

## Department of Public Safety Standards and Training

	2013-15 Actual	2015-17 Legislatively Approved*	2017-19 Current Service Level	2017-19 Governor's Budget
General Fund	9,778,922	10,146,476	9,795,963	9,795,963
Other Funds	33,587,100	42,562,360	44,545,374	44,476,935
Other Funds (Nonlimited)	415,460	-	-	-
Federal Funds	331,601	7,056,759	6,793,065	6,792,409
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$44,113,083</b>	<b>\$59,765,595</b>	<b>\$61,134,402</b>	<b>\$61,065,307</b>
Positions	135	154	151	150
FTE	132.72	146.91	149.21	148.21

\* Includes Emergency Board and administrative actions through December 2016.

### 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 41,000 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

No current service level issues. CSL is 4% greater than the 2015-17 LAB.

### Policy Issues

DPSST is primarily funded through the Criminal Fines Account (CFA), with \$9.8 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 provided on a fee-for-service basis. CFA dollars pay for basic police and corrections training classes, the Public Safety Memorial Fund, and agency operations. CFA funds are considered to be fungible with General Fund, so reductions taken to meet budget constraints necessarily reduce the agency's capacity to provide basic police and corrections training.

### Other Significant Issues and Current Discussions

The agency requested six policy option packages totaling \$3.1 million and 4.76 FTE. These packages are a combination of expanded course offerings, agency “housekeeping,” facilities repairs, and continuing implementation of the Center for Policing Excellence, created in HB 3194 (2013). The Governor’s budget includes two of these policy packages, one to continue the implementation of the Center for Policing Excellence, for \$1.2 million and 2.00 FTE, funded with Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant funds; and one to support additional 911 telecommunicators training, funded with 911 Telephone Tax revenue through the Oregon Military Department. The Governor’s budget also reduces two Criminal Fines Account-funded classes from the 2017-19 training calendar, for a reduction of \$1.4 million and 4.00 FTE.

The Department is experiencing increased demand for training from state and many local public safety agencies, and is requesting \$2.1 million for three additional Basic Police classes and one additional Basic Corrections class in the current biennium to meet demand. As of January, 2017, DPSST is oversubscribed for currently-scheduled Basic Police classes by 105 students and for Basic Corrections by 28 students. Inability to enroll in training is felt locally, when newly-hired public safety officers cannot be certified to serve until completing basic training classes weeks or months after being hired.

### Audit Findings, Budget Notes, and Budgetary Actions

There were no audit findings or budget notes applicable to the 2015-17 budget. Since the 2015 legislative session, the interim Joint Committee on Ways and Means and the Emergency Board have taken the following budgetary actions for DPSST:

- Approved including an increase of \$959,000 in the Other Funds expenditure limitation and the authorization of three limited duration positions (1.74 FTE), in a budget reconciliation bill during the 2016 legislative session for developing and disseminating research-based community policing skills through the Center for Policing Excellence. (November, 2015 meeting of the interim Joint Committee on Ways and Means)
- Approved an increase in Other Funds expenditure limitation of \$959,000 and the addition of three limited-duration positions (1.74 FTE) to support programs and activities in the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training’s (DPSST) Center for Policing Excellence, funded by an Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant through the Criminal Justice Commission. (2016 legislative session)
- Increased the agency’s Federal Funds expenditure limitation by \$2,497,563. This net-zero technical correction changed a revenue-only transfer between DPSST and the Department of Justice to a pass-through expenditure, a budgetary change that was required in order to ensure full reimbursement of costs related to the federal High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area program operated by the state Department of Justice. (2016 legislative session)
- Increased the agency’s Other Funds expenditure limitation by \$2,790,195, and authorized twelve permanent positions (8.00 FTE) to add four basic police and two basic corrections classes to the agency’s training calendar to meet demand during the 2015-17 biennium. (2016 legislative session)

- Increased the agency's Other Funds expenditure limitation by \$337,000 for crisis intervention training for first responders. (May, 2016 Emergency Board)
- Increased the agency's Other Funds expenditure limitation by \$100,000 for additional training for 911 telecommunicators. (May, 2016 Emergency Board)
- Increased the agency's Federal Funds expenditure limitation by \$390,592 for expenditure of a grant award from the federal Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. (September, 2016 Emergency Board)
- Established a General Fund appropriation for the Department and allocated \$596,000 from the Emergency Fund to the newly established appropriation for the cost of repairing emergency fire and life safety systems at the Public Safety Academy. (December, 2016 Emergency Board)