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The Haines Borough Police Department and Alaska Department of Corrections (DOC) are officially collaborating to ensure public safety and enforcement of individuals who'll be placed on pretrial supervision, following the launch of the department's Pretrial Enforcement Division in January 2018.



On Wednesday, September 20, 2017, the two agencies stood side-by-side for the signing of the community's jail contract. The contract is increasing by \$31,000 to help supplement the Haines Borough Police Department in their efforts to assist DOC's Pretrial Enforcement Division with data collection, risk assessments, and the monitoring of individuals placed on pretrial supervision.

"We're extremely excited to put these agreements in place and it is especially meaningful to finalize the partnership with Haines Borough while they hosted the Southeast Conference," said Pretrial Enforcement Division Director Geri Fox. "I look forward to collaborating with more local communities throughout Alaska."

Communities everywhere reap greater benefits when state and local agencies can work together. For DOC and its pretrial division, partnering with law enforcement across Alaska was a natural and logical step. Partnerships with local law enforcement agencies will help identify and solve local challenges. These joint efforts will also help ensure that this new criminal justice function supports the department's public safety priorities, and helps build a stronger and safer Alaska.

The Haines Borough is the first community to partner with the state in this effort, however others are expected to officially join in the next two months. Conversations to explore possible partnerships with other Alaska communities are ongoing. DOC will release information on other community partners, as contracts are signed.