



## Alaska TraCS Fact Sheet

TraCS stands for Traffic and Criminal Software.

Officers respond to many incidents every day. TraCS software is designed to simplify data collection and ease the administrative burden on officers.

TraCS provides field officers with electronic Citation and Crash Reporting forms. Officers scan licenses and registrations to quickly add accurate data to TraCS forms, running on their laptop computer. Common data, such as Individuals, Vehicles, Commercial Carriers, and Location are easily inserted wherever needed in all forms. Automatic location mapping and crash scene diagramming tools also speed up incident reporting.

TraCS has been evaluated for use in Alaska since 2006, first by Commercial Vehicle Enforcement (for Citations) and more recently by Wasilla PD, Fairbanks PD, and the State Troopers (for Citations and Crash Reporting). TraCS Training and a TraCS User Manual are available, and will continue to be updated.

Alaskan TraCS activity is governed by the TraCS Steering Committee, which currently includes representatives from eight state and local agencies. The AACOP representative on the Steering Committee is Angella Long, Alaska DPS. See [www.aacop.org/tracsalaska.htm](http://www.aacop.org/tracsalaska.htm) for more info.



DPS has committed to roll-out the latest version of TraCS statewide in the coming months. DPS will build and operate an Alaska TraCS repository, staff a TraCS Helpdesk, provide reporting, and provide IT resources to help law enforcement agencies roll out TraCS in their communities. DPS intends to use existing APSIN connections wherever possible to support the TraCS system.

The Alaska Highway Safety Office and federal transportation agencies have supported, and continue to support, the equipment needs of agencies that would like to use TraCS; especially the purchase of Alaska TraCS certified ToughBook computers, printers, and bar code scanners. (Detailed information about compatible hardware can be found on the Alaska TraCS web site.) **Over \$175 K** of grant funds have been received this year to support TraCS deployment in LEAs.

The State funds the TraCS software license for all Alaska law enforcement agencies. The Steering Committee oversees development of new TraCS forms and electronic data exchanges, such as future DUI and Booking forms. (DPS has a dedicated TraCS developer on staff.)

### TraCS Benefits Include

- Scan bar codes from the driver's license and registration to minimize errors and automatically fill driver and vehicle information on a citation or accident report.
- In-car printers allow an officer to quickly issue a legible traffic citation.
- Drop-down lists for violation codes (statutes, regulations & local ordinances) are easy to use.
- Selected violation code automatically fills in the DMV code, fine/surcharge amounts, and other information, saving officer time and reducing risk of errors.
- TraCS automatically generates a unique citation number.
- The TraCS citation form has been approved by DPS and the Alaska Court System.