
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2027

Fiscal Services Division

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Iowa State Patrol

Purpose and History

The Iowa State Patrol was created by the 46th General Assembly in 1935 with 53 safety patrol officers. There are approximately 440 sworn peace officers currently in the Iowa State Patrol.

The State Patrol has several specialty units including the Air Wing, Police Service Dog Unit, Public Resource Officer Unit, Crisis Negotiators, Chaplain Program, Honor Guard, Technical Collision Investigation Unit, and Commercial Motor Vehicle Unit (CMVU). The CMVU was transferred from the Department of Transportation (DOT) to the Department of Public Safety (DPS) in FY 2024. There are 15 State Patrol district offices across Iowa in addition to a fleet and supply office and an office located on the Capitol Complex.

Troopers patrol and conduct traffic enforcement on Iowa's highways and interstate systems, provide police services for special events, provide support services to other law enforcement agencies and government entities, and assist local agencies during large-scale events or natural disasters.

Funding

Between FY 1982 and FY 1995, the State Patrol was funded directly from the Road Use Tax Fund. From FY 1996 through FY 1999, the State Patrol was funded from motor vehicle use tax receipts and from General Fund appropriations. Since FY 2000, the State Patrol has been funded from the State General Fund.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapter [80](#)

Iowa Administrative Code [661](#)

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More Information

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