

## Eastern Peninsula Highway Emergency Service Area

This service area was created on May 16, 2017, to provide fire protection and emergency services along the heavily traveled highways that serve as the sole road connections between various communities of the Kenai Peninsula and Turnagain Pass. The department is staffed by 0.50 contracted FTEs. Five Borough residents are appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the Assembly to serve on its board.

The response area covered by the service area is between milepost 8.5 and 75 along the Seward Highway, between mile post 37 and 58 along the Sterling Highway, and between milepost 0 and 13 along the Hope Highway near the communities of Hope, Cooper Landing, Moose Pass, and Seward. Emergency services will be contracted with community volunteer groups in the area.

The major source of revenue is a transfer from the General Fund utilizing the federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) funds.

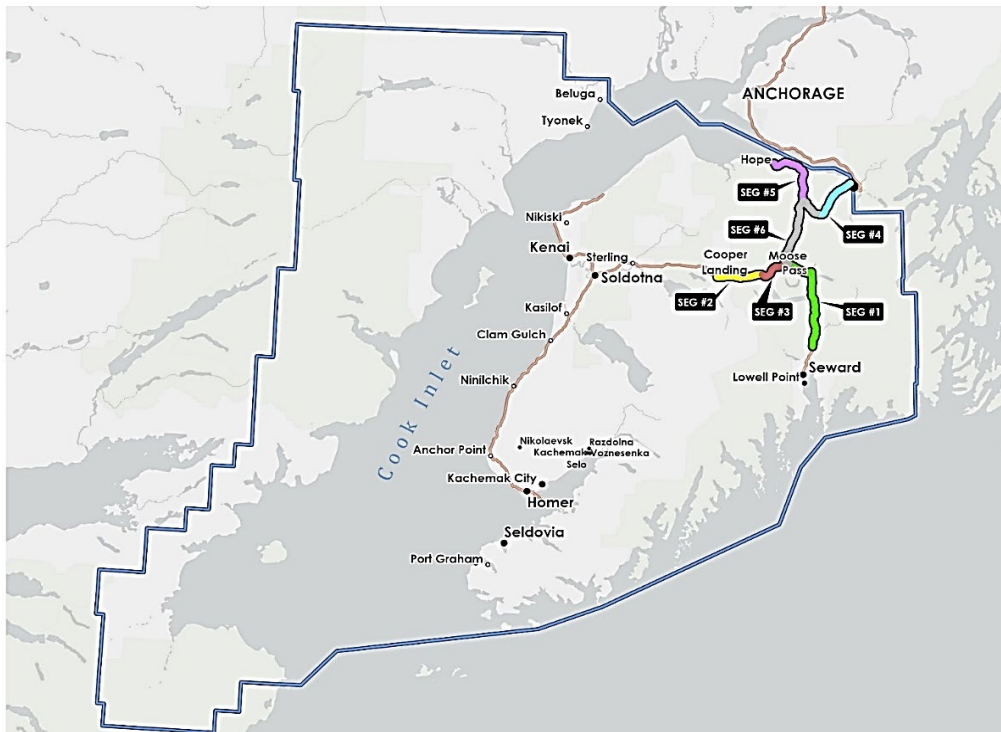
### Board Members

Sean Carrington  
 Jessica Hogan  
 Rachel Sullivan  
 Judy Ingersoll  
 Vacant

**Mill Rate:** 0.00

**Population:** 0

**Highway Miles:** 103.5



### EPHESA DISPATCH RESPONSE AREAS

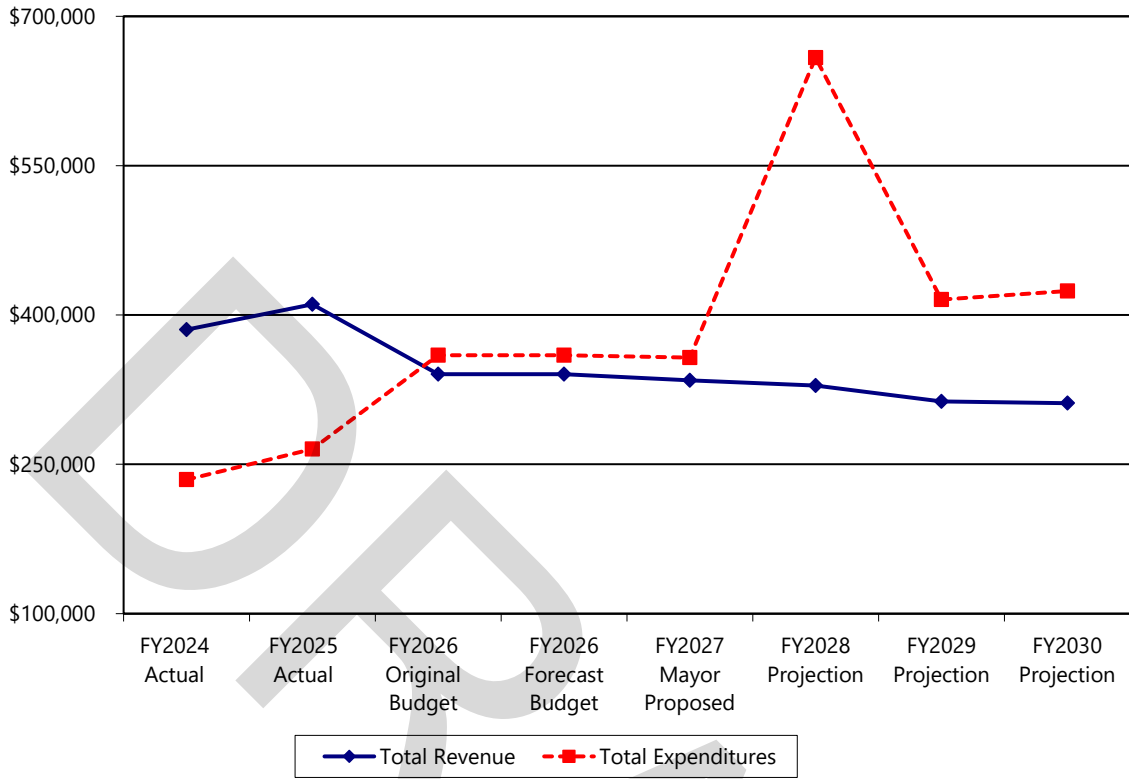
- Segment#1: Seward Hwy MP 8.5 to Seward Hwy MP 37
- Segment#2: Sterling Hwy MP 46 to Sterling Hwy MP 58
- Segment#3: Seward Hwy MP 37 (Sterling Y) to Sterling Hwy MP45
- Segment#4: Seward Hwy MP 51 to Seward Hwy MP 75 (Borough boundary)
- Segment#5: Hope Hwy (Seward Hwy MP 55) to end of Hope Hwy
- Segment#6: Seward Hwy MP 37.1 to Seward Hwy MP 50



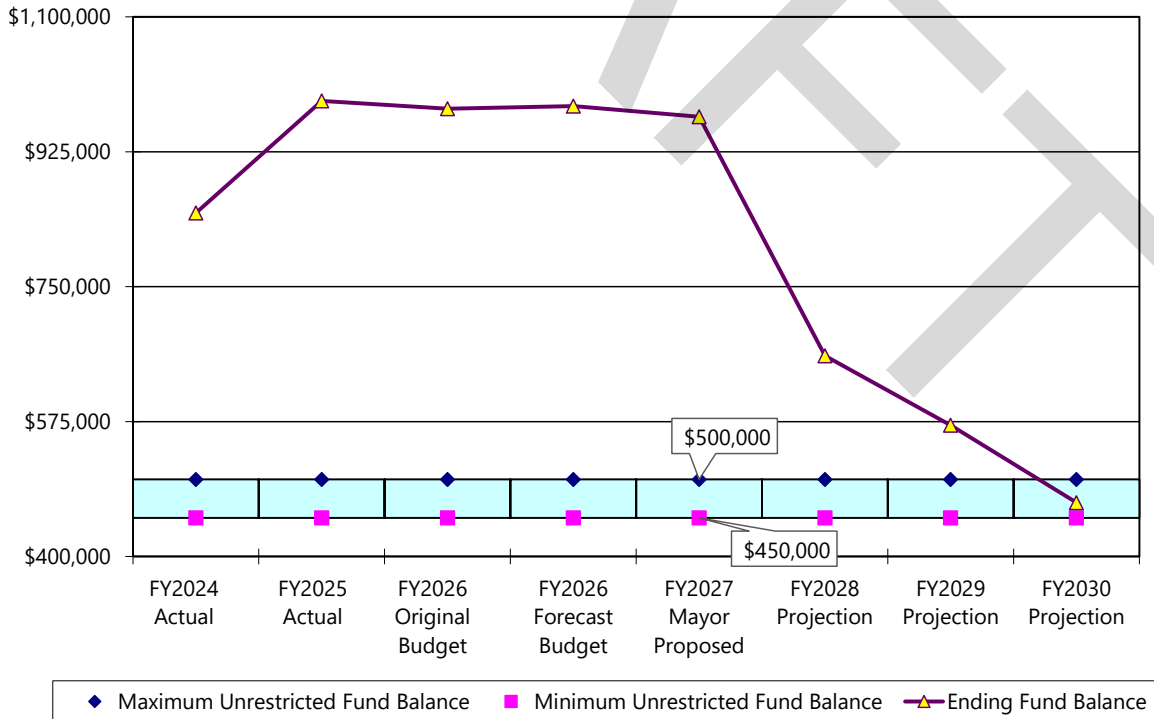
## Fund: 235 Eastern Peninsula Highway Emergency Service Area - Budget Projection

Fund Budget:	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030
	Actual	Actual	Original Budget	Forecast Budget	Mayor Proposed	Projection	Projection	Projection
Revenues:								
Interest Earnings	\$ 45,226	\$ 60,686	\$ 30,487	\$ 30,487	\$ 34,442	\$ 29,108	\$ 13,207	\$ 11,403
Total Revenues	45,226	60,686	30,487	30,487	34,442	29,108	13,207	11,403
Operating Transfers From:								
General Fund	340,000	350,000	310,000	310,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000
Total Operating Transfers	340,000	350,000	310,000	310,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000
Total Revenues and Operating Transfers	385,226	410,686	340,487	340,487	334,442	329,108	313,207	311,403
Expenditures:								
Supplies	925	961	1,893	1,893	2,268	2,313	2,359	2,406
Services	219,296	242,134	339,808	339,808	336,890	623,628	386,101	393,823
Capital Outlay	-	6,868	-	-	-	7,005	7,145	7,288
Interdepartmental Charges	5,505	6,249	8,771	8,771	8,712	15,824	9,890	10,088
Total Expenditures	225,726	256,212	350,472	350,472	347,870	648,770	405,495	413,605
Operating Transfers To:								
Special Revenue Fund	8,834	9,143	9,143	9,143	9,320	9,693	10,081	10,484
Total Operating Transfers	8,834	9,143	9,143	9,143	9,320	9,693	10,081	10,484
Total Expenditures and Operating Transfers	234,560	265,355	359,615	359,615	357,190	658,463	415,576	424,089
Net Results From Operations	150,666	145,331	(19,128)	(19,128)	(22,748)	(329,355)	(102,369)	(112,686)
Projected Lapse	-	-	9,018	12,267	8,940	19,463	12,165	12,408
Change in Fund Balance	150,666	145,331	(10,110)	(6,861)	(13,808)	(309,892)	(90,204)	(100,278)
Beginning Fund Balance	694,931	845,597	990,928	990,928	984,067	970,259	660,367	570,163
Ending Fund Balance	\$ 845,597	\$ 990,928	\$ 980,818	\$ 984,067	\$ 970,259	\$ 660,367	\$ 570,163	\$ 469,885

### Eastern Peninsula Highway Emergency Service Area Revenues and Expenditures



### Eastern Peninsula Highway Emergency Service Area Ending Fund Balance



**Department Function**

**Fund 235**

**Eastern Peninsula Highway Emergency Service Area**

**Dept 51710**

**Mission**

The mission of the Eastern Peninsula Highway Emergency Service Area is to provide consistent and coordinated response to incidents requiring fire and emergency medical services along this heavily traveled highway corridor.

**Program Description:**

- The Eastern Peninsula Highway Emergency Service Area provides fire protection and emergency medical services within the highway corridor between mileposts 8.5 - 75 of the Seward Highway, mile 0 – 13 of the Hope Highway, and mile 37-58 of the Sterling Highway, consisting of 103.5 highway miles.
- The Service Area has 0.50 contracted FTE employees, and 5 appointed board members.

**Major Long-Term Issues and Concerns:**

- Poor communication along the highway corridor limits people being able to call 911, and limits the ability of agencies to communicate and coordinate with each other.
- Providing consistent, coordinated responses that can provide reliable resources to all emergencies along the highway corridor.
- Restricted and lack of maintenance of the Seward Highway and Hope Highway limiting first responder and ambulance response.
- Limited access to year-round water sources.

**FY2026 Accomplishments:**

- Provided agency-strengthening stipends to the contracted agencies of Cooper Landing, Hope/Sunrise, and Moose Pass, which have improved both the speed and effectiveness of response in the service area.

**FY2027 New/Incomplete Initiatives:**

- Continue to maintain match funding for legislative request to construct tower and critical communications infrastructure under the Turnagain Pass Communications Platform Segment.
- Initiate 3-year grant program for the purpose to provide adequate water sites in the Cooper Landing, Hope, and Moose Pass Communities.
- Continue to incentivize reduced response times and responder availability.

**Performance Measures:**

<b>Staffing</b>	<b>FY2024 Actual</b>	<b>FY2025 Actual</b>	<b>FY2026 Actual</b>	<b>FY2027 Proposed</b>
Contracted Staffing History	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50

**Priority:** Consistent Emergency Medical/Fire/Rescue Extrication Response on the Highway Corridor

**Goal:** 100% coverage for all identified segments and emergency response activities.

<b>Percent Covered in Service Area</b>	<b>Response % Covered by Primary Dispatch</b>						
	<b>Benchmark</b>	<b>First Response</b>		<b>Ground Transport</b>		<b>Fire/ Extrication</b>	
		<b>CY24</b>	<b>CY25</b>	<b>CY24</b>	<b>CY25</b>	<b>CY24</b>	<b>CY25</b>
103.5 Miles of Highway	100%	97.8%	89.2%	100%	96.7%	100%	100%

- All Percentages reflect responses that qualified for payment (Adequate Apparatus/Adequate Personnel).

## Department Function

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**Eastern Peninsula Highway Emergency Service Area - Continued**

**Dept 51710**

**Priority:** Public Safety

**Goal:** Improve coverage through tiered dispatch.

**Objective:**

1. Improve the success of Primary Dispatch Response for Medical/Fire/Rescue Extrication.
2. Award dispatch priority based on agency strength and location.
3. Improve communications.

**Measures:** Call Volume per segment, % of primary, secondary, and tertiary response in each segment for ea. level of service.

Call Volume per Segment	Segment 1 8.5 to 37 Seward Hwy		Segment 2 46 to 58 Sterling Hwy		Segment 3 37 to 45.9 Sterling Hwy		Segment 4 62.1 to 75 Seward Hwy		Segment 5 0 to 13 Hope Hwy		Segment 6 37.1 to 62 Seward Hwy	
	CY24	CY25	CY24	CY25	CY24	CY25	CY24	CY25	CY24	CY25	CY24	CY25
	EPHESA – *MVC	14	16	8	6	3	5	21	24	0	1	17
EPHESA – EMS Calls Only	3	5	2	4	2	3	3	4	1	0	7	6
EPHESA – Fire Calls Only	0	3	2	3	0	0	1	5	0	1	3	3

\*MVC: Motor Vehicle Collisions

Primary Dispatch	Segment 1		Segment 2		Segment 3		Segment 4		Segment 5		Segment 6	
	CY24	CY25	CY24	CY25	CY24	CY25	CY24	CY25	CY24	CY25	CY24	CY25
First Responder	100%	91.7%	91.7%	84.6%	100%	75%	100%	100%	100%	0%	88.9%	95.8%
Ground Transport	100%	100%	100%	84.6%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	95.8%
Fire/Rescue Extrication	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	0%	100%	100%

Secondary Dispatch	Segment 1		Segment 2		Segment 3		Segment 4		Segment 5		Segment 6	
	CY24	CY25	CY24	CY25	CY24	CY25	CY24	CY25	CY24	CY25	CY24	CY25
First Responder	0%	8.3%	8.3%	15.4%	0%	25%	0%	0%	0%	0%	11.1%	4.2%
Ground Transport	0%	0%	0%	15.4%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.2%
Fire/Rescue Extrication	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

- All Percentages reflect responses that qualified for payment (Adequate Apparatus/Adequate Personnel).
- No Tertiary Dispatches needed in CY2025.

**Priority:** Public Safety

**Goal:** Improve Response Times by Interior Agencies on the Highway Corridor

**Objective:**

1. Award dispatch priority based on agency strength and location.
2. Award dispatch priority based on Dispatch to Enroute Times.
3. Financially incentivize agencies to improve Response Times.

Average Enroute Times	Cooper Landing			Moose Pass			Hope			*SVAC		
Benchmark: Under 15 Min.	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY24	FY25	FY26
Dispatch to Enroute Times	5m 20s	5m 13s	7m 3s	13m 28s	5m 54s	5m 11s	N/A	N/A	6m 45s	12m 0s	8m 6s	7m 49s

\*Seward Volunteer Ambulance Corps

**Kenai Peninsula Borough  
Budget Detail**

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**Department 51710 - Eastern Peninsula Highway Emergency Service Area**

	FY2024 Actual	FY2025 Actual	FY2026 Original Budget	FY2026 Forecast Budget	FY2027 Mayor Proposed	Difference Between Mayor Proposed & Original Budget %	
<b>Supplies</b>							
42210 Operating Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 750	\$ 750	\$ 750	\$ -	0.00%
42250 Uniforms	-	-	18	18	18	-	0.00%
42263 Training Supplies	925	961	1,125	1,125	1,500	375	33.33%
Total: Supplies	925	961	1,893	1,893	2,268	375	19.81%
<b>Services</b>							
43011 Contractual Services	208,168	229,801	322,563	322,563	319,781	(2,782)	-0.86%
43019 Software Maintenance	-	-	113	113	135	22	19.47%
43026 Software Licensing	2,172	2,172	2,400	2,400	2,400	-	0.00%
43110 Communications	2,126	2,212	2,500	2,500	2,700	200	8.00%
43140 Postage and Freight	-	-	100	100	100	-	0.00%
43210 Transportation/Subsistence	1,877	1,046	4,150	4,150	3,900	(250)	-6.02%
43260 Training	200	-	2,400	2,400	2,400	-	0.00%
43510 Insurance/Litigation Fund Premiums	3,244	5,540	3,167	3,167	3,054	(113)	-3.57%
43610 Utilities	1,509	1,363	2,200	2,200	2,200	-	0.00%
43720 Equipment Maintenance	-	-	115	115	120	5	4.35%
43780 Buildings/Grounds Maintenance	-	-	100	100	100	-	0.00%
Total: Services	219,296	242,134	339,808	339,808	336,890	(2,918)	-0.86%
<b>Capital Outlay</b>							
48519 Training Equipment	-	6,868	-	-	-	-	-
Total: Capital Outlay	-	6,868	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Transfers</b>							
50264 911 Communications	8,834	9,143	9,143	9,143	9,320	177	1.94%
Total: Transfers	8,834	9,143	9,143	9,143	9,320	177	1.94%
<b>Interdepartmental Charges</b>							
61990 Admin Service Fee	5,505	6,249	8,771	8,771	8,712	(59)	-0.67%
Total: Interdepartmental Charges	5,505	6,249	8,771	8,771	8,712	(59)	-0.67%
<b>Department Total</b>	<b>\$ 234,560</b>	<b>\$ 265,355</b>	<b>\$ 359,615</b>	<b>\$ 359,615</b>	<b>\$ 357,190</b>	<b>\$ (2,425)</b>	<b>-0.67%</b>

**Kenai Peninsula Borough  
Budget Detail**

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**Department 51710 - Eastern Peninsula Highway Emergency Service Area - Continued**

**Line-Item Explanations**

**42263 Training Supplies.** Increased to cover cost of propane for car fire trainer. Increased (\$375).

**43011 Contractual Services.** Decrease due to reduction in Agency-Performance Stipends (\$138,750). Other services: Agency-Strengthening Stipends (\$60,000), new Time Stipends (20,000), contracted personnel (\$79,581), Medical Director contract (\$14,000), instructor-provided training for Fire/Extrication/HAZMAT Course (\$3,550), ETT course (\$1,500), and EMT I course (\$2,400).

**43019 Software Maintenance.** Milestone Surveillance (\$115) and Zoom license (\$20).

**43026 Software Licensing.** Cellular-based dispatch software (\$2,400).

**43210 Transportation & Subsistence.** Decrease reflects actuals from travel to agency locations. Includes travel to Juneau for Fire Chief's Legislative Conference, and administrative travel to Soldotna and contracted agencies.

**43510 Insurance & Litigation Fund Premiums.** Premiums are for coverage of workers' compensation, property, liability, and other insurance.

**50264 911 Communications.** To cover E911 Dispatch fee from Soldotna.

**61990 Admin Service Fee.** The admin service fee is charged to service areas and various funds to cover a portion of costs associated with providing general government services. The amount is 2.5% of the personnel, supplies, services, and capital outlay budgets.