

**Responses to Assembly Questions
October 16, 2009 Work Session
And Pending From
Prior Work Sessions**

Finance Department

1. What is the forecast for FY 2009 year-end fund balance?

The information is being provided in a separate AIM as part of your October 27 meeting agenda packet.

2. What is the impact of the \$6,554,000 from the COPS reserve that was used to help fund the budget in FY 2009?

The \$6,554,000 from the "COPS reserves (Fund 719) was used to help build fund balance in FY 2009. The fund's balance was transferred to Fund 101 to be reserved to ensure the five major funds complied with the MOA reserve requirements. As a result, it only impacted the fund balance. Per Section 3 of AR 2009-109(S), it can only be appropriated by an ordinance approved by the Assembly.

Office of Management and Budget

3. What is the impact on the Tax Cap of not using State assistance as a one-time adjustment?

Calculation of the tax cap's base uses the amount of taxes collected in the prior year. By collecting less in taxes, the base is lower for the following year.

Police Department

5. What is the police/capita ratio when you include the police at the Ted Stevens International Airport, UAA, and military bases? Is the population at the military bases included in the current police/capita ratio being used?

According to APD, an apples-to-apples comparison with police departments in other communities is difficult because each community's situation is at least a little unique.

For comparison purposes, APD selected Boise, Idaho, which has 325 sworn. This includes its Airport police, which it just absorbed. They have 82 non-sworn, for a total of 407 employees. They do not run the 911 center/dispatch; that is run regionally. They do run their own academy for basic training. The major

university campuses in their jurisdiction have their own police/security departments.

Anchorage has 389 sworn right now and 159 non-sworn, for 548 total employees. We do not cover the International Airport, but we do cover Merrill Field. We do run the 911 center/dispatch for the area, as well as our own academy. The major university in town has its own police department. We have military installations contiguous to our jurisdiction. They have their own security forces, but we have primary jurisdiction over civilians on the bases and over everyone on the bases when they come off base—and they do!

Boise PD is overlapped by the Ada County Sheriff Department (139 sworn itself) and the Idaho State Patrol. Anchorage is overlapped by the Alaska State Troopers, but they do not actively pursue enforcement activity in our jurisdiction.

Of note is that Boise covers 64 square miles. Anchorage covers some 1697 square miles, though that includes the bases and Chugach State Park and stretches from the second Knik River bridge to McHugh Creek.

Final computation regarding officer to citizen ratios:

Boise PD: 1.58 officers per 1000 citizens

Anchorage PD: 1.36 officers per 1000 citizens

Fire Department

6. How many fire inspectors does the department “need”?

If AFD was to follow NFPA standards for Anchorage’s size of jurisdiction the department would have 15 to 20 inspectors versus the current 9 positions for fire code inspections and plan review. The state currently conducts some fire code inspection work within the MOA.

7. What is the impact of not funding the juvenile fire safety effort?

As a result of reductions in public education and the arson detection canine unit, there will be less public outreach and education efforts towards fire prevention activities and juvenile fire safety education.