

Department of Public Safety Standards and Training

	2011-13 Actuals	2013-15 Leg. Approved*	2015-17 CSL LFO	2015-17 Governor's
General Fund	10,593,375	9,788,298	9,550,476	9,550,476
Other Funds	30,570,748	35,668,666	37,097,042	37,691,949
Non-limited Other Funds	59,971,796	415,461	-	-
Federal Funds	15,605	382,614	260,660	260,660
Total Funds	101,151,524	46,255,039	46,908,178	47,503,085
Positions	131	135	135	139
FTE	129.54	133.06	133.54	136.97

*includes Emergency Board and administrative actions through December 2014

Program Description

The Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) is responsible for developing and maintaining standards for employment and providing public safety and firefighter training to over 43,000 constituents in Oregon. The agency has regional offices in five locations – Central Point, Eugene, Bend, Baker City, and Pendleton. DPSST provides training and certification for state troopers, police, sheriff deputies, local correctional officers, parole and probation officers, 9-1-1 telecommunicators, volunteer and professional firefighters, and emergency medical dispatchers.

CSL Summary and Issues

DPSST is primarily funded through the Criminal Fines Account, with \$9.5 million of General Fund for debt service. Firefighter training is supported with Fire Insurance Premium Tax revenues, and training for private-sector security personnel is funded with fees. The Co-Chairs' Budget Framework provides a current service level biennial budget for the agency.

Policy Issues

DPSST experiences pressure to expand its training program from several factors. Passage of local public safety bond or other funding measures that increase public safety agency capacity and staffing levels, "cohorts" of local public safety officer retirements and subsequent hiring, and emerging public safety trends or issues all drive demand for both basic and specialized training and certifications. Increasingly, public safety agencies are requesting training specific to people experiencing mental health crises or issues. DPSST's Oregon

Center for Policing Excellence, created in 2013 by HB 3194, begins to address some of this demand for training services by updating the skills of public safety managers, administrators, and leaders with research-based proven practices in policing and criminal justice. In response to these service-level pressures, the agency requested six policy option packages totaling \$2 million and 6.0 FTE, all of which would expand training courses related to particular issues, including mental health, child abuse investigations, active shooters, and other training program expansions. The Governor's Budget includes three of these packages:

- \$379,003 Other Funds and 1.63 FTE for Mental Health Crisis Intervention Training;
- \$341,232 Other Funds and 1.80 FTE for Continuing Professional Education Technical Development; and
- \$100,000 Other Funds for Professional Standards Enforcement Support.

Other Significant Issues and Background

DPSST has been participating in a work group that has been discussing the oil trains that are moving through Oregon. This is a discussion taking place across the country, in each state that has oil trains rolling along its railways. Discussions are also taking place on a federal level, with the US Department of Transportation (USDOT) and its Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) considering funds to assist with planning, training and response to these types of incidents. There has been discussion that DPSST needs to consider offering more training on this issue to public safety agencies around the state.

DPSST brought one item to the Emergency Board in September, 2014. It increased the Federal Funds expenditure limitation established for the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training by section 3, chapter 508, Oregon Laws 2013, by \$123,721 for expenditure of a grant award from the federal Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program.

Legislation from previous sessions (2013):

- SB 481, established Oregon Center for Policing Excellence

There were no Secretary of State audits for DPSST in the 2013-15 biennium, nor were there any budget notes or other required reports to the Legislature.

Co-Chairs' Budget Framework Discussion

No specific budget details or issues were identified in the Co-Chairs' budget framework for this agency.