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PUBLIC SAFETY TECHNOLOGY DIVISION

Budget Account 4733

Joint Subcommittee Hearing

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My name is Alan Rogers, I am Chief of the Public Safety Technology Division. The Director has asked me to present Budget Account 4733 found on page 14.

The Division provides computer services to the Department and the Law Enforcement community throughout the State.

The Division maintains and manages the statewide law enforcement network including Nevada's communications with Federal, Regional and State justice computer systems. Last year, Nevada's criminal justice computer system processed over 250 million transactions. Nevada is the highest user of the nations law enforcement network per/capita.

There are 34 employees in the Division that provide computer maintenance, programming, help desk and networking for the Department. Eleven of these employees serve as the State help desk for law enforcement. These employees receive an average of 1,600 calls for service each month. About half of the calls come from local law enforcement and agencies outside of the Department of Public Safety. Ten of these employees provide programming for the Divisions in the Department. There are currently about 35 major programs functioning in the Department with 19 more in various stages of development. These programs utilize about 3,200 data tables. There are seven network technicians that support over 2,000 devices in 18 cities throughout Nevada. We have four systems programmers that support infrastructure including data base management and security. Researchers have detected 7,189 new viruses during 2002 bringing the total number of known viruses, worms, and Trojan horses to over 78,000. Each one of these represents a potential destruction of data and processing capability that costs millions of dollars annually to repair. Any one infection to the Department computer system could result in the loss of critical data and cost in the thousands or even hundreds of thousands to repair. The Division also has two administrative employees.

This budget is cost allocated to other Divisions within the Department.

There are five major new requests in this budget. A request for federal grant matching funds, a security officer, a Department-wide program for an integrated information system, additional network support personnel, and a circuit upgrade between Carson City and Reno.

These improvements are distributed within the Department's Division budgets and are included in the Governor's recommended budget.

This concludes my comments. Are there any additional questions?