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### Information Memo 93-31

9-20-93

To: Wasilla City Council

From: Irl Stambaugh, Chief of Police *IS*

Thru: John Stein, Mayor *JS*

Re: AST Coverage

Attached you will find a letter from Colonel John Murphy of the Alaska State Troopers concerning the level of service that the City of Wasilla will receive if the city no longer has its own police force.



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8-24-93

Colonel John Murphy  
Alaska State Troopers  
5700 E. Tudor Rd.  
Anchorage, Alaska 99507

Re: Sales Tax Vote/Wasilla Police coverage

Colonel Murphy:

As you may be aware through recent news coverage, the sales tax question is scheduled to be on the Wasilla ballot for the October election. If the sales tax is repealed, local police enforcement will be severely curtailed or deleted by the City sometime in the latter part of October. If this occurs, the City of Wasilla would like to inquire as to the police coverage that can be expected by your agency.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Irl T. Stambaugh".

Irl T. Stambaugh  
Chief of Police

# STATE OF ALASKA

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### DIVISION OF STATE TROOPERS

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September 15, 1993

Chief Irl Stambaugh  
Wasilla Police Department  
250 Knik Street  
Wasilla, AK 99654


Dear Chief Stambaugh:

I am in receipt of your letter requesting what coverage can be expected by the Alaska State Troopers (AST) in the event the City of Wasilla repeals their sales tax and the police department is disbanded.

The Alaska State Troopers will respond to requests for services of an emergency nature and serious felonies in progress. The level of service will be extremely limited and will not be the same level enjoyed prior to your organization's foundation. We do not have the manpower to provide a full level of service. We intend to provide very basic services only for the most serious crimes. I have been instructed to concentrate our efforts on the outlying areas and our State highways.

Traffic fatalities have increased at an alarming rate in the Mat-Su Valley and calls for service in the Big Lake and other unincorporated areas have been increasing. To meet this increased demand we need to divert all available manpower to those areas. Should you need any further information please don't hesitate to contact me or Commissioner Burton.

Sincerely,

  
Colonel John R. Murphy  
Director

cc: Commissioner Burton  
Captain Kasnick