

# Welcome to the Alaska Department of Public Safety

## Media Access Guide



### **Media Alerts & Notifications**

The Alaska Department of Public Safety uses a variety of tools to keep the public and the media informed of critical information across the state. DPS uses a statewide alerting system to provide mass email and push notification alerts on a myriad of time sensitive topics. Reporters can self-subscribe to receive alerts from Troopers by region through AKtips. Troopers also use AKtips to request anonymous crime tips from Alaskans across our area of responsibility. Interested reporters can download the AKtips Smartphone app for [iPhone](#) or [Android](#) or [sign up for email alerts here](#).

The Alaska State Troopers assists with issuing Amber Alerts and Silver Alerts across the state. These alerts are a partnership between the Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management as well as the Alaska Broadcasters Association. To sign up to receive Amber Alert email notifications please visit: [https://list.state.ak.us/mailman/listinfo/amber\\_alert](https://list.state.ak.us/mailman/listinfo/amber_alert). To sign up for Silver Alert email notification please visit: <https://list.state.ak.us/mailman/listinfo/silver.alert>.

The Department of Public Safety also maintains an internal media notification email list. If you would like to receive media notifications via email, please email any member of the public information office to be added to the list.

### **Daily Dispatches**

The Alaska Department of Public Safety publishes brief synopsis from many significant events that occur around the state. These updates are posted by Troopers, administrative staff, and public information officers in real time. The first stop for information about any incident should be our Daily Dispatches page at <https://dailydispatch.dps.alaska.gov/>. If you do not see any information about an incident which you have a question about, please reach out to the public information office.

## **Contact the DPS Public Information Office Staff**

**Please submit media inquiries, interview requests, or production requests to:**  
[dps.pio@alaska.gov](mailto:dps.pio@alaska.gov). (This will ensure that your inquiry is responded to in a timely manner.)

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## **Department Command Staff Reference**

### **Alaska State Troopers (AST)**

#### **Director's Office**

**Colonel Maurice Hughes, Director**

**Major Dave Hanson, Deputy Director**

**Major Anthony April, Deputy Director**

#### **AST Division Staff**

**Captain Ramin Dunford, HQ Staff Supervisor,**

**Lieutenant, Special Projects (Vacant)**

**Lieutenant Benjamin Endres, Emergency Management and Search and Rescue**

**Lieutenant Scott Bartlett, Recruitment Supervisor**

**Lieutenant Robert French, Anchorage Judicial Services Supervisor**

#### **"A" Detachment North (Kenai Peninsula)**

**Captain Mike Zweifel, Commander**

**Lieutenant Michael Henry, Deputy Commander**

#### **"A" Detachment South (Southeast Alaska)**

**Captain Mike Zweifel, Commander**

**Lieutenant Nick Zito, Deputy Commander**

**"B" Detachment (Southcentral Alaska)**

Mat-Su Valley, Glennallen

**Captain Andrew Gorn, Commander**

**Lieutenant, Deputy Commander**

**Lieutenant Todd Moehring, Deputy Commander**

**"C" Detachment (Western Alaska)**

**Captain Andrew Merrill, Commander**

**Lieutenant Lonnie Gonzales, Deputy Commander**

**Lieutenant Nicholas Zito, Deputy Commander**

**"D" Detachment (Interior Alaska)**

**Captain Eric Spitzer, Commander**

**Lieutenant Jess Carson, Deputy Commander**

**Lieutenant Michael Roberts, Deputy Commander**

**Alaska Bureau of Investigation**

Includes: Computer and Financial Crimes, Major Crimes, Crimes Against Children, Missing Persons Unit,

**Captain Tony Wegrzyn, Commander**

**Lieutenant Shayne Calt, Deputy Commander**

**Lieutenant Ronald Hayes, Deputy Commander**

**Lieutenant, Deputy Commander (AKCIC) (Vacant)**

**Statewide Drug and Alcohol Enforcement (SDEU)**

**Captain Cornelius Sims, Commander, State K9 Coordinator**

**Lieutenant Daron Cooper, Deputy Commander**

## **Alaska Wildlife Troopers (AWT)**

### **Director's Office**

**Colonel Bernard Chastain, Director**

**Major Aaron Frenzel, Deputy Director**

### **AWT Northern Detachment**

**Captain Brent Johnson, Commander**

### **AWT Southern Detachment**

**Captain Derek DeGraaf, Commander**

## **State Fire Marshals Division of Fire and Life Safety**

### **Director's Office**

**Lloyd Nakano Director, State Fire Marshal**

**Mark Brauneis, Assistant State Fire Marshal**

*AST reference map on following page.*

Map of Alaska showing the four divisions of the Alaska State Trooper Patrol. The divisions are color-coded: Division A (red), Division B (blue), Division C (light blue), and Division D (yellow). The map includes major cities, towns, and villages, as well as the locations of AST/AWT Posts (yellow stars) and AWT Only Posts (orange stars). A legend in the top right corner identifies the post types. A Trooper's badge is shown in the bottom right corner.

**Legend:**

- AST/AWT Posts (Yellow Star)
- AWT Only Posts (Orange Star)

**Major Locations:**

- Division A (Red):** Anchorage, Seward, Kodiak, Adak, Unalaska, Aleutians East Borough, Aleutians West Borough.
- Division B (Blue):** Fairbanks, Delta Junction, Fort Yukon, Inuvik, Barrow, Kotzebue Sound, Yukon River delta.
- Division C (Light Blue):** Bristol Bay, Kuskokwim Bay, Plover Bay, Plover Bay, Plover Bay.
- Division D (Yellow):** Interior of the state, including Fairbanks, Delta Junction, Fort Yukon, Inuvik, Barrow, Kotzebue Sound, Yukon River delta.

