



# State of New Hampshire

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DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY  
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June 5, 2026

Her Excellency, Governor Kelly A. Ayotte  
and the Honorable Council  
State House  
Concord, NH 03301

### REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to MOP 1301, VI, D, the Department of Safety (DOS), Division of State Police (SP) requests authorization for Trooper First Class Kevin Devlin of the Canine Unit, Trooper First Class James Powers of Troop A, and Trooper Alexander Tucker of Troop F to travel over 300 miles one-way in a rented vehicle in the amount of \$3,000.82 from Shallow Creek Kennels Inc. in Sharpsville, Pennsylvania to Manchester, New Hampshire for three (3) days within the date range of July 9, 2026, to September 30, 2026, upon Governor and Council approval. **41% Highway Funds; 34% General Funds, and 25% Turnpike Funds.**

Funds are available in account, Traffic Bureau, as follows:

02-23-23-234015-40030000-080-500715-Out of State Travel

SFY 2027

**\$3,000.82**

### EXPLANATION

This request seeks approval for three New Hampshire State Police Troopers to travel outside the 300-mile radius in one (1) rented sport utility vehicle for the return trip after screening, evaluating, and purchasing one (1) police canine for the 2026 New Hampshire State Police Canine Patrol School. Troopers will fly to Pennsylvania and return by vehicle. Travel is anticipated to begin on or about July 9, 2026, to Shallow Creek Kennels, Inc. in Sharpsville, Pennsylvania. A broad date range is requested because the exact travel dates are contingent upon confirmation from the vendor that prospective canines are on site and available for evaluation, and the travel may need to occur later within the requested period. The travel will span approximately three days within the date range of July 9, 2026, through September 30, 2026. One rented SUV will transport three Troopers, one newly acquired canine, and all necessary equipment for the return trip.

The one-way mileage from Sharpsville, Pennsylvania to Manchester, New Hampshire is 625 miles. The total cost of travel by air and use of a rental vehicle for the 3-day time frame in Sharpsville is \$5,984.01. The cost of traveling by air and driving back in a rental vehicle is \$3,000.82. The savings to travel by air and rental vehicle versus travel by air is \$2,983.19 (see Attachment A for comparisons). The employees will not be paid overtime during the time frame of travel.

The primary purpose of this trip is to screen, evaluate, and purchase one police canine from Shallow Creek Kennels Inc. in Sharpsville, Pennsylvania. The New Hampshire State Police canine commander and a canine handler have previously toured and evaluated this facility, and the New Hampshire State Police successfully procured police canines from this vendor in prior years. Commercial transportation of police canines within the United States presents logistical challenges due to airline restrictions. Additionally, in prior years, the delivery fee for transporting two canines totaled \$4,500.00, further supporting the cost-effectiveness of transporting the canines by vehicle from Sharpsville, Pennsylvania.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert L. Quinn  
Commissioner of Safety

## REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL

Date: June 2, 2026

**TO THE HONORABLE GOVERNOR & COUNCIL:**

The Department of Safety, Division of State Police requests permission for 3 employees or their designees to travel to Sharpsville, PA for 3 days of out-of-state travel status from TBD July 9, 2026 to September 30, 2026.

**Conference/Workshop/Seminar Title**  
Purchase Four Police Canines

**Purpose of Travel**

The purpose of this travel is to screen, evaluate and purchase one canine from Shallow Creek Kennels Inc. in Sharpsville, Pennsylvania.

**Attendees and their Titles**

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| <u>1 Trooper First Class Kevin Devlin</u>  | <u>5.</u> |
| <u>2. Trooper First Class James Powers</u> | <u>6.</u> |
| <u>3. Trooper Alexander Tucker</u>         | <u>7.</u> |
| <u>4.</u>                                  | <u>8.</u> |

**Fiscal Information - Summary Fiscal Year**

<u>Objt</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>		<u>Amount</u>
0710	Common Carriers	\$ 812.86	Appropriation for Out-of-State Travel	\$ 134,640.00
0711	Per Diem in Lieu	\$ 0.00	Amount Expended to date	\$ 47,973.07
0712	Meals	\$ 721.50	Available Balance	\$ 86,666.93
0713	Hotel	\$ 596.46	Amount requested this authorization	\$ 3,000.82
0714	Mileage	\$ 0	Estimated Balance Available	\$ 83,666.11
0715	Fuel	\$ 280.00		
0717	Miscellaneous	\$ 590.00	Appropriation Code	<u>15 - 023 4003 - 080</u>
0719	Registration Fees	\$ 0.00	Source of Funds	<u>41% Highway Funds, 34% General Funds, and 25% Turnpike Funds</u>
		\$ _____		

Authorized Signature \_\_\_\_\_



## ATTACHMENT A

### AIR TRAVEL BREAKDOWN

#### TRAVEL BY AIR - TIME REQUIRED:

Round Trip (R/T) from NHSP Headquarters Concord NH To Manchester Regional Airport (3 Troopers) <i>[Concord = 1.50 Hours One Way = 3.00 Hours Round Trip]</i>	3.00 Hours
Arrival Time at Manchester Airport Prior to Departure <i>[6.50 Hours x 3 Troopers = 4.50]</i>	4.50 Hours
Air Travel from Manchester Airport to Pittsburgh, PA <i>[6.67 Hours x 3 Troopers = 20.00]</i>	20.00 Hours
Arrival Time at Pittsburgh, PA Airport Prior to Departure) <i>[1.50 Hours x 3 Troopers = 4.50]</i>	4.50 Hours
Air Travel from Pittsburgh, PA Airport to Manchester, NH <i>[6.04 Hours x 3 Troopers = 18.20]</i>	<u>18.20 Hours</u>

50.20 Hours – Round Trip Total

#### TRAVEL BY AIR - TRIP COST:

Parking Fee for State Vehicle at Manchester Regional	\$ 300.00
Airfare x 3Troopers	\$ 1,123.20
*Baggage Fee – Round Trip <i>[\$60.00 1<sup>st</sup> bag]</i>	\$ 180.00
Common Carrier 1 Rental SUV For 3 days	\$ 332.85
Fuel for 1 Rental SUV [60gal @ \$4.00.gal x 2]	\$ 480.00
Meals <i>[2 Days x \$104.50 x 3 Troopers]</i>	\$ 313.50
Meals <i>[1 Day x \$136.00 x 3 Troopers] [GSA Rate]</i>	\$ 408.00
Hotel – Approximate Plus Tax – Two Nights [ 3 Troopers]	\$ 596.46
K9 Delivery Fee Approx. <i>[1 canines]</i>	\$ 2,250.00
<b>TOTAL COST TO TRAVEL BY AIR</b>	<b>\$ 5,984.01</b>

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Arrival Time at Manchester Airport Prior to Departure  
*[6.50 Hours x 3 Troopers = 4.50]* 4.50 Hours

Air Travel from Manchester Airport to Pittsburgh, PA  
*[6.67 Hours x 3 Troopers = 20.00]* 20.00 Hours

27.50 Hours One-Way

**TRAVEL BY VEHICLE – TIME REQUIRED:**

Sharpsville, Pennsylvania to Manchester, New Hampshire  
*[9.77 hours each way x 3 Troopers]* 29.30 Hours – One-Way

**TRAVEL BY AIR - TRIP COST:**

Parking Fee for State Vehicle at Manchester Regional \$ 300.00  
Airfare x 3 Troopers One-way \$ 606.60  
\*Baggage Fee – One Way *[\$30.00 1<sup>st</sup> bag]* \$ 90.00

**TRAVEL BY VEHICLE – TRIP COST:**

Common Carrier 1 Rental SUV 3days \$ 206.26  
*[SUV to accommodate K9 & Crates]*  
Fuel for 1 Rental SUV [35gal @ \$4.00.gal x 2] \$ 280.00  
Meals *[2 Days x \$104.50 x 3 Troopers]* \$ 313.50  
Meals *[1 Day x \$136.00 x 3 Troopers] [GSA Rate]* \$ 408.00  
Tolls (R/T) - Approximate \$ 200.00  
Hotel – Approximate Plus Tax – Three Nights [3 Troopers] \$ 596.46

**TOTAL COST TO TRAVEL BY AIR & VEHICLE: \$3,000.82**

**COST COMPARISON USING MOTOR VEHICLE TRAVEL**

**AIR TRAVEL: \$5,984.01**

**AIR &VEHICLE TRAVEL: \$3,000.82**

**SAVINGS IF DRIVEN: \$ 2,983.19**