



# North Carolina Department of Public Safety

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Pat McCrory, Governor

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## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Chairs of House Appropriations Committee  
Chairs of Senate Appropriations Committee

**From:** Frank L. Perry, Secretary  
Gregory K. Baker, Commissioner

**SUBJECT:** Reduction Options

**Date:** October 1, 2013

*Pursuant to SECTION 16B.7.(a), no later than October 1, 2013, the Department of Public Safety shall report to the Chairs of the Senate Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety and to the Chairs of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety on measures being taken, or that will be taken, to meet the recurring reduction in funding for the Alcohol Law Enforcement Section that is set forth in this act.*

As you are aware The General Assembly reduced Alcohol Law Enforcement's Appropriated Budget of \$8.7 million by \$1.75 million. The reduction can be accomplished through the following items:

1. Alcohol Law Enforcement receives \$500,000 from the ABC Commission in receipts to continue the uniform statewide enforcement of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Laws at ABC outlets and illegal operations. Positions shifted to ABC Commission funding will be time limited and if no additional funding is secured for the next fiscal year then the positions will be abolished.
2. Alcohol Law Enforcement receives a \$200,000 grant from the Governor's Crime Commission of educational programs in conjunction with other Departmental Agencies to address the Governor's Underage Drinking Initiative. Positions shifted to Governor's Crime Commission funding will be time limited and if no additional funding is secured for the next fiscal year then the positions will be abolished.
3. Alcohol Law Enforcement shifts funding on three Law Enforcement Agent positions to lottery receipts totaling \$180,876.
4. Alcohol Law Enforcement shifts funding of one Law Enforcement Agent position to Boxing/MMA totaling \$54,927.
5. Alcohol Law Enforcement abolishes ten positions totaling \$828,246.
6. Alcohol Law Enforcement reduces the operating budget by \$28,357.

The specific position numbers referred to above are shown on the next page and they equal nineteen Law Enforcement Agents, one Law Enforcement Supervisor, four Law Enforcement Managers, one Office Assistant IV, and one Accreditation Manager.

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| Law Enforcement Agents Funded by ABCC         | 60084350<br>60084392<br>60084410<br>60084367<br>60084302<br>60084387<br>60084382<br>60084299<br>60084400 |
| Law Enforcement Agents Funded by Grant        | 60084291<br>60084342<br>60084351                                                                         |
| Law Enforcement Agents to Lottery Funding     | 60084343<br>60084325<br>60084364                                                                         |
| Law Enforcement Agent to Boxing/MMA           | 60084288                                                                                                 |
| Law Enforcement Agents Positions Abolished    | 60084323<br>60084347<br>60084393                                                                         |
| Law Enforcement Supervisor Position Abolished | 60084409                                                                                                 |
| Law Enforcement Manager Positions Abolished   | 60084391<br>60084396<br>60084373<br>60084332                                                             |
| Office Assistant IV Position Abolished        | 60084395                                                                                                 |
| Accreditation Manager Position Abolished      | 60084287                                                                                                 |

#### Results to Operations

The Division of Alcohol Law Enforcement (ALE) will reduce the Headquarters (HQ) staffing by three positions. These positions were originally identified for elimination in the Senate Budget. As a result of this reduction in HQ staffing, several functions handled at HQ will be distributed to the field. These tasks include tracking of mandated in-service training, installation and maintenance of issued equipment, and coordination of enforcement efforts between district offices. As an agency efficiency, ALE has eliminated the software license utilized for the reporting of Uniformed Crime Report (UCR) misdemeanor and felony arrest information.

ALE will no longer independently report misdemeanor arrest information to the UCR. This information is also captured through the submission of arrest reports to the North Carolina Administrative Office of the Court. Felony arrest information will continue to be reported to the SBI and FBI upon submission of the fingerprint information. This was a necessary reduction due to the loss of one Accreditation Manager (AM) position at HQ and the distribution of collateral duties among other HQ administrative staff.

Prior to this reduction, the nine District offices were each managed by a Law Enforcement Manager and a Law Enforcement Supervisor. Following the reduction, three of the District offices will be without a Law Enforcement Manager. The Law Enforcement Supervisors in those district offices will report to a Law Enforcement Manager in a contiguous district. These mergers will essentially double the size of the supervised territory of the effected districts. The districts without a Law Enforcement Manager are District 1 (Elizabeth City), District 5 (Fayetteville), and District 7 (Hickory). The District 7 Office is also without an Office Assistant.

The HQ Assistant Director vacancy, management position vacancies within the field, non-management sworn vacancies in the field, and one administrative vacancy in the field occurred during the current budget cycle period and were left vacant in anticipation of budgetary reductions. ALE will see an approximate 7% reduction in sworn manpower.

In order to mitigate the operational impact of the budget reductions, the Fugitive Apprehension Strike Team (FAST) has been disbanded and field agents assigned to FAST have returned to traditional ALE investigative assignments within their respective district offices. It is expected that this action will also result in some savings in operational expenditures. Established in 2012, the FAST team was tasked with assisting the Department with the location and arrest of violent felony probation and parole absconders.

Alcohol Law Enforcement remains committed to carrying out its critical law enforcement mission and responsibilities in an efficient and effective manner. We welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter with you or provide additional information.