



# OFFICE OF STATE PLANNING AND BUDGETING

*A Fact Sheet*

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The Department of Public Safety (DPS) consists of five divisions: the Executive Director's Office; the Colorado State Patrol, which enforces traffic laws and enhances motorist safety on state highways; the Office of Preparedness, Security and Fire Safety, which coordinates the State's response to terrorism and operates statewide fire reporting and fire-fighter training systems; the Division of Criminal Justice, which produces criminal justice research and administers law enforcement and crime control grants; and the Colorado Bureau of Investigation, which provides criminal investigatory assistance to state and local law enforcement, and maintains statewide fingerprint records and DNA profiles.

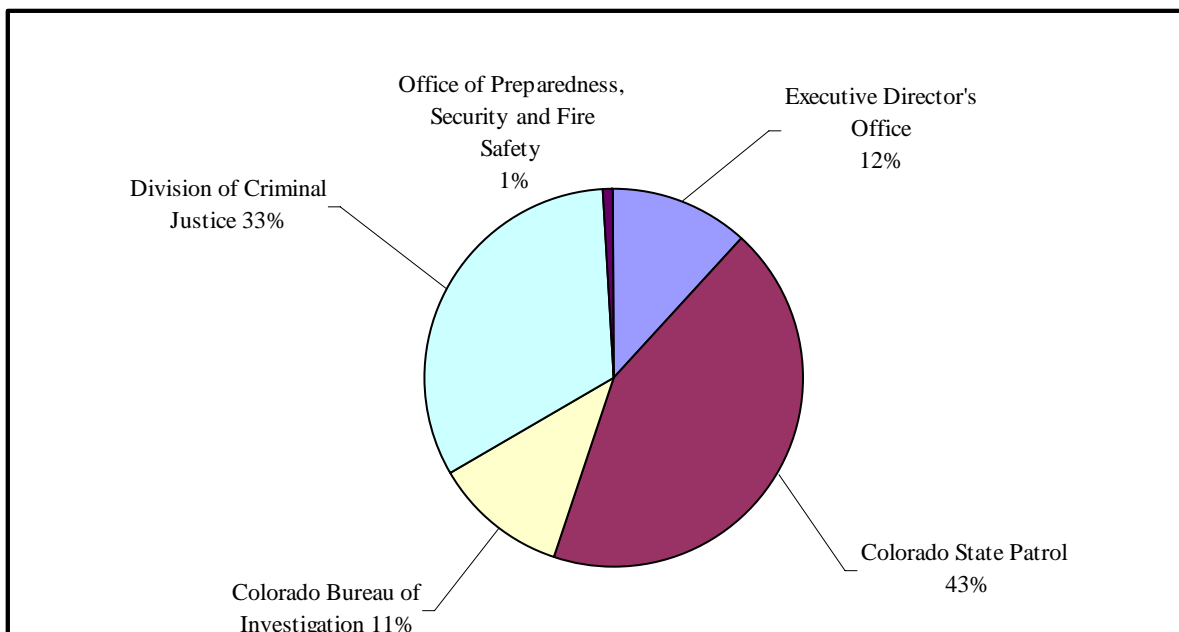
## FY 2007-08 Appropriation

Total Appropriation:	\$224,180,588
Percent of Statewide Total Appropriation:	1.3%
General Fund Appropriation:	\$72,830,763
Percent of Statewide General Fund Appropriation:	1.0 %
Total Full Time Equivalent Employees (FTE):	1,312.6

## FY 2008-09 Budget Request

Total Request:	\$239,322,236
Percent of Statewide Total Request:	1.3%
General Fund Request:	\$80,136,539
Percent of Statewide General Fund Request:	1.0%
Total Full Time Equivalent Employees (FTE):	1,326.8

## FY 2008-09 Request by Area



## Department in Summary FY 2008-09

- The Colorado State Patrol is the state's primary traffic safety enforcement agency. Through programs such as "Click it or Ticket," the "Heat is On," and "Alive at 25," the Colorado State Patrol has reduced traffic fatalities on Patrol-supervised roads. In recent years, the Colorado State Patrol has maximized its resources by targeting certain stretches of road and dangerous behaviors, and conducting strategically-placed, high-visibility patrols.
- The Division of Criminal Justice is a statewide resource for criminal justice research and sex offender management standards, and an administrator for law enforcement and crime control grant program. The Division also operates the State's Community Corrections program. In recent fiscal years, the Department of Corrections has aimed to maintain at least 11.0 percent of its population in community corrections facilities, with approximately 6.75 percent of the population in transitional community corrections. For FY 2008-09, the Department of Public Safety anticipates that it will require 26 new transitional community corrections beds based on the latest prison population projections to meet the DOC's residential community corrections bed requirement.
- The Colorado Bureau of Investigation provides investigatory and enforcement assistance to state and local law enforcement agencies, and also maintains fingerprint and DNA profiles. Finally, the Colorado Bureau of Investigation operates the statewide crime reporting database and laboratory facilities.
- The Office of Preparedness, Security and Fire Safety is the coordination point for the State's response to potential terrorist threats. The Division of Fire Safety also assists local fire departments in solving fire safety issues and administers a statewide fire incident reporting system.

## Leading Budget Change Requests for FY 2008-09:

- Safe2Tell Program Director – This request for \$97,186 and 0.9 FTE will provide a state-funded Executive Director for the Safe2Tell program, which has been previously grant funded. Since September of 2004, Safe2Tell has received and responded to 451 tips regarding threats to community safety, including but not limited to incidents of school violence, gun possession, and bullying.
- Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) Lab Analysts – This request for \$268,036 and 2.8 FTE will provide additional staff to assist with the demand for criminal fingerprint and fire-tread submission processing and analysis. These staff will also help the CBI reduce the backlog of submissions that have accrued due to an increase in demand for services and a personnel shortage.
- Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) Long Bill Consolidation – This request consolidates the CBI's personal services and operating lines between the Laboratory Services division and the Investigative Services, condensing four budget lines into two lines. This consolidation will give the CBI flexibility to appropriately and efficiently allocate resources between these two divisions, based on the changing demand for services.
- Colorado State Patrol (CSP) Traffic Safety Improvement Plan – This request for \$928,180 and 10.0 FTE will provide an additional 7.0 state troopers in the field and an additional 3.0 communications

officers at the Denver command center, so that the CSP can respond to calls for service. A growing population and increased traffic on CSP-monitored roads require additional field troopers to maintain a sufficient level of coverage.

- As part of the Governor's FY 2008-09 Recidivism Reduction package, the Division of Criminal Justice, Office of Community Corrections, requests \$2,282,157 for 162 additional diversion beds. These beds are an alternative sentence to prison available to judges, and are provided at a lower cost to the state.
- An additional component of the Governor's FY 2008-09 Recidivism Reduction package is the request for \$777,920 for 160 slots in outpatient Therapeutic Communities, located in Denver and Pueblo.
- Finally, the Governor's FY 2008-09 Recidivism Reduction package includes a request of \$100,000 for contract research and evaluation services to ensure that all new programs aimed at reducing recidivism are operating effectively.

## Key Issues and Legislation:

1. **H.B. 06-1385** (Long Bill) restored 50.0 percent of the juvenile diversion program appropriation, which was eliminated in the 2002 legislative session. In FY 2008-09, the Department is requesting to re-allocate administrative functions within the Division of Criminal Justice to the Juvenile Diversion program, which was partially restored in FY 2005-06 to approximately 50 percent of its pre-recession level. These redirected administrative functions will enable the Department to better meet the demand for grants. No new money is being requested.
2. **H.B. 06-1158** directs the Division of Fire Safety to conduct plan reviews and inspections of public schools and junior colleges when the local fire department is unable or unwilling to do so. This bill appropriated funding from the Public Safety Inspection Fund (\$49,020 and 1.0 FTE) and from the Firefighter and First Responder Certification Fund (\$6,625) for FY 2006-07. The Division of Fire Safety, in conjunction with the Division of Oil and Public Safety (located in the Department of Labor and Employment), sought and received an emergency supplemental appropriation from the Public Safety Inspection Fund for FY 2007-08 to address the backlog of school inspections that were identified as incomplete in a June 2007 report by the Colorado State Auditor.
3. **H.B. 07-1358** creates the Colorado Criminal and Juvenile Justice Commission to conduct research on sentencing policies and practices, alternatives to incarceration, recidivism reduction, and cost-effective crime prevention programs. The 26-member Commission will be housed in the Department of Public Safety, and staffed with support from the Department of Corrections and the Division of Criminal Justice. The Governor finalized his 12 appointments to the Commission in October of 2007.
4. **S.B. 07-203** strengthens the regulatory framework for mortgage brokers, subjecting such brokers to greater and more stringent regulation in part by expanding the list of prohibited acts under the Colorado Consumer Protection Act. The Colorado Bureau of Investigation was appropriated \$167,864 cash funds and \$211,200 cash funds exempt to implement the stricter regulations.
5. In October of 2007, the Department of Public Safety received a FY 2007-08 emergency supplemental for \$621,835 and 7.0 FTE for Capitol security improvements, including magnetometers, x-ray equipment, employee access cards, and additional communications officer staff. The supplemental was requested to improve public and staff safety at the Capitol, after the fatal shooting that occurred in July.

## Department Wide Performance Measures:

- PM#1: Traffic Safety – Through increased and more effective Patrol presence on highways, reduce by at least two percent annually the number of fatal and injury crashes investigated by the Colorado State Patrol officers on Colorado roadways.
- PM#2: Laboratory Services – Increase by five percent annually the number of cases submitted to the CBI laboratory that are processed and returned to the requesting agency within 30 days.
- PM#3: Counterterrorism and Infrastructure Protection – Increase by five percent annually the percentage of vulnerability assessment recommendations about critical infrastructure elements that are implemented by site managers.
- PM#4: Recidivism Reduction – Reduce the likelihood of criminal recidivism by improving overall Community Corrections program compliance through an annual decrease of at least two percent in the average Risk Factor Analysis score among Community Corrections providers. It is assumed that lower Risk Factor Analysis scores among Community Corrections providers will yield lower recidivism rates among Community Corrections offenders.
- Pm#5: Fire Safety – Contribute to an annual reduction of at least .10 fire-related deaths per 100,000 population in Colorado (this would mean a reduction from 0.450 deaths per 100,000 in FY 2007-08 to 0.440 deaths per 100,000 in FY 2008-09).

## Links to Additional Websites

- [Colorado Department of Public Safety \(www.cdpsweb.state.co.us\)](http://www.cdpsweb.state.co.us)
- [Colorado Integrated Criminal Justice Information System \(www.state.co.us/gov\\_dir/cicjis/index.html\)](http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/cicjis/index.html)
- [Colorado Safe Schools Hotline/Safe2Tell Program \(www.safe2tell.org\)](http://www.safe2tell.org)
- [Colorado Sex Offender Registry \(www.sor.state.co.us\)](http://www.sor.state.co.us)
- [Colorado Department of Public Safety's Office of Victims' Programs \(dcj.state.co.us/ovp/ovp.htm\)](http://dcj.state.co.us/ovp/ovp.htm)
- [Federal Bureau of Investigation \(www.fbi.gov\)](http://www.fbi.gov)
- [Office of Justice Programs \(www.ojp.gov\)](http://www.ojp.gov)
- [United States Department of Justice \(www.usdoj.gov\)](http://www.usdoj.gov)

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