

## **VPSO Task Force Public Meetings Agenda**

In May 2007, the Senate passed SR7, “A resolution creating and relating to the Senate VPSO Task Force”. This resolution created a Task Force to find ways to strengthen and improve public safety in rural Alaska by identifying problems with the Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO) program, and ways those problems might be addressed.

Senator Donald C. Olson was appointed Chair of the Task Force. Other members are Senator Hollis French, Senator Fred Dyson, Commissioner Walt Monegan, Attorney General Talis Colberg, Loretta Bullard (President, Kawerak, Inc), and Myron Naneng (President, AVCP).

The agenda for the public meetings to be held by the Task Force follows. If you wish to testify but cannot make it to the meeting, you can submit written testimony to the Task Force. If you do so, your name and address must be included with your testimony. It is preferable to use email ([Senator\\_Donny\\_Olson@legis.state.ak.us](mailto:Senator_Donny_Olson@legis.state.ak.us)) for sending your testimony; however, you can also send it via US mail to Senator Donald Olson, State Capitol Room 514, Juneau, AK 99801. In either case, it is important to have your written testimony received by November 2.

- Opening remarks – Senator Olson
  - Purpose of the Task Force
  - What we hope to accomplish
  - Process we are using
- Overview of the current VPSO program – Commissioner Monegan
  - Problems we’re aware of, such as recruitment and retention, salary, etc.
  - Things that have already been tried, or are in the works
  - Introduction of tiered approach to public safety officers throughout Alaska
- Public input and discussion – please:
  - State your name for the record
  - State the problem or concern you have or have noticed, and
  - Concentrate on your recommendation and ideas for restructuring and improvements that would make the program effective.
- Closing – Senator Olson and other members of the Task Force