



Department of Natural Resources Fact Sheet



2012-2013 BIENNIAL BUDGET FACT SHEET
Peace Officer Training Account
Expenditures: \$135,000 FY 2012 / \$135,000 FY 2013
(Game and Fish Fund – Peace Officer Training Account)

It is needed because

The game and fish fund currently receives a surcharge on criminal and traffic offenders (M.S. 357.021, subd. 6), which is designated for use in conservation officer training (M.S. 357.021, subd. 7). There is currently no mechanism for the dedication of these funds for the intended purpose. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) proposes an account be created in the game and fish fund to receive these funds, which would be statutorily appropriated to the commissioner for the purpose of conservation officer training.

Major program elements

Funding from the existing surcharge on criminal and traffic offenders would be used to facilitate training required of conservation officers to maintain peace officer licensing and improve enforcement skills. Creating a dedicated account for this revenue within the game and fish fund and statutorily appropriating these funds for training improves the department's ability to be fiscally transparent and accountable in the use of game and fish funds.

Priority-setting

This initiative would facilitate mandated and supplemental training required for conservation officers to maintain licensing and augment skills needed to remain effective in detecting and apprehending game and fish violators.

Project locations

Project locations are statewide.

Key measures and outcomes

This request will ensure the proper training and education of conservation officers throughout the state.

Financial Implications (if appropriate)

This request proposes the funds generated through the surcharge for the purpose of peace officer training be statutorily appropriated to DNR, which is estimated to be approximately \$135,000 annually for FY 2012-13.

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