

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
JOINT APPROPRIATIONS BUDGET HEARING
REPLIES TO QUESTIONS

1. Representative Peters requested a summary of other funds of the department.
This is provided as an attachment.

2. Senator Hunhoff requested a schedule showing Highway Patrol vehicle replacement history and projections, including funding sources used.
This is provided as an attachment.

3. Senator Hunhoff requested information on Highway Patrol budgeted fuel price per gallon for FY10 compared to FY11, along with fuel consumption estimates.

FY10 – fuel is budgeted at \$3.52/gallon with estimated consumption of 15.6 miles per gallon

FY11 requested fuel budget is at \$2.69/gallon with estimated consumption of 15.6 miles/gallon.

4. Representative Peters asked which fund will be used for revenues from fire safe cigarette fees.

Company 3184 (funding source identifier 832)
Cigarette Fire Safety Act Fund (Other Funds)
Use of this fund will be effective January 1, 2011

5. Representative Peters requested a chart showing history of Homeland Security grant funding.
This has been provided as an attachment.

6. Representative Putnam asked for information on the prepass and norpass programs regarding the Motor Carrier program.

South Dakota has chosen the NORPASS system as our electronic screening system. This technology allows vehicles equipped with transponders to bypass the ports of entry. Operators can purchase a transponder for \$45. There are currently 52,400 vehicles enrolled in the screening system.

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7. Representative Haverly asked what it costs to activate the Emergency Operations Center.

It would be difficult to calculate a single daily cost to operate the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) during activation, because resources vary depending upon the emergency/disaster situation. We have, however, summarized the cost components below.

- Personnel.
 - Virtually all personnel brought into the EOC are full time employees reassigned from their everyday jobs to work in a response/recovery role in the EOC. The personnel costs attributable to the EOC would be any overtime these people incur as a result of their assignment to the EOC. It is not uncommon for EOC personnel to work 12-16 hour days.
- Telephone.
 - It is common practice when the EOC is active to hold twice-daily news briefings with the media. These briefings are accomplished using a telephone conferencing service. The cost of the service is based on the number of callers and the length of the call, and can range from \$20 to \$100 per briefing.
 - The EOC maintains 100 telephone lines at a total cost of \$1300/month. Because these phones must be available on short notice, it is not feasible to inactivate and reactivate them as needed. We have recently submitted an order to the Bureau of Information & Telecommunications to reduce this line count to 75, and to request an analysis of phone usage at the EOC.
 - EOC points of contact incur long distance telephone fees as they communicate with their designated contacts throughout the state to obtain status reports, identify needs, and order resources. The rate for in-state long distance fees is \$.06 per minute.
- Food for EOC Staff.
 - EOC staff does not leave the facility while they are on duty. Therefore, noon and evening meals are provided for staff working during those shifts. Meal costs are limited to no more than the allowable in-state per diem rates.

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- Equipment and Supplies.
 - The EOC has dedicated equipment that is constantly maintained and ready to use. This includes telephones, computers, printers, and copiers. Replacement of this equipment is normally on a rotational basis, whereby used equipment from the Office of Emergency Management is rotated into the EOC.
 - There will be additional cost for supplies, such as paper, toner, and printer cartridges, when the EOC is active.
- Press Releases.
 - The EOC uses a fax launcher service to send press releases to media outlets. The cost of this service, depending upon the volume of transmissions, is \$.09 to \$.13 per transmission.