



Joint Committee on Appropriations

January 2025

Mission: Keeping South Dakota a Safe Place to Live, Work, Visit and Raise a Family.

Department of Public Safety

The department contains 13 agencies spread across four divisions:

Administration:

- Administration/Finance
- Driver Licensing
- Weights and Measures & Inspections

Highway Patrol:

- Highway Patrol
- State Radio Dispatch

8-1-1 One-Call Notification Board

Emergency Services:

- Emergency Management
- State Fire Marshal
- Wildland Fire

Criminal Justice Services:

- Victims' Services
- Homeland Security
- Accident Records & Highway Safety
- SD Law Enforcement Telecommunication System
- **9-1-1 Coordination**





DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



DRIVER LICENSING



HIGHWAY PATROL



HIGHWAY SAFETY



FIRE MARSHAL



HOMELAND
SECURITY



SD LETS



WILDLAND FIRE



EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT



STATE 9-1-1
COORDINATION



STATE INSPECTIONS



WEIGHTS &
MEASURES



ACCIDENT RECORDS



VICTIMS' SERVICES



FUSION CENTER

Department Budget

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\$ 103.4 million total FY26 budget request

***Net Reduction of \$770,208**

	General	Federal	Other	Total
FY25 Base Budget	\$7,821,948	\$37,660,910	\$58,655,278	\$104,138,136
FY26 Increase/Decrease (Recommended)	\$79,911	(\$1,481,777)	\$631,658	*(\$770,208)
FY26 Total Budget	\$7,901,859	\$36,179,133	\$59,286,936	\$103,367,928
Percentage of Total	7.6%	35.0%	57.4%	100%

- DPS General Fund budget of \$7.9 million makes up **.3%** of the total State budget of \$2.5 billion

Department FTE Utilization

FTE	2023	2024	2025
Budgeted	487.8	489.8	489.8
Used	<u>447.6</u>	<u>444.8</u>	
Under(Over) Utilized	40.2	45.1	

- Highway Patrol Unutilized: FY23 = 21; FY24 = 24
 - Filling trooper positions takes time – the vetting and hiring process takes 6 months, then training begins.
 - Currently there are 22 trooper positions open with a new hiring announcement beginning in March 2025.
- Wildland Fire Unutilized: FY23 = 20; FY24 = 21
 - We fill our FTE to what is budgeted, however when our crews fight fires their time is charged to the fire fund which does not utilize FTE due to difficulty in predicting fires.
- Staff Retirement Outlook – 5.6% are eligible to retire now, 17.7% are eligible in the next 5 years and 34% in the next 10 years.
- Turnover Rate: In FY24, DPS was at 9.1% compared to the statewide rate of 12.98%. The 5 year average for DPS is 10.03%.

Administration Division

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➤ Includes Office of the Secretary/Finance, Driver Licensing, Weights and Measures, and Inspections.

➤ Recommended Budget Totals:

General Funds	\$ 1,364,555	9%
Federal Funds	\$ 976,083	6%
<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>\$12,957,922</u>	<u>85%</u>
Total	\$15,298,560	100%

Program	FY26 Base Request			FY25 One-Time Request
	General Funds	Other Funds	Total	Other Funds
Administration:				
Personal Services	(\$26,397)	\$11,397	(\$15,000)	
Driver License:				
Contractual Expenses		\$438,761	\$438,761	\$385,000
Weights & Measures:				
Contractual Expenses	\$63,384		\$63,384	
Total Administration Division	\$36,987	\$450,158	\$487,145	\$385,000

Highway Patrol Division

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- Includes Highway Patrol and State Radio Dispatch.

- Recommended Budget Totals:

General Funds	\$ 1,902,088	4%
Federal Funds	\$ 4,316,113	10%
<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>\$36,351,159</u>	<u>86%</u>
Total	\$42,569,360	100%

Program	FY26 Base Request			
	General Funds	Federal Funds	Other Funds	Total
Highway Patrol:				
VOCA Grant		(\$165,892)		(\$165,892)
Vehicles maintenance & repair			\$130,000	\$130,000
Vehicles & Light Bar Costs			\$51,500	\$51,500
State Radio Dispatch:				
Contractual	\$27,924			\$27,924
Total Highway Patrol Division	\$27,924	(\$165,892)	\$181,500	\$43,532

Emergency Services Division

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➤ Includes Emergency Management, State Fire Marshal, and Wildland Fire.

➤ Recommended Budget Totals:

General Funds	\$ 3,894,813	29%
Federal Funds	\$ 8,398,390	62%
<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>\$ 1,175,140</u>	<u>9%</u>
Total	\$13,468,343	100%

Program	FY26 Base Request		
	General Funds	Federal Funds	Total
Emergency Management:			
Reduction in Grant Funding		(\$315,885)	(\$315,885)
Fire Marshal			
Arson Dog	\$15,000		\$15,000
Wildland Fire			
Reduction in Grant Authority		(\$1,000,000)	(\$1,000,000)
Total Emergency Services Division	\$15,000	(\$1,315,885)	(\$1,300,885)

Criminal Justice Services Division

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- Includes Victims' Services, Homeland Security, Fusion Center, Accident Records, Highway Safety, and Telecommunication Services.

- Recommended Budget Totals:

General Funds	\$ 740,403	3%
Federal Funds	\$22,238,547	86%
Other Funds	\$ 2,757,640	11%
Total	\$25,736,590	100%

Program	FY26 Base Request
	Federal Funds
Victims Services:	
Victims Assistance Grants	(\$500,000)
Homeland Security:	
IIJA Grants	(\$500,000)
Non-Profit Grants	\$1,000,000
Total Criminal Justice Services Division	\$0.00

911 Coordination Fund - Informational

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➤ Recommended Budget Totals:

Federal Funds	\$ 250,000	5%
Other Funds	\$4,644,728	95%
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Total	\$4,894,728	100%

8-1-1 One-Call Board - Informational

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➤ Recommended Budget Totals:

Other Funds	\$1,400,347	100%
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Special Appropriation Bills

- \$4,951,260 – HB1033 - General Funds - Emergency and Disaster Fund
- \$2,602,081 – HB1034 - General Funds – Fire Suppression Fund
- \$10,000,000 – HB1035 – General Funds – School Safety Grant

Fee Increase Bills

- SB3 – Driver License Fee Increase
- HB1013 – Weights and Measures Fee Increase

Questions?

