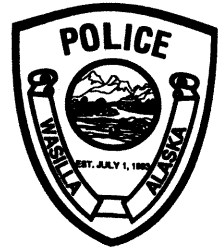




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From: Irl T. Stambaugh, ^{IS} Chief of Police

Thru: John Stein, Mayor ^{JES}

To: Wasilla City Council

Subject: Training Funds

During the last budget process I included \$8,000. in the police department budget (budget unit 2505) to be used for police officer training. These funds are normally used to cover the costs of specialized schooling, yearly mandatory training and college courses that the officers may attend.

As you are aware the police department recently hired two additional officers from our reserve officer list. As part of that process we have scheduled the officers to attend the Municipal Police Officers Academy in Sitka (one officer in September 1995 and one in February of 1996). Upon checking with the Alaska Police Standards Council to determine the availability of funding for the academy it was learned that the legislature during it's last session had cut the Police Standards budget in half. This funding cut has now created a situation where the Police Standards Council is no longer paying for mandatory training that was previously paid for by that agency, this in effect has created an unfunded mandate for the cities that are required to have their officers trained (each academy costs \$5,112. per officer). This problem, absent further cuts to the Police Standards Budget should be corrected next year when a ticket surcharge law becomes effective and \$10.00 per ticket goes into a state wide training fund.

In the meantime I would respectfully request that \$10,500. be transferred from the General Fund, Fund Balance to the police department training fund 421-2505 to cover the costs associated with academy training. The source of the funds have been identified as those funds that have been paid to the City as a result of citations being issued by Wasilla Officers \$42,574.52 during the last two years.