPSO's in other communities within the area. The Northway/Tok district of "D" Detachment runs to the Alaska border in eastern Alaska on the Alaska Highway. Personnel is responsible for three highway systems within the area. Population within the area is about 3,166, with a large influx of persons traveling through the area during late spring through fall. There are no city police agencies within the area, although village councils exercise some authority.

Tok/Northway post Troopers maintain a close working relationship with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and Canadian Customs located in Beaver Creek, U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, U.S. Customs and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. The Northway/Tok posts services the following 9 communities:

- ♦ Alcan
- Northway Junction
- Dot Lake
- Northway Village

♦ Tanacross

- ♦ Eagle
- ◆ Eagle Village ◆ Tetlin
- Mentasta Lake

PARKS HIGHWAY POSTS

"D" Detachment is responsible for 180 miles of the Parks Highway. The Parks Highway is patrolled by three posts located in Cantwell, Healy, and Nenana, with dispatch service coming from Fairbanks. *The Parks Highway Posts services the following 5 communities:*

- Anderson
- Clear Airbase
- Ferry
- ♦ Lignite
- McKinley Park

Cantwell: This post is manned by one Sergeant and one State Trooper, with a static population base of about 669. Cantwell's economic base revolves around tourism and railroad activity. Cantwell experiences population influxes during the winter months due to winter recreation, snowmaching, and hunting. Search and rescue activity represents a large portion of the post's activity.

Healy: One Trooper maintains this post with a population of approximately 935 local residents. The post lies at the mouth of Healy Creek on the Nenana River and is located 78 miles southwest of Fairbanks.

Nenana: Manned by one Trooper, Nenana post covers Nenana and Anderson with around 903 residents. The City of Nenana has a two man police department. Nenana is located 55 road miles southwest of Fairbanks on the George Parks Highway and 304 road miles northwest of Anchorage. Nenana has air, river, road, and railroad access.

"D" Detachment's Comparison Statistics





"D" DETACHMENT

1999 REPORTED OFFENSES

(Offense Categories Comprised of Multiple Specific Offense Designations)

OFFENSE CATEGORY	NUMBER OF OFFENSES
ALCOHOL	76
ASSAULT - FELONY	144
ASSAULT - MISDEMEANOR	647
AUTO THEFT	332
BURGLARY	311
DRUGS	154
FINANCIAL CRIMES	67
FISH & GAME	41
HOMICIDE	16
LARCENY	710
MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT	1,551
NON-CRIMINAL	15,672
OFFENSES AGAINST MINORS	37
OTHER CRIMINAL	2,084
OTHER DEATHS	81
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION/ORDER	265
ROBBERY	13
SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR	121
SEXUAL ASSAULT	56
TRAFFIC	2,439
WEAPONS	302
ΤΟΤΑ	LS 25,119

"E" DETACHMENT South Central Alaska

DETACHMENT HEADQUARTERS SOLDOTNA

POSTS GIRDWOOD HOMER SEWARD









"E" DETACHMENT

SOLDOTNA, ALASKA



LT. TOM BOWMAN COMMANDER (907) 262-4453

"E" Detachment of the Alaska State Troopers is located primarily on the Kenai Peninsula. The total land mass of the Kenai Peninsula alone equals that of the states of Massachusetts and New Jersey combined.



Detachment Headquarters is located in Soldotna.

Detachment posts are located in:

- Soldotna
- Cooper Landing
- Girdwood
- ♦ Homer
- Ninilchik
- Seward

"E" Detachment has a total of 31 Trooper positions. The detachment services the Kenai Peninsula from the area south of Anchorage to Homer and Seward. During the spring to fall of each year, the Kenai Peninsula experiences a huge increase in population and weekend traffic from Anchorage through Girdwood, Cooper Landing, Soldotna, Ninilchik to Homer due to the sport fishing industry. The detachment's communities are primarily located on the road system, however several communities along Cook Inlet and Prince William Sound are only accessible by air or water. These areas are Chenega Bay, Nanwalek, Port Graham, and Tyonek.

Six communities within the detachment have city police departments. These cities are Whittier, Seward, Soldotna, Kenai, Homer and Seldovia. The city police departments employ 52 Officers and two part time summer positions to service approximately 18,873 residents. The balance of the residents, approximately 32,502, are serviced by the 31 Alaska State Troopers in "E" Detachment.

The detachment also serves as back up for all city police departments in the area. It provides immediate assistance during emergency situations and for any major case investigation upon request.

The primary road system involves several hundred miles of two lane roadways.

The detachment area has numerous state and federal parks which encompasses much of the detachment area.

"E" Detachment's economy is highly diverse. Many residents are employed in the oil industry services primarily located in Cook Inlet, with operations occurring mainly in the Kenai and Nikiski areas. These operations include drilling, exploration and the refining of oil and natural gas. Other areas for the economic base of the area include tourism and commercial fishing. Over 1,606 area residents hold commercial fishing permits.

INDIVIDUAL POSTS WITHIN "E" DETACHMENT ...

Soldotna: The Soldotna patrol unit is responsible for the most populated area of the Peninsula. The post is located near Mile 96 of the Sterling Highway and covers the Sterling Highway from Mile 60 in the Cooper Landing area to Mile 135 in Ninilchik. From its base in Soldotna, Troopers respond 40 miles in three directions on the areas highways to the north, east, and west, and 17 miles to the south of Funny River Road. The post also covers the Village of Tyonek on the west shore of Cook Inlet. Tyonek additionally employs a Village Public Safety Officer. The post has a Lieutenant, a First Sergeant, three Sergeants, 11 Troopers and one Trooper to oversee Judicial Services. Population coverage for the post is 18,192 residents. The Soldotna post has a General Investigations Unit (GIU) with one Sergeant and one Investigator who supports the entire detachment in major investigations. The Soldotna post services the following 10 communities:

- Clam Gulch
- Cohoe
- Nikiski
- Funny River
- Kalifornsky
- Kasilof
- Ridgeway
- ♦ Salamatof
- ♦ Sterling
- ♦ Tyonek

Girdwood: One Sergeant and three Troopers are assigned to this post. The Girdwood patrol unit is responsible for approximately 2,238 residents in the Turnagain Arm, Whittier, and Hope areas. In this area, the city of Whittier with about 208 residents has its own police department with a Chief, two Officers and one part time Officer in the summer months. Whittier is currently reached only by the Alaska Railroad; however, a road is currently being constructed and is expected to be open in 2000.

Girdwood post is along the only roadway to the Kenai Peninsula. Activity is extremely heavy during summer months with motorists heading to the Peninsula for summer recreation. During the winter months, the post is kept very busy with major ski resort activities located in Girdwood. The Girdwood post services the following 3 communities:



Homer: This post is manned by one Sergeant and three Troopers, with one Trooper being stationed in Ninilchik. The patrol unit services an area of approximately 6,758 residents. The cities of Homer and Seldovia each have police departments. The villages of Nanwalek and Port Graham have Village Public Safety Officers. Homer's economy is based on both the fishing and tourism industry. The Homer post services the following 11 communities:

- Anchor Point
- Fox River
- Nanwalek
- Fritz Creek
- ♦ Halibut Cove
- ♦ Happy Valley
- Jakolof Bay
- Kachemak
- Nikolaesvk
- Ninilchik
- Port Graham

"E" Detachment's Comparison Statistics





Seward: This post has one Sergeant and three Troopers, and one Trooper stationed in Cooper Landing. Total population for the Seward area is 4,700 with about 1,690 of those residents being serviced by the Seward post Troopers.

Seward has a police department which services about 3,010 residents. The Seward post covers the area from Miles 3 to 56 of the Seward Highway to the Hope Road cut-off and about 23 miles of roadway west of Cooper Landing on the Sterling Highway.

The post is responsible for the community of Chenega Bay in Prince William Sound which generally has a Village Public Safety Officer. Seward is the southern terminus for the Alaska Railroad and has a large port facility. It hosts a large commercial and sport fishery, cruise ships, as well as a maximum security State prison. The Seward post services the following 5 communities:



- Cooper Landing
- Crown Point
- Moose Pass
- Primrose



Detachment Headquarters Communication Center Soldotna

"E" DETACHMENT

1999 REPORTED OFFENSES

(Offense Categories Comprised of Multiple Specific Offense Designations)

OFFENSE CATEGORY	NUMBER OF OFFENSES		
ALCOHOL	21		
ASSAULT – FELONY	68		
ASSAULT – MISDEMEANOR	267		
AUTO THEFT	113		
BURGLARY	181		
DRUGS	59		
FINANCIAL CRIMES	12		
FISH & GAME	287		
HOMICIDE	1		
LARCENY	440		
MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT	1,081		
NON-CRIMINAL	9,752		
OFFENSES AGAINST MINORS	13		
OTHER CRIMINAL	765		
OTHER DEATHS	74		
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION/ORDER	70		
ROBBERY	3		
SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR	66		
SEXUAL ASSAULT	19		
TRAFFIC	2,111		
WEAPONS	57		
TOTALS	15,460		

"I" DETACHMENT Statewide

DETACHMENT HEADQUARTERS ANCHORAGE

UNITS WITHIN "I" DETACHMENTS

Statewide Drug Enforcement Unit Statewide Criminal Investigation Unit Criminal Intelligence Unit











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The Criminal Investigation Bureau, staffed and assigned to the headquarters facility of the Alaska State Troopers in Anchorage, Alaska, utilizes the assigned investigative staff in support of field case investigation originating from the five designated detachments located across the State of Alaska.

Fully 90% of the workload assigned to the Criminal Investigation Bureau is in follow-up support and investigation for these detachments. Breakdown of the percentages of support is estimated at:

A Detachment 10%
B Detachment 5%
C Detachment 35%
D Detachment 25%
E Detachment 15%

The remaining 10% are expended in support and follow-up investigative requests for other law enforcement agencies both in and out of state.

"I" DETACHMENT CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION BUREAU ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

With Anchorage being the major transportation hub, major medical center, financial and communication center, the base of operation for the State Medical Examiner's Office, and criminal justice hub with the seat of the Alaska Court System and Department of Law, the Criminal Investigation Bureau is a vital and substantial link between the individual detachments and these other entities in bringing major case incidents to a successful and logical conclusion.

The Criminal Investigation Bureau (CIB) of the Alaska State Troopers is a highly specialized and trained component of the Alaska State Troopers. It is comprised of three operational units:

◆ Statewide Drug Enforcement Unit

Statewide Criminal Investigation Unit

◆ Criminal Intelligence Unit

Most of CIB's main offices are located in the Alaska State Troopers Headquarters office in Anchorage; however, the Statewide Drug Enforcement Unit is located adjacent to the Anchorage International Airport.

The three individual units within CIB are designed to provide specialized investigative resources to all detachments of the Alaska State Troopers, as well as Fish & Wildlife Protection detachments, Division of Fire Prevention, and to federal and municipal law enforcement agencies throughout Alaska. CIB is allocated 31 Alaska State Trooper positions and 17 civilian positions.

STATEWIDE DRUG ENFORCEMENT UNIT

The Unit's Mission

- Interdict and seize illegal controlled substances and alcohol being distributed throughout the State of Alaska.
- Identify and investigate distributors of illegal substances and alcohol.
- Provide training and investigative support to law enforcement.
- Support and participate in public education programs.



INDIVIDUAL TEAMS

Anchorage Airport Interdiction Team

Fairbanks Areawide Narcotics Team

- Mat-Su Drug Enforcement Team
 - Southeast Alaska Narcotics Enforcement Team

Western Alaska Alcohol & Narcotics Team



Anchorage Airport Interdiction Team

Recognizing that interdiction was a key element in any plan to halt the importation and distribution of illegal drugs into Alaska and throughout Alaska, the Anchorage Airport Interdiction Team was reactivated on July 1, 1995. The team currently consists of a Sergeant, one Trooper/Investigator, a Federal Drug Enforcement Administration Special Anchorage Airport Police Agent. an Investigator, and two personnel from the Alaska National Guard Counter Drug Support Program. The team is responsible for drug trafficking investigations at various ports of entry to include passengers and luggage arriving at airport terminals, and packages and cargo being shipped through airport postal facilities and commercial/cargo carriers.

The team also provides investigative expertise to law enforcement agencies and to the Department of Corrections, primarily in the communities of Anchorage, Girdwood, Eagle River, and Chugiak.

In 1998, the Anchorage Airport unit intercepted/seized over \$24,000,000 in controlled substances (based on street value). During fiscal year 1999, the Anchorage Airport Team interrupted the transportation of illegal alcoholic beverages and/or controlled substances en route to approximately 30 cities and villages throughout the State of Alaska.

Fairbanks Areawide Narcotics Team

Located in Fairbanks, the second largest city in the State of Alaska, this team consists of one Sergeant, two Trooper Investigators and one Officer from the Fairbanks Police Department.

The team's primary focus is interior Alaska, which includes Fairbanks and the surrounding area, north to Barrow and east to the Canadian border. The team's focus is the identification and investigation of street-level dealers of "crack" and large distributors of cocaine. Of significant concern in the Fairbanks area is the use and distribution of crack cocaine and the rising incidence of methamphetamine cases.

The team additionally provides investigative support and services to the areas of:

- North Pole
- Ft. Wainwright
- ◆ Eielson
- Fort Greely
- Galena
- Delta Junction
- Tok
- Northway
- Slana
- Healy
- Nenana
- Cantwell
- North Slope Borough



Evidence seized during a drug bust.

Mat-Su Drug Enforcement Team

The Mat-Su team is located in Wasilla and focuses on drug investigations within the Matanuska Susitna region to include:

- Cordova
 Big Lake
 - ake 🔶 Talkeetna
- ♦ Glennallen ♦ Valdez
- Houston
- Palmer
- Wasilla
 Willow

Sutton

The team is currently comprised of one Sergeant, two Trooper/Investigators, one Officer from the Wasilla Police Department, along with three personnel from the National Guard Counter Drug Support Program. The team's primary enforcement duties are the eradication of marijuana, with more than 90% of the unit's work directly related to marijuana grows.



Typical Marijuana Grows





During calendar year 1998, law enforcement agencies throughout the state reported the eradication of 120 grows, 14,691 marijuana plants, and seizure of 190 pounds of processed marijuana.

Of those totals, the Mat-Su team accounted for the eradication of 9,863 plants and the seizure of 60 pounds of processed marijuana. Of significance, when these 9,863 plants were reduced to their dried useable state, it yielded an additional 479 pounds of processed marijuana. The Mat-Su region has long been recognized as the primary location for the cultivation and distribution of marijuana in the State of Alaska.

Southeast Alaska Narcotics **Enforcement Team**

The team is headquartered in Juneau, Alaska and focuses on drug enforcement through out southeast Alaska communities.

The team consists of one Sergeant and two Juneau Police Department Investigators who work closely with narcotics Investigators from the Ketchikan Police Department, Sitka Police Department, and Officers from Wrangell, Petersburg, Skagway, Haines, Hoonah, Craig, Yakutat, Klawock, and Angoon. The team works closely with the U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Park Service, and U.S. Forest Service. The team's focus is on street level to major offenders. Its investigative methods include airport and ferry interdiction and undercover activities. Several undercover operations conducted in 1998 in the communities of Ketchikan, Sitka, Juneau, Petersburg, and Wrangell identified individuals distributing cocaine, methamphetamine, marijuana, and LSD primarily through sources in western California and Oregon.



Crack Cocaine

Western Alaska Alcohol & Narcotics Team

The team's focus is the West Coast of Alaska to include:

- Aniak
- Bethel
- Cold Bay
- Dillingham
- Kenai Peninsula
- King Cove
- King Salmon
- Kodiak

- Kodiak
- Kotzebue
- McGrath
- Nome
- Sand Point
 - St. Mary's

- Unalakleet Unalaska

The team is comprised of one Sergeant and one Trooper/Investigator in Anchorage, one Trooper/ Investigator stationed in Nome, Bethel, and Soldotna who work along with Investigators from the Bethel, Kotzebue, and Soldotna Police departments. WAANT's primary focus is on illegal alcohol activities. This is due to the vast majority of local option communities located in WAANT's area of responsibility. Local option communities are those communities that have conducted a local vote to ban the sale and/or possession of alcohol within the community area. The team primarily targets smugglers and bootleggers through undercover operations and interdictions.

Two primary methods of importing alcohol into rural communities are through the U.S. Postal system and local airlines.

Alcohol shipped legally to regional hubs such as Nome, Bethel, and Kotzebue is illegally distributed to local option communities. aggressively follows up WAANT on information received concerning smugglers and bootleggers transporting the alcohol illegally into local option communities banning alcohol and the subsequent sales and deliveries. Much of the alcohol and drugs are shipped illegally through the U.S. Postal Service. The U.S. Postal Service and the Alaska National Guard Counter Drug Support Program assist WAANT in interdiction efforts. In 1998, 190 postal interdictions were made.

Drug / Alcohol Seizures	1998	1999
Cocaine/Crack (Lbs)	15.4	77.5
Marijuana Plants	12,894	14,601
Marijuana (Lbs)	190.4	119.8
Methamphetamine (Lbs)	2.3	4.7
Alcohol (Gallons)	245	516
Heroin (Grams)	149	154
LSD (DU)	1,338	52
Mushrooms (Grams)	120	1,704.7
Opium (Lbs)	149	11.3

Alcohol Smuggling

Not a Victimless Crime

Domestic Violence
Sexual Abuse
Fetal Alcohol Syndrome
Juvenile Delinquency
Violent Crime





Smuggling Cocaine In Luggage

STATEWIDE CRIMINAL **INVESTIGATION UNIT**



MAJOR CRIMES SECTION

The Major Crimes Section consists of one Sergeant and seven Trooper/Investigator positions. This group of Investigators travels on very short notice to all areas of the State of Alaska to provide investigative assistance to State Trooper detachments or other law enforcement agencies requested. as Investigators can be away from home for as few as several days or as long as several weeks, depending on the type of case and assistance required. Investigators have traveled by plane, snow machine, four wheel drive vehicles, boats, and in one case, traveled approx. 500 feet below the surface of the ocean in a submarine to bring a case to a conclusion. Investigators have worked at very remote crime scene locations for days with temperatures near -50 degrees.

Investigators in the Major Crimes Section are highly trained and experienced in the following areas:

- Homicide Investigation
- Crime Scene Reconstruction
- Sexual Assault/Sexual Abuse of Minor Investigations
- Kidnapping Investigations
- Arson
- Officer Involved Shooting Investigations

Investigators from the Major Crimes Section also provide training at the Department of Public Safety Training Academy in Sitka, statewide for police departments, village and tribal police officers, and to other criminal justice agencies.



MISSING PERSONS SECTION

This section is comprised of one Alaska State Trooper/Investigator located in Anchorage. It is responsible for the efficient operation of the Alaska Missing Persons Clearinghouse and fields approximately 4,500 notifications of missing Alaskans from law enforcement agencies each year. The section strives to be a vital resource for the public, law enforcement agencies in Alaska, as well as a viable link to clearinghouses other missing person throughout the United States. Missing Persons is also responsible for the Alaska Homicide Registry database and works diligently to be of assistance to other agencies such as the FBI Violent Criminal Apprehension Program homicide details (VICAP) comparing nationally.

Additional responsibilities of this section are the efficient receipt, storage, retrieval, and disposition of approximately 25,000 items of evidence being stored in Anchorage by the Division of Alaska State Troopers, Fish & Wildlife Protection, and Fire Prevention in Anchorage.

WHITE COLLAR CRIMES SECTION

The White Collar Crimes Section is charged with the duties of coordinating and or investigating selected acts of:

- Forgery
- Fraud
- ♦ Embezzlement
- Unsworn falsification
- Perjury
- Credit card crimes
- Politically sensitive matters
- Crimes which involve computers to include forensic data recovery & analysis

Currently, the White Collar Crimes Section consists of one Sergeant and two Trooper Investigative positions. Investigators assigned to the White Collar Crimes Section frequently deal with complex cases that require many hours of document analysis in order to identify criminal violations. They work closely with prosecutors within the Department of Law's Office of Special Prosecutions and Appeals.

The White Collar Crimes Section is a voting member of the National White Collar Crimes Center. This allows the section to draw on the many services and resources they provide, such as up-to-date training, data and document analysis, intelligence data bases, computer and network expertise and many other helpful tools that the white collar crime Investigator may need.

ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES SECTION

The Environmental Crimes Section of the Alaska State Troopers housed within the Department of Environmental Conservation offices in Anchorage. It currently consists of one Alaska State Trooper/Investigator who works under the immediate supervision of an Assistant Attorney General in the Office of Special Prosecutions and Appeals. ECU's main mission is the investigation and enforcement of Alaska Statutes 18 and 46 regarding environmental issues. These include oil, water, air, and solid waste violations and also cover health and safety issues involving food production.

The ECU works closely with the Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Criminal Investigation Division (CID) or EPA-CID. There are two EPA-CID Special Agents assigned to Alaska and stationed in Anchorage.

CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE UNIT

The Criminal Intelligence Unit of the Alaska State Troopers is located in the FBI Building in Anchorage. The Unit consists of one Trooper/Investigator, one National Guard Counter Drug Support Program Analyst, and three Department of Public Safety civilian employees. It is responsible for the receipt, storage, retrieval, dissemination, and purging of criminal intelligence information available to Alaska law enforcement agencies. The unit also provides technical assistance and specialized equipment to conduct covert surveillance or evidence gathering operations.

"I" DETACHMENT (CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION BUREAU)

1999 REPORTED OFFENSES

(Offense Categories Comprised of Multiple Specific Offense Designations)

OFFENSE CATEGORY	NUMBER OF OFFENSES		
ALCOHOL	119		
ASSAULT – FELONY	6		
ASSAULT – MISDEMEANOR	1		
AUTO THEFT	2 1		
BURGLARY			
DRUGS	1,031		
FINANCIAL CRIMES	5		
FISH & GAME	2		
HOMICIDE	2		
LARCENY	11		
MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT	5		
NON-CRIMINAL	1,791		
OFFENSES AGAINST MINORS			
OTHER CRIMINAL	44		
OTHER DEATHS	2		
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION/ORDER	10		
ROBBERY			
SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR	9		
SEXUAL ASSAULT	7		
TRAFFIC	8		
WEAPONS	31		
TOTALS	3,087		

ALASKA POPULATION GROWTH Vs. AST TROOPER POSITIONS

Population 1980 To Present Trooper Positions 1983 To Present

401,851 To 622,000

323 To 237

+ 220,149 Alaska Residents

- 86 Alaska State Troopers Positions



ALASKA POPULATION GROWTH Vs. AST TROOPER POSITIONS

YEAR	ALASKA'S POPULATION
1980	401,851
1981	422,187
1982	460,837
1983	510,554
1984	522,000
1985	539,600
1986	547,600
1987	541,300
1988	535,000
1989	538,900
1990	550,043
1991	569,054
1992	586,722
1993	596,906
1994	600,622
1995	601,581
1996	605,212
1997	609,655
1998	617,082
1999	622,000

YEAR	ALASKA'S POPULATION		
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1983	323		
1984	312		
1985	315		
1986	317		
1987	291		
1988	221		
1989	246		
1990	234		
1991	237		
1992	250		
1993	241		
1994	249		
1995	243		
1996	234		
1997	236		
1998	230		
1999	237		





26% DECREASE IN POSITIONS 1983-1999

ALASKA STATE TROOPERS ARREST COMPARISONS 1994 - 1998

OFFENSE	<u>1994</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>
Assualts	2,124	2,045	2,125	2,320	2,418
Burglaries/Thefts/Larceny	819	875	880	861	897
Drug Offenses	683	650	640	515	757
DWI's	1,896	1,844	1,487	1,089	1,103
Murder/Homicide/Deaths	14	31	11	28	23
Rapes/Sexual Assaults	143	151	107	122	132
Sexual Abuse of Minor	263	182	159	161	140

Reported Arrests on Selected Offenses Does Not Reflect All Arrests Made



During time frame January 1, 1999, to December 31, 1999, the Alaska State Troopers were involved in the investigation of a total of **581** cases relating to the death of a person. In the work involved, commissioned troopers expended, either in the primary investigation or requested follow-up work, a total of **14**, **491** man-hours.

- Murder, inclusive of Homicide, Willful Murder, Negligent Homicide Manslaughter, and other negligence: 24 cases, 5,576.5 commissioned hours.
- Motor Vehicle Accident Fatalities, which includes those involving Commercial vehicles, wildlife and non-traffic related: 51 cases, 2,136 commissioned hours.
- Aircraft and Watercraft Accidents: 17 cases, 468.5 commissioned hours.
- Suicides: 43 cases, 890 commissioned hours.
- Miscellaneous Deaths, inclusive of Natural Cause Deaths, Fire Fatalities, Accidental Firearm Discharges, Drowning, Fatal Falls, Industrial Accidents, and Non-criminal deaths: 356 cases, 4,475 commissioned hours.
- Death related cases, inclusive of Death Notifications, Autopsies, Unidentified Human Remains and the Transportation of a Corpse: 90 cases, 645 commissioned hours.

Supervisory hours are those hours spent by unit and command level commissioned personnel in case review, over-sighting the actual investigations, approving time expenditures, interacting with the family of the deceased or interested third parties such as the media and keeping upper management personnel apprised of case status. Based on available information, the estimate of time expended at this level is **2.75** hours per case, with an estimated total of **1,597.75** man-hours expended.

Man-hours expended by clerical support in the form of typing interview tapes, case information, copying tapes and preparing evidence for mailing or processing is estimated at 7.7 hours per case. The total based on this average is estimated at 4,473.7 man-hours of clerical support.

Information form the State of Alaska Crime Detection Laboratory estimates average time form "call out" to return to the laboratory for the *Crime Scene Response Team* is **30** hours per case, with an average of **1.5** team members responding to any given call out. Utilizing the numbers from the case area most likely to draw a request for the response team, (the area of known or suspected murders), the estimated man-hours expended is **1,080**.

Man-hours expended on the analysis of evidentiary materials submitted to the State of Alaska Crime Detection Laboratory are estimated at **12** hours per case. As cases involving the death of a person are given a very high priority and are closely scrutinized, the estimated total of man-hours expended in evidence analysis are drawn utilizing the total number of cases overall. This man-hour total is estimated at **6,972**.

The Department of Public Safety overall total of man-hours expended in cases involving the death of a person during this time frame was **28,614.45**.

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