

Cowper appoints English to head state public safety

Gov. Steve Cowper recently announced the appointment of Arthur English of Anchorage, a 21-year state trooper, as commissioner of the state Department of Public Safety.

English, 55, rose through the ranks to captain and commander of the Fairbanks Trooper Detachment. He will oversee a department of about 700 employees with a budget of \$40 million.

English was born in Seldovia and attended school there before moving to Montana where he graduated from Billings High School. He spent four years in the Air Force as a military policeman and commercial fished for four years beginning in 1956.

In 1960, English joined the troopers in their Anchorage civil and patrol sections. He served in Kenai as officer in charge of the Kenai Peninsula for six years and was promoted to captain and Anchorage detachment commander in 1976. He retired from the troopers in 1981.

English is currently vice president and general manager of Purcell Security Services, a division of the NANA Development Corp., which provides security for Prudhoe Bay and Anchorage area commercial businesses.

English is married and has two sons. He will be paid \$69,600 annually.