

Dollars in Thousands

	Current		Governor Recomm.		Biennium
	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	2006-07
<u>Direct Appropriations by Fund</u>					
Special Revenue					
Current Appropriation	3,943	3,943	3,943	3,943	7,886
Recommended	3,943	3,943	3,943	3,943	7,886
Change		0	0	0	0
% Biennial Change from 2004-05					0%
<u>Expenditures by Fund</u>					
Direct Appropriations					
Special Revenue	3,907	3,979	3,943	3,943	7,886
Statutory Appropriations					
Special Revenue	0	0	763	832	1,595
Total	3,907	3,979	4,706	4,775	9,481
<u>Expenditures by Category</u>					
Total Compensation	824	852	820	820	1,640
Other Operating Expenses	174	218	214	214	428
Local Assistance	2,909	2,909	3,672	3,741	7,413
Total	3,907	3,979	4,706	4,775	9,481
<u>Expenditures by Program</u>					
Peace Officers Standards&Train	3,907	3,979	4,706	4,775	9,481
Total	3,907	3,979	4,706	4,775	9,481
Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)	12.8	13.0	11.7	11.1	

PEACE OFFICERS BOARD (POST)

Change Summary

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	FY2005	Governor's Recomm.		Biennium
		FY2006	FY2007	2006-07
<i>Fund: SPECIAL REVENUE</i>				
FY 2005 Appropriations	3,943	3,943	3,943	7,886
Subtotal - Forecast Base	3,943	3,943	3,943	7,886
Total Governor's Recommendations	3,943	3,943	3,943	7,886
<i>Fund: SPECIAL REVENUE</i>				
Planned Statutory Spending	0	0	0	0
Change Items				
Increase Training Reimbursements	0	763	832	1,595
Total Governor's Recommendations	0	763	832	1,595
<i>Revenue Change Items</i>				
<i>Fund: SPECIAL REVENUE</i>				
Change Items				
Increase Training Reimbursements	0	763	832	1,595

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Change Item: Increase Training Reimbursements

Fiscal Impact (\$000s)	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
General Fund				
Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0	0
Special Revenue Fund				
Expenditures	\$763	\$832	\$832	\$832
Revenues	763	832	832	832
Net Fiscal Impact	0	0	0	0

Recommendation

The Governor recommends an increase of \$763,000 in FY 2006 and \$832,000 in FY 2007 for reimbursements to local units of government for continuing education training of peace officers. The recommended funding source is dedicated receipts from adding driver's license reinstatement fees when the suspension was the result of failure to pay fines or failure to appear in court.

Background

The Peace Officers Standards and Training Board (POST) receives an appropriation to partially reimburse local governments for peace officer training costs. Mandated training is essential for law enforcement to have the skills to provide necessary public safety. Training needs have become more complex and costly while the reimbursement amount has not increased. Increased funding will help defray basic training costs and should allow for more specialized training based on the needs of the community.

Current law requires that a fee of \$20 be paid for the reinstatement of a driver's license in a number of non-DWI related instances under M.S. 171.20, subd. 4. This proposal would add suspension for failure to appear (29,457 suspensions in FY 2004) and suspension for unpaid fines (12,112 in FY 2004) to the list of instances for which the \$20 fee must be paid and would dedicate the receipts to POST for training reimbursement. Offenders who fail to appear or to pay fines create additional public safety costs. It is appropriate to charge those offenders for those costs and use the proceeds to pay for law enforcement training.

Relationship to Base Budget

Current funding for training reimbursements is \$5,818,000 per biennium. This recommendation would increase the reimbursements to \$7,413,000 in the FY 2006-07 biennium, a 27% increase.

Key Measures

FY 2004 reimbursements paid \$358 for per-officer share. This recommendation would increase the per-officer share to approximately \$455. Local government units would have more flexibility in planning and budgeting for peace officer training.

Statutory Change: M.S. 171.20 subd. 4; M.S. 171.26.

Agency Purpose

The mission of the Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) is to develop, maintain, and enforce selection, education, and licensing standards. Established in 1978 by M.S. 626.84, the purpose of the POST Board is to regulate and enhance the profession of law enforcement throughout the state of Minnesota.

Core Functions

The POST Board's mission is implemented through the following core functions:

- ◆ administer license examinations;
- ◆ license peace officers and part-time peace officers;
- ◆ renew and restore peace officer and part-time peace officer licenses;
- ◆ manage a training reimbursement fund to law enforcement agencies;
- ◆ monitor compliance with standards of conduct;
- ◆ establish and maintain pre-service education curriculum;
- ◆ examine compliance of continuing education requirements; and
- ◆ perform other services as mandated by the legislature.

At A Glance

The Minnesota Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training licenses more than 10,000 peace officers and part-time peace officers. It also certifies 24 two and four-year post-secondary institutions throughout the state that deliver professional peace officer education programs.

Compared to the nation, Minnesota's licensing system is unique, as it requires all peace officers to obtain a post-secondary degree. Also, there is no state-level police training academy as in most other states.

Since 1978, the Minnesota POST Board's standards have been recognized as a model for many other states that have subsequently adopted similar systems.

Operations

The POST Board meets four times yearly to review and set policies regarding minimum selection, education, and licensing standards within the parameters established by legislation. The POST Board licenses approximately 10,000 peace officers and part-time peace officers. Since the majority of these are employees of police departments and sheriff's offices, the POST Board also works closely with local units of government. As a regulatory agency, the POST Board's licensing system ensures that law enforcement officers are well-trained and meet a high level of professional conduct.

Key Measures

- ⇒ Renew peace officers, part-time peace officers, and inactive officer licenses.
- ⇒ Compliance reviews for law enforcement agencies.
- ⇒ Recertify Professional Peace Officer Education programs.
- ⇒ Monitor continuing education providers.
- ⇒ Investigate complaints.

Budget

The POST Board is funded through a special revenue account from a surcharge on certain criminal and traffic offenses. Although the law directs the state treasurer to credit 39% of the proceeds to the Peace Officer Training Account, POST's budget cannot exceed the legislated base appropriation. The FY 2004 budget was \$3,943,000 and the agency resources were allocated as follows:

◆ Reimbursements to local governments:	\$2,909,000	73.7 %
◆ General operating costs:	\$1,034,000	26.3 %

The POST Board has 13 FTEs.

Contact

For more information, contact the POST Board at (651) 643-3060.

The POST Board web site at www.post.state.mn.us gives visitors convenient access to useful information about Minnesota's peace officer licensing system, news, updates, application forms, directories to board and staff, and links to other related information.

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Agency Revenue Summary

Dollars in Thousands

	Actual FY2004	Budgeted FY2005	Governor's Recomm.		Biennium 2006-07
			FY2006	FY2007	
<u>Non Dedicated Revenue:</u>					
Departmental Earnings:					
General	422	430	430	430	860
Total Non-Dedicated Receipts	422	430	430	430	860
<u>Dedicated Receipts:</u>					
Departmental Earnings:					
Special Revenue	0	0	763	832	1,595
Total Dedicated Receipts	0	0	763	832	1,595
Agency Total Revenue					
	422	430	1,193	1,262	2,455