

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
FY 2008-09 JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE HEARING AGENDA**

**Monday January 7, 2008
1:30 – 4:30 pm**

INTRODUCTIONS AND OPENING COMMENTS

HEARING QUESTIONS COMMON TO ALL DEPARTMENTS

Departmental Goals and Objectives

1. What are your department's principal goals and objectives? What are the metrics by which you measure success or failure?
2. Given the change in the Administration, have there been any changes to your department's principal goals and objectives since last year?
3. What progress did you make during the last year in achieving your goals?
4. How is the additional money provided to your department in FY 2007-08 being used to achieve your goals? What improvements is your department making in its outputs?
5. Please identify your department's 3 most effective programs and your 3 least effective programs. Explain why you identified them as such. Explain how your most effective programs further the department's goals.
6. Are there programs that your department is required to perform that do not further your department's goals or have outlived their usefulness? If so, what are they and by whom are they required? Why don't they further your department's goals?

Costs and savings from complying with specific bills and orders

7. What are your department's anticipated costs, anticipated savings, and potential benefits from complying with Executive Order D 028 07, Authorizing Partnership Agreements with State Employees?
8. Provide an estimate of the costs your department will incur in FY 2007-08 in carrying out the provisions of H.B. 06S-1023. Provide an estimate of your department's savings in FY 2007-08 as a result of not providing services to individuals who are in the country illegally.

QUESTIONS SPECIFIC TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Decision Item 1 – Safe2Tell Program Director

9. Does the Department have detailed information on the efficacy of the Safe2Tell program? Why should the General Assembly take over a program that was previously funded with private money? Why did the Department accept a grant that they knew would decline over time and have to be backfilled with General Fund?
10. Please discuss the original funding for Safe2Tell, before the Colorado Trust grant.
11. Why did the fiscal note prepared for SB 07-197 reflect no impact on state expenditures in FY 2008-09 if the Department was aware that the grant funding would decline by FY 2008-09 and require state expenditures?

Decision Item 4 – CSP Traffic Safety Improvement Plan

12. How many troopers are currently working for the State Patrol and how many are currently in training?

Decision Item 9 – CSP Long Bill Consolidation

13. Why do the State Patrol's line items need to be collapsed in order to gain flexibility? How would the flexibility be used if provided? Is there another way to provide flexibility without collapsing the line items?
14. How would this change make the CSP more efficient and effective? How can we be assured the CSP will not become top heavy again?
15. Does the Department feel that having retirements and overtime funded separately in the Long Bill has helped management stay closer to appropriated FTE levels than might otherwise have been the case?

Use of the Highway Users Tax Fund

16. Does the Department agree that the capitol and homeland security expenditures are beyond the statutory scope of the HUTF?
17. Please explain the rationale for using HUTF funds for the Executive Security Unit and homeland security functions.
18. Please discuss the feasibility of replacing the Executive Security Unit, Victim's Assistance, and Office of Preparedness, Security, and Fire Safety HUTF expenditures with General Fund revenues currently appropriated to the Immigration Enforcement Unit.
19. Does the Department have any projections of future levels of federal funding (or other funding from non-state sources) and whether changes in those funding levels will result in requests to backfill with General Fund?

Witness Protection Program

20. Does the Department believe that the State's witness protection program is meeting its goals? How does the Department evaluate whether the program is doing so?
21. Could the program be better designed to provide protection to witnesses in need? For example, is the reimbursement process effective or does it deter participation? Does the Department need additional flexibility to provide long-term protection or is the existing statute adequate if a need for longer term protection arises?
22. If reform is needed, how could such reforms be achieved in a fiscally constrained environment?
23. Has the training required by H.B. 06-1379 been effective? What is the Department doing now to increase district attorneys' and potential witnesses' awareness of the program and to encourage its use throughout the State?
24. Please discuss the Witness Protection Board's standards and procedures regarding whether or not to approve a given request. What is the basis for the requirements?
25. Does the Department have an estimate of what the program might cost if it were more widely used throughout the State? Is there an estimate of unmet need?
26. Please discuss other states' witness protection programs. Does a program based around district attorneys make sense? Have we set up a system that requires district attorneys to do things for which they lack the expertise? Is there a better way to run the program? How would such a change impact the cost of the program?

Colorado Integrated Criminal Justice Information System (CICJIS)

27. Please provide detail on the current situation's impacts on CICJIS operations.
28. What are the CICJIS agencies and the Board doing to avoid or mitigate impacts on CICJIS operations and efficiency? Has the board made progress toward developing an alternative connection?
29. What are the likely long term effects of this change on CICJIS functionality?
30. Please discuss the dispute between the Denver district attorney and the Colorado District Attorneys Council.
31. Would the Department support a statutory change requiring the district attorneys to put information into CICJIS?