

## Department of Public Safety Standards and Training

	2017-19 Actual	2019-21 Legislatively Adopted	2019-21 Legislatively Approved *	2021-23 Current Service Level	2021-23 Governor's Budget
General Fund	9,795,963	9,665,010	9,357,609	9,107,640	9,107,640
Other Funds	47,121,802	48,102,591	50,897,418	53,102,054	49,257,005
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Federal Funds	7,392,919	7,689,376	8,510,332	7,614,469	7,583,071
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>64,310,684</b>	<b>65,456,977</b>	<b>100,775,359</b>	<b>69,824,163</b>	<b>65,947,716</b>
Positions	166	152	152	152	151
FTE	157.97	149.87	149.87	151.25	149.06

\* Includes Emergency Board and administrative actions through January 2021.

### Program Description

The Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) provides basic and ongoing training, certifies public safety officers and monitors compliance with professional standards established by the Board on Public Safety Standards and Training (Board). Public safety disciplines include city, county, state and tribal law enforcement officers, city and county corrections officers, parole and probation officers, fire service personnel, telecommunicators, emergency medical dispatchers, private security providers and private investigators. DPSST also certifies qualified instructors, administers the Public Safety Memorial Fund, and serves as the fiduciary agent for the Oregon-Idaho High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area program.

### CSL Summary and Issues

No current service level issues. CSL (all funds) is 6.7% greater than the 2019-21 legislatively adopted budget, and 1.5% greater than the legislatively approved budget, excluding \$32.0 million of one-time non-limited Other Funds resulting from refinancing of the debt on the Public Safety Campus during the 2019-21 biennium. A small revenue shortfall (070) package was included in the agency request budget to account for a revenue shortfall in the Telecommunications/Emergency Medical Dispatch and Traffic Safety training programs. These programs are funded by revenue transfers from the Oregon Military Department (OMD) and from ODOT, which were modestly reduced for the 2021-23 biennium. The services and supplies budgets for these two programs are correspondingly reduced, with no anticipated effect on service delivery levels.

### Policy Issues

During the 2020 1st Legislative Special Session, five bills were passed aimed at police reform. Collectively, they established the Joint Committee on Transparent Policing and Use of Force Reform, prohibited physical force that impedes breathing except in limited circumstances, required intervention by an officer to stop another officer from certain misconduct if they can do so safely, prohibited the use

of tear gas unless in a riot, and directed DPSST to establish a public, statewide online database of officer suspensions and certification revocations. DPSST has completed the database in accordance with House Bill 4207 (2020), but is still facing the challenges of examining and potentially redefining and restructuring its training programs, meeting community demand for training services, and strengthening strained police-community relations.

DPSST is primarily funded through the Criminal Fines Account (CFA), with \$9.1 million of General Fund for debt service on the Public Safety Center campus. 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. At present a declining revenue source, the Criminal Fine Account is considered to be fungible with General Fund, so General fund reduction targets are typically applied to CFA programs. Reductions taken to meet budget constraints necessarily reduce the agency's capacity to provide basic police and corrections training, demand for which has grown steadily for the past three biennia. Current service level funds 16 Basic Police, 9 Basic Corrections, 5 Basic Parole & Probation Officer, 10 Basic Telecommunications and Emergency Medical Dispatch, 2 Basic Regulatory Specialist (OLCC), 12 Supervision, and 5 Management training classes.

#### Other Significant Issues and Background

The agency requested seven policy option packages totaling \$3.4 million Other Funds and 11 positions/9.13 FTE. These packages reflect an emphasis on police accountability and transparency, include a \$1.2 million request for deferred maintenance on the Public Safety campus, and include several packages that have been requested but not funded in prior biennia.

The Governor's budget for DPSST is 5.6% less than current service level overall, and 7.2% less in Other Funds. The net Other Funds reduction of \$3.8 million from CSL includes \$5.1 million in reductions and \$1.4 million in increases. Reductions include:

- \$3.2 million and 8 positions (8.00 FTE) eliminate three Basic Police classes and two Basic Corrections classes. This reduction leaves the agency funded to provide 13 Basic Police classes and 7 Basic Corrections classes in the 2021-23 biennium. LFO notes that for each of the past two biennia, DPSST has offered 20 Basic Police classes in order to meet demand.
- \$537,186 from elimination of the standard inflation factor on services & supplies, which is a statewide reduction.
- \$837,084 from a 5% increase to vacancy factor assumed on salaries, a statewide reduction.
- \$598,617 in reduced statewide charges for the Attorney General and other state government service charges, a statewide reduction.

Increases include:

- \$360,656 and two positions (1.66 FTE) in the Statistical Transparency of Policing (STOP) program, to provide technical assistance to local police agencies and to provide an effective educational program for all police officers related to the prevention of profiling (POP 101).

- \$1,027,765 and five positions (4.15 FTE) to provide public safety instructor training and development (POP 102).

Key Performance Measures

A copy of the DPSST Annual Performance Progress Report can be found on the LFO website

[https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/lfo/APPR/APPR\\_DPSST\\_2020-09-29.pdf](https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/lfo/APPR/APPR_DPSST_2020-09-29.pdf)