

Girdwood Police Budget
2025 - Draft
Final Budget Meeting

		2022	2023	2024	2025	2025 Comments
	Non-Labor					
530380	Whittier Police contract	675,000.00	793,044.00	793,044.00	793,044.00	Year 3 of 3 for police contract
530380	CPI increase	33,075.00				Under new contract no CPI increase
540280	Rental of ACS building	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	12,000.00	Substation rental increase for tenant improvements payback
540640	Car Towing and misc police items	10,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	Towing cars, Wildlife disposal, signs, PSA's
	Inter Government Charges (IGC)					
	600320	321				
	600370 IGC Accounts Payable	24.00	279.00	367.00	367.00	
	Direct Cost Grand Total	\$ 724,420	\$ 811,323	\$ 811,411	\$ 817,411	
	Mill Rate Estimate				0.95	
	2024 to 2025 Difference	\$			6,000	

Community Concerns for follow-up

DOT Items:

DOT Alyeska Highway Pedestrian Safety Corridor (Bike Path) concerns

Refresh of painted stencils indicating ped/bike only: This is DOT ROW and GVSA cannot make changes without approval of DOT. Stencil painting cost previously was \$1500 and was covered by funds remaining from construction work. Those funds are now exhausted. GVSA does not have authority or funding mechanism to work on DOT ROW. New South Central Region Director is Sean Holland, Service Area will discuss with him.

Unrestricted access to airport property. Public should call police to report illegal activity. No recreational access is permitted on airport land. Service Area offered that 2nd gate after the hangar condo to be added to deter parties. DOT is examining this request.

Enforcement Concerns

Drug/Alcohol use in Girdwood Parks – Chief Achee will have patrol include walk-thru.

Alyeska Highway Speeding. Speed limit enforcement by Whittier Police. Speed limit is unlikely to change as it is a state road meeting state statute requirements. Changing the designation of a state road has consequences having to do with maintenance and funding.

Unsafe parking on roads:

Call Whittier Police for parking enforcement if emergency vehicles are unable to pass.

Loveland: This road is an issue seasonally, Alyeska Resort has new plan for 2023/24 parking that should improve capacity in Daylodge lot.

Donner Rd: GBOS passed resolution 2023-16 requesting no parking signs on one side of Donner Rd (brewery overflow parking issue) This initiates the process with MOA traffic dept for installation in summer 2024.

Timberline: No parking signs added in summer 2023 at end of Timberline/Virgin Creek Falls Trailhead.

Traffic Study results are pending for MOA Roads and State Roads

Homeless Camps:

Abatement of homeless camps completed spring 2024.

A motion of the Public Safety Advisory Committee of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors requesting the Alaska Department of Transportation reduce the speed limit of Alyeska Highway to 30 miles per hour and institute traffic calming measures for the health & well-being of Girdwood Valley Residents & Visitors

WHEREAS, the current speed limit of the first 1.8 miles of Alyeska Highway from the Seward Highway interchange and the New Townsite Speed Zone is 45 miles per hour; and,

WHEREAS, in 2018, the Alaska Department of Transportation install pedestrian-vehicular safety measures where the parallel multi-use pedestrian pathway now meets with vehicle intersections closer to the road-way utilizing a pathway design commonly known as “swoops” and “sweeps;” and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the Alaska Department of Transportation modified the existing roadway to include smaller roadway shoulders, further and significantly reducing the distance between pedestrians on the pathway “swoops” and active vehicular traffic southbound on Alyeska Highway; and

WHEREAS, it is commonly accepted that the first 1.8 miles of Alyeska Highway significantly contributes to noise and air quality pollution to residents directly along Alyeska Highway; and,

WHEREAS, due to increased housing construction in Girdwood, there are more driveways with direct connections to Alyeska Highway and more cars using established collector roads than ever before; and,

WHEREAS, due to the increased driveways along Alyeska Highway, the snow berms along each driveway are not removed consistently resulting in low visibility for drivers and dangerous merging as cars enter Alyeska Highway from aprons and collector roads; and,

WHEREAS, Alaska Department of Transportation has conducted traffic studies and has concluded that, on average, vehicular traffic travels faster than the posted speed limit on the 45-mph section of Alyeska Highway, and,

WHEREAS, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors has already resolved that the Alaska Department of Transportation needs to consider and install traffic calming measures to correct the externality created by the department during the installation of the “swoops”/“sweeps”; and,

WHEREAS, staff management of the Girdwood Valley Service Area has already identified and shared with AKDOT Southcentral Regional Director Wolfgang Junge multiple traffic calming measures that could be implemented along Alyeska Highway to improve pedestrian and vehicular safety to create a safer neighborhood with the “swoops.” These improvements include increased signage, modified road paint, and better lane alignment in regards to the size of the road shoulder*; and,

WHEREAS, the Alaska Department of Transportation has taken minimal traffic calming action on Alyeska Highway since the last correspondence in the Fall of 2019; and,

WHEREAS, visitors of the Girdwood Valley are often uninformed about our existing 30-mph speed zone though the New Townsite and often times will participate in unsafe passing and aggressive driving, especially during Girdwood's peak visitor months; and,

WHEREAS, residents of Crow Creek Road have informed, complained, and appropriately implored the Alaska Department of Transportation to institute a slower speed limit and traffic calming measures on Crow Creek Road, including the addition of new speed signs and flags on existing speed signs**; and,

WHEREAS, it can be inferred that the common issue of excessive speeding on NB Crow Creek Road can be attributed to a confusing driver-speed zone where drivers are not adequately prepared to reduce speed from 45-mph, to 30-mph, to 25-mph in such a short distance with a semi-blind left-hand turn onto Crow Creek Road NB from Alyeska Highway NB; and,

WHEREAS, users of the Alyeska Highway Multi-Use Pathway must exercise extreme caution when encountering a "swoop" that puts pedestrians unsafely near the edge of traveled way of vehicular traffic along SB Alyeska Highway; and,

WHEREAS, a reduced speed limit to 30-mph would greatly increase the safety for pedestrians, domestic house-pets, and vehicular traffic along Alyeska Highway; and,

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility and duty of the Alaska Department of Transportation to take action to reduce vehicular-pedestrian deviations to protect the safety of Alaskan Residents and visitors alike; and,

WHEREAS, an abnormally increased amount of construction traffic will be taking place within the Girdwood Valley over the upcoming 2025, 2026, and 2027 summer construction seasons. Throughout the 2024 summer, heavy truck traffic and commercial traffic have been shown to continually disregard the speed limit and participate in excessive use of engine braking when approaching the downhill interchange with the Seward Highway; and,

WHEREAS, air quality is greatly diminished during construction season as heavy traffic, generally dump-trucks with uncovered loads, spread fine-earth particulate materials when traveling at 45-mph on Alyeska Highway further contributing to significantly decreased air quality for lower-valley residents;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Public Safety Advisory Committee of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors implores the Alaska Department of Transportation to institute a reduced speed limit of the first 1.8 Miles Northbound of Alyeska Highway from 45-mph to 30-mph. The Public Safety Advisory Committee of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors further recommends the installation of traffic calming measures along Alyeska Highway and Crow Creek Road, including but not limited to, electronic radar speed detection and information systems, new road paint to provide safer indication to drivers of high-impact pedestrian-vehicular areas and speed zones, flags on existing speed signs to inform drivers of the speed zone, and revisiting the current road alignment and shoulder width to ensure a safe passage for both vehicles and pedestrians.

Upcoming Community Events:

Coffee with our Cops	November 23	Morning	Grind
Holiday Bazaar	Dec 7	12-4	Girdwood School
ASD winter break	Dec 20-Jan 5		
GNSC Solstice Ski	Dec 21	Evening	5K
New Year's Eve	TUE Dec 31	Evening	
Military Monday	MON Jan 6, Feb 3, Mar 3 Apr 7	all day	Resort
Town League	THU Jan/Feb	evening	Resort

School Play? Other School Events

The GBOS's Public Safety Advisory Committee
invites you to

Coffee with our Cops



Saturday November 23 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Meet the Whittier Police Department Officers who
serve and protect Girdwood!

Free drip coffee hosted by the Grind and free pie!

Kids and Cops

The Ice Cream Shop SAT OCT 19

11A-2P

37 children plus parents, 110 people attended





Police officers keep us safe by if they get hurt they can help us. They make sure we are okay. They are really good at eating donuts.



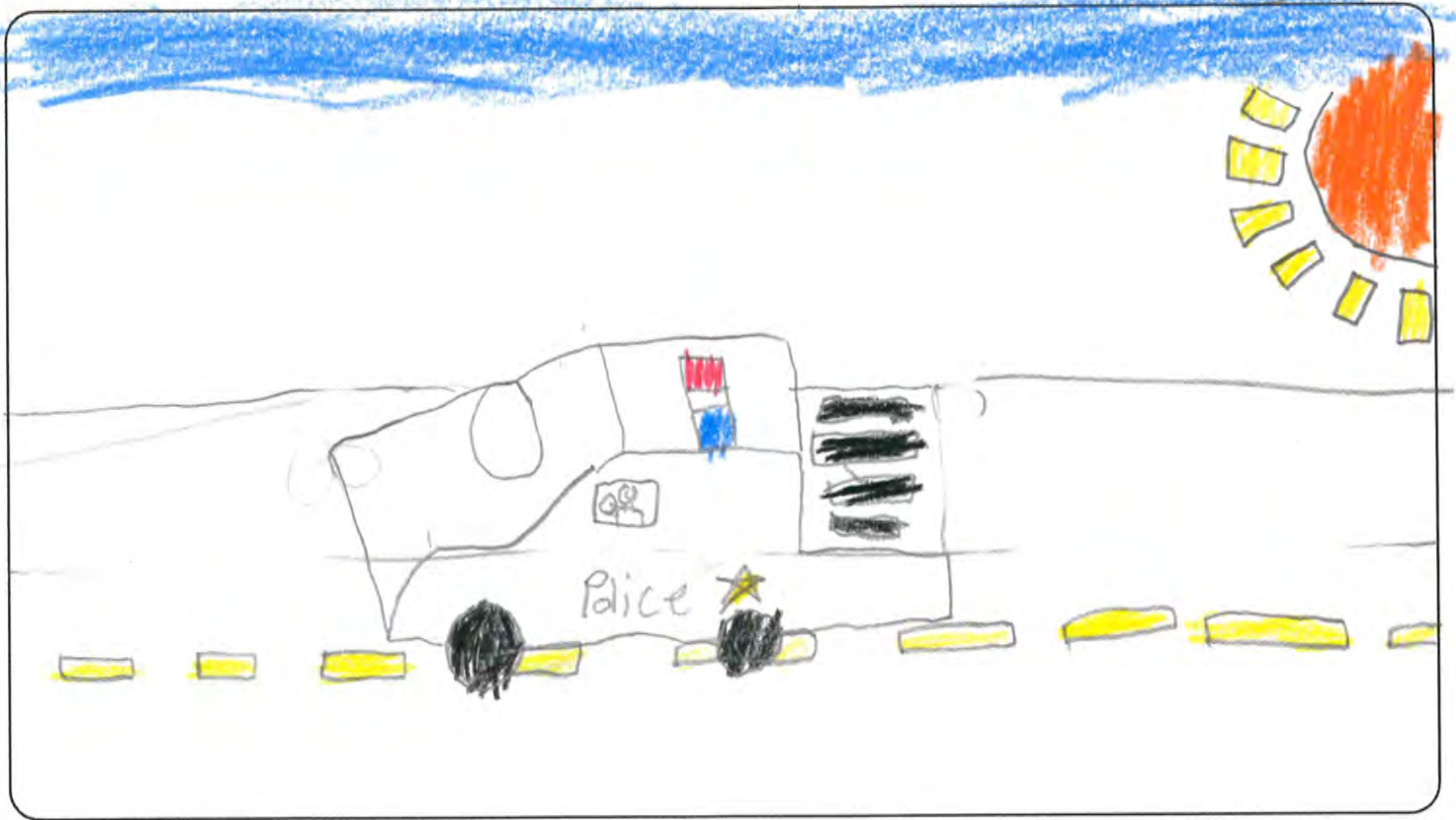
police officers keep us safe
because that tell people to
SLOW DOWN.

Alice



Police officers keep us safe by putting robbers in jail. They make sure that if you get in a car crash they make sure you are safe. They always answer the call.

IVOR 2nd grade



Police officers keep us safe because if
someone calls 911 they will drive as fast
as they can go! They are aware
there first.

Whittier Police Department

November 2024

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Whittier Police 2024 Statistics - Girdwood ONLY

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Traffic / DUI / Parking	29	22	35	61	53	64	71	61	34	36		
Area and Business Security Check	143	113	164	129	144	108	188	199	182	209		
Suspicious Activity	5	1	1	10	7	4	4	9	4	3		
Property Crimes (Theft / Vandalism)	1	3	7	5	7	10	8	7	6	3		
Assault / Disorderly Conduct	12	3	9	18	9	8	11	11	8	4		
Drug Problem (Sale / Possession)								1				
Civil Problem / Citizen Assist	7	7	4	8	6	10	20	13	12	3		
Welfare Check / Alarm Drop	8	11	7	8	10	12	16	12	9	10		
Animal Control / Wildlife		1	2	1		3	3	2	1	1		
Agency Assist	3	2	1	5	6	9	8	5	3	4		
Other	5	2	6	16	12	10	11	4	5	3		
Monthly Sub Total	213	165	236	261	254	238	340	324	264	276		
Annual Running Total	213	378	614	875	1129	1367	1707	2031	2295	2571		

Whittier Public Safety Statistics - Whittier ONLY

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov
Traffic / DUI / Parking	1	3	7	3	27	42	63	29	19	23	
Area and Business Security Check	12	18	19	16	41	50	77	57	23	94	
Suspicious Activity		2		2	4	1		1	1	1	
Property Crimes (Theft / Vandalism)	1		1		5	1	5	6	8	12	
Assault / Disorderly Conduct	3	11	3		2	5	6	5	4	5	
Drug Problem (Sale / Possession)			1					1			
Civil Problem / Citizen Assist	1	8	8	4	5	14	11	9	8	12	
Welfare Check / Alarm Drop	1	3	2	3	6	20	4	8	9	2	
Animal Control / Wildlife				1	1	4	13	56	16		
Fire / EMS	5	5	4	4	10	25	22	27	29	9	
Other	5	3			8	14	15	8	10	17	
Monthly Sub Total	29	53	45	33	109	176	216	207	127	175	
Running Annual Total	29	82	127	160	269	445	661	868	995	1012	
											Annual

On October 19th Whittier Police Officers were at The Ice Cream Shop in Girdwood, Alaska for Cones with our Cops event from 11am to 1pm. Officers engage with students from the Girdwood Elementary school and preschool. It was a fun and learning experience for all.

On October 21st Officer Jerry Herrod and Officer Brad Adams visited the Little Bears preschool in Girdwood to meet with the “little cubs”. Officers engage with the little ones answering questions and building a rapport with them. It was a great event.

On October 31st Whittier Police Officers with the Whittier Fire Department participated in the Halloween event / skating party at the Whittier School. Officers handed out glow sticks to students and participants. Officers also attended the Halloween event on the 14th Floor of BTI.

Officers also participated in the Halloween events in Girdwood at Cabanland. On-duty officers handed out glow sticks to kids and participants at that event.

On November 12th, all patrol officers participated in our annual taser recertification and Reality Based Judgement training. As part of this training, multiple scenarios, both single officer and multiple officer responses, were presented. Various scenarios encompassed de-escalation techniques and application of proper use of force, and the rendering of aid as needed. At the conclusion of this training event, the officers conducted a self and group critique of each other and teams approached the scenarios.

Lastly the officers complete a Tactical Combat Casualty Care course. This class addresses the proper application of first aid, specifically tourniquets on injured parties and self-application of tourniquets for one-man operations.

This training will greatly enhance our service to the public.

Upcoming Events:

Coffee with the Cops on November 23rd from 10am to 1pm at the Grind in Girdwood, Alaska.

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Suspicious Activity		2		2	4	1		1				
Property Crimes (Theft / Vandalism)	1		1		5	1	5	6				
Assault / Disorderly Conduct	3	11	3		2	5	6	5				
Drug Problem (Sale / Possession)			1					1				
Civil Problem / Citizen Assist	1	8	8	4	5	14	11	9				
Welfare Check / Alarm Drop	1	3	2	3	6	20	4	8				
Animal Control / Wildlife				1	1	4	13	56				
Fire / EMS	5	5	4	4	10	25	22	27				
Other	5	3			8	14	15	8				
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With the end of the season, Whittier Police Department continues to work on the black bear issues in our community. We have been communicating with Alaska Department of Fish and Game on this topic. We continue to urge the community to call the Whittier Police Department if they observed bears breaking into vehicles, structures, or damaging property. Please contact us on our non-emergency number (907) 472-2340. If observed a bear being acting aggressive, charging, or threatening people, please call 9-1-1.

This year Whittier has had a dramatic increase in bear activities. We are currently looking at options for next year to help reduce these activities and contacts with people.

Traffic and code enforcement have been increased during this period in both Whittier and Girdwood. Specifically with parking and speeding issues.

On October 1st, Officer Herrod attended an AT&T FirstNet Response Operations event at the State Crime Lab in Anchorage. This event provided us with information regarding innovative technology that is available to us for the enhancement of how we can service our community. Some of these technologies are available at no cost to the agencies. We are currently exploring the options available to us.

Officer Tim Sampson is currently attending the Simunition Instructor Course in Kenai. This course will certify Officer Sampson as a Reality Based Training Instructor. This will enhance our ability to safely conduct our annual reality-based training on the use of force and options available to staff in the field. We are currently scheduling a November training course for our annual use of force refresher, combined with reality-based scenarios.

Officer Herrod is currently attending a Datamaster instructor course in Anchorage this week as well. This training will certify Officer Herrod as a Datamaster Instructor and will have the ability to certify officers as a Datamaster operator. The Datamaster is a breath testing instrument utilized our DUI processing.

Up Coming Events:

On October 19th Whittier Police Officers will be at The Ice Cream Shop in Girdwood, Alaska for Cones with our Cops event from 11am to 1pm. Please stop by with your little ones. We would like to thank Tommy O'Malley and the Ice Cream Shop for hosting and putting this event together.

~~October 25th, Whittier Police Officer will be at the Truck or Treat Event at the Girdwood School. This event is from 6pm to 8pm. We would like to thank Girdwood School PTA for hosting and extending an invitation to us. Cancelled~~

Additionally, Whittier Police will be in both Girdwood and Whittier on Halloween Night to hand out light stick to the kids with both communities.