

**Highway Patrol  
Budget 504  
House Bill No. 1011**

|                                                                         | <b>FTE Positions</b> | <b>General Fund</b> | <b>Other Funds</b> | <b>Total</b>      |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1999-2001 legislative appropriation                                     | 198.00               | \$9,306,236         | \$15,739,642       | \$25,045,878      |
| 1997-99 legislative appropriation                                       | <u>200.00</u>        | <u>125,000</u>      | <u>23,649,294</u>  | <u>23,774,294</u> |
| 1999-2001 appropriation increase<br>(decrease) to 1997-99 appropriation | (2.00)               | \$9,181,236         | (\$7,909,652)      | \$1,271,584       |

**NOTE:** The 1999-2001 appropriation amounts include \$43,231 of other funds for the agency's share of the \$5.4 million funding pool appropriated to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for special market equity adjustments for classified employees and \$657 of other funds for the agency's share of the \$1.4 million funding pool appropriated to OMB for assisting agencies in providing the \$35 per month minimum salary increases in July 1999 and July 2000.

**Item Description**

**Mobile data terminals** - The 1997 Legislative Assembly appropriated \$585,000 from the highway fund to the Highway Patrol for Phase 1 of the mobile data terminal project which involves the purchase of mobile data terminals for patrol vehicles at 10 sites in the state. The mobile data terminals allow patrol officers to do direct inquiries on license plate numbers and driver's licenses, to write reports and input daily activities directly on the computer from their vehicles, and to communicate with State Radio Communications through the computer rather than relying on voice communications.

**Field operations funding reduction** - The 1999 Legislative Assembly reduced funding in the field operations program by \$144,000 from the general fund. The Legislative Assembly provided that the Highway Patrol determine the specific areas to reduce within this program.

**Status/Result**

Phase 1 has been implemented and is meeting expectations. The Highway Patrol has mobile data terminals in 70 of the patrol's 132 Highway Patrol vehicles. The 10 sites are Williston, Dickinson, Minot, Bismarck, Driscoll, Devils Lake, Cleveland, Valley City, Grand Forks, and Fargo. The Highway Patrol is planning to seek funding of \$363,000 for Phase 2 of the project from the 2001 Legislative Assembly. This funding will provide mobile data terminals for 33 more vehicles at six additional sites. The site locations have not yet been determined.

The Highway Patrol made funding reductions in a number of operating expense areas within the field operations program. The majority of the reductions were made in the areas of equipment under \$750, building and equipment supplies, and repairs.