

# KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Dale Bagley, Assembly President  
Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Members

**FROM:** Wayne Ogle, Assembly Member (1/11) for W.O.  
Kelly Wolf, Assembly Member and K.W.

**DATE:** January 20, 2015

**RE:** Resolution 2015-005, A Resolution Respectfully Requesting the Kenai Peninsula Borough Legislation and Governor Walker to Request the Department of Public Safety Commissioner and Alaska State Troopers to Add a Trooper Detail in Nikiski (Ogle, Wolf)

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The community of Nikiski currently has a population of about 4,600 people and is growing due to oil and gas economic development. Along with this population growth is increased property crime related to drug activity. Additionally, Nikiski has an elementary school and a middle/high school which would experience long response times due to being over 40 minutes from the nearest Alaska State Trooper personnel posted in Soldotna. This is a significant concern to the community of Nikiski.

The Alaska State Troopers currently have multiple troopers posted at Girdwood, Crown Point and Cooper Landing with the largest of these population areas served being about 1,800 people. No troopers are posted to Nikiski even with a significantly larger population.

It is widely recognized that it is the policy of the Alaska State Troopers that if the needs of the service require troopers to be detailed to other locations to respond to cases, troopers will not be limited to any area they are permanently posted.

This resolution would respectfully request Governor Walker and the Kenai Peninsula legislative delegation to request the Department of Public Safety Commissioner and Alaska State Troopers to consider the economic development, population growth and increased crime in Nikiski, and reallocate trooper personnel in the Kenai Peninsula Borough to add a trooper detail to the Nikiski community.

Your support for this resolution is respectfully requested.