



Minnesota Department of Public Safety
Supplemental Budget Request

House Public Safety Finance and Policy
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Minnesota Department of Public Safety



Commissioner, Bob Jacobson

Mission

Serving all communities to
build a safer Minnesota.



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Gun Violence Prevention Package

- FY 2027 — \$950,000
- FY 2028-29 — \$292,000
 - Public Awareness campaign for Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPOs)
 - Military-style assault weapons and high-capacity magazine ban
 - Re-pass binary trigger ban
 - Ban ghost guns
 - Safe and secure storage of firearms
 - Report lost or stolen firearms
 - Create a legal cause of action against gun manufacturers
 - Repeal local preemption of firearms restrictions



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Public Safety Officer Impersonation and Political Assassination

- Increase penalties for impersonating a peace officer.
- Create penalties for impersonating a public safety officer.
- Clarify emergency vehicle permits.
- Require decommissioning of law enforcement vehicles when no longer in use.
- Add political assassination to murder in the first-degree statute.



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Theft of Public Funds

- Create a new crime for theft of public funds to help prevent fraud against the state.
- Adds criminal penalties for stealing public funds.
- Sentences may include imprisonment and fines.
- Applies to crimes committed on or after August 1, 2026.



Homeland Security and Emergency Management

Mission

Help Minnesota prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies and disasters.



Director Allison Farole



Homeland Security and Emergency Management

School Safety Center Resources and School Safety Grant Program

- FY 2027 — \$5 million
- FY 2028-29 — \$10 million
 - Recommendation funds additional staff at the Minnesota School Safety Center (MnSSC).
 - Creates a new school safety grant program that provides competitive grants for school safety and security upgrades.
 - Includes physical infrastructure, training for school staff and first responders, enhanced visitor screening.
 - Safety equipment and technology.



Bureau of Criminal Apprehension

Mission

The Bureau of Criminal Apprehension prevents, investigates and solves crimes in collaboration with our criminal justice partners.



Superintendent Drew Evans



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Behavior Threat Assessment and Management Team (BTAM)

- FY 2027 — \$2.084 million
- FY 2028-29 — \$4.168 million
- BTAM is a multidisciplinary team that takes a proactive and holistic approach to identify and investigate persons of concern that threaten safety and security.
- Recommendation funds additional staff including special agents, criminal intelligence analysts, mental health and social work experts.



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- Targeted violence against schools, faith-based institutions and political/elected leaders is on the rise.
- In 2025, there were a total of 112 tips/cases BTAM team reviewed or investigated
- In first quarter of 2026, already 105 tips/cases – on pace for a 275% increase
- Resources desperately needed to address such threats
- Goal is to be a statewide investigative & educational resource while also equipping local law enforcement agencies and communities to evaluate and manage threats



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Financial Crimes and Fraud Section (FCFS)

- FY 2027 — \$1.531 million
- FY2028-29 — \$3.062 million
- FCFS focuses on investigating financial crimes, insurance fraud and state government program fraud.
- Recommendation funds special agents and criminal intelligence analysts to address increasingly large and complex fraud schemes targeting state-funded programs.



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- New BCA FCFS codified in 2025 (Commerce Fraud Bureau merged with BCA Financial Crimes section)
- Total of 3,000 case referrals in 2025 – initiated 259 investigations (majority ongoing)
- State Program Fraud - received 246 complaints (46 referred to other agencies; 165 closed due to lack of evidence; 35 under active investigation by BCA)
- Insurance Fraud – more than 2,500 referrals in 2025
- Lacking resources in forensic accounting and auditing



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Questions?