



Governor Walz and Lt. Governor Flanagan's 2025 Budget Minnesota Department of Public Safety

House Public Safety Policy and Finance
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Minnesota Department of Public Safety



Commissioner Bob Jacobson

Mission

Serving all communities to build a safer Minnesota.



Minnesota Department of Public Safety



Transportation

Policy and Finance Committee

- Minnesota State Patrol
- Office of Traffic Safety
- Driver and Vehicle Services
- Office of Pipeline Safety
- Office of State Safety Oversight
- Administration and related services

Public Safety

Policy and Finance Committee

- Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement
- State Fire Marshal
- Office of Justice Programs
- Emergency Communication Networks
- Homeland Security and Emergency Management
- Bureau of Criminal Apprehension

Minnesota Department of Public Safety

Operating adjustment

- FY26: \$1.936 million
- FY27: \$3.948 million
- Includes General Fund, Special Revenue Fund and Environmental Fund

Grant administration authority

- Provide DPS with flexibility to ensure grant funds are properly administered
- Combat fraud, waste and abuse of public funds

Minnesota Department of Public Safety

ARMER Infrastructure Funding

- FY26: \$14 million
- 911 Emergency Fund
- One-time funding for a transfer to MNDOT for capital improvements and operating costs to maintain the infrastructure that supports the ARMER radio system.

State Fire Marshal

Mission

SFM strengthens Minnesota fire-safe environments by providing statewide leadership and guidance in support of fire and life safety policy, enforcement, prevention and education.



**State Fire Marshal
Daniel Krier**



State Fire Marshal



Move and increase appropriations for Urban Search and Rescue Teams and Air Rescue Team

- Move the state rescue teams' appropriation from MBFTE to State Fire Marshal
- Improves internal controls on reimbursements
- FY26 and FY27: \$550,000 each year

Hazardous Materials Response Teams

- Increases funding for maintenance and replacement of aging equipment
- FY26 and FY27: \$475,000 each year



State Fire Marshal

Increase charter school fire inspection fee

- Fee based on square footage of building rather than flat fee
- Aligns the charter school fire inspection fee with other public schools
- FY26 and FY27: \$37,000 in estimated revenue
- Local jurisdictions with delegation:
 - Bloomington, Brooklyn Park, Duluth, Hastings, Hopkins, Maple Grove, North St. Paul, Owatonna, St. Paul, West St. Paul, South St. Paul, White Bear Lake



State Fire Marshal



- Vermilion Country School, Tower
- 7th Grade through age 21
- 13,800 square feet



- Athlos Leadership Academy, Brooklyn Park
- Pre-K through 8th Grade
- 100,149 square feet



Office of Justice Programs

Mission

Provides leadership and resources to reduce crime, improve the functioning of the criminal justice system and assist crime victims. To accomplish this, OJP administers grants; provides training and technical assistance; provides research and data; works to protect crime victims' rights; and provides reparations benefits to victims of violent crime.



**Interim Director
Kim Babine**



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS

Office of Justice Programs

Crime victim services grants

- Critical services that provide access to life-saving care and support for crime victims
- Additional funding is needed as the cost of providing services continues to grow
- FY26: \$5 million

Intensive Comprehensive Peace Officer Education and Training Grant Program (ICPOET)

- Grants to assist law enforcement to recruit, hire, train and retain quality candidates
- Provides funding for approximately 75 peace officers
- FY26 and FY27: \$2 million in each year



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



DPS – BCA Financial Crimes and Fraud Section

- Commerce Fraud Bureau and BCA Financial Crimes Section combined to create new Financial Crimes and Fraud Section at BCA
 - Transfer complete as of February 7, 2025
 - Ensures a coordinated approach & focused resources to identify, disrupt & hold offenders accountable
 - Improves consistency, transparency & efficiencies
- Includes statutory changes to strengthen fraud prevention
 - Codifies new BCA section and fraud reporting requirements for state agencies in statute



Bureau of Criminal Apprehension

State Fraud and Financial Crimes Section

- Ensures a consistent approach to investigations across state agencies, vigorous guarding of state tax dollars and the recovery of funds
- Forensic Accountant and additional funding to support AGO prosecution
- FY26 and FY27: \$695,000 in each year



Bureau of Criminal Apprehension

Long-term missing and unsolved homicide cases system

- Creates new missing persons system to track and maintain data on missing persons in real-time and to share data with the FBI and local law enforcement agencies
- Will allow law enforcement and stakeholders to better understand missing person data and trends
- FY26: \$1.5 million



Bureau of Criminal Apprehension — Bonding

Southern Minnesota Regional Office and Laboratory in Mankato

- Provides investigative, laboratory and training services at regional level in southern Minnesota
- Reduces turnaround time for evidence testing
- FY26: \$68.684 million

Bemidji Regional Office and Laboratory Expansion

- Design and land acquisition
- Provides space and resources to meet increased demand for BCA services
- FY26: \$4.203 million



Southern Minnesota BCA Regional Office and Laboratory



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Questions?

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