

**State of Alaska
FY2004 Governor's Operating Budget**

**Department of Public Safety
Alaska Fire Standards Council
BRU/Component Budget Summary**

BRU/Component: Alaska Fire Standards Council

(There is only one component in this BRU. To reduce duplicate information, we did not print a separate BRU section.)

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Component Mission

To produce highly trained and motivated fire and emergency services personnel who meet the most current and practical professional training standards.

Component Services Provided

Program is essentially unfunded. Statutes describe the following services:

- Establish minimum training and performance standards
- Establish minimum fire training curriculum requirements of training programs
- Govern the procedure for certification of fire services training programs
- Govern the procedure for certification of individuals
- Consult and cooperate with municipalities, agencies of the state, other governmental agencies, universities, colleges, and other institutions concerning the development of fire services training schools and programs offered in the state.
- Assist individuals and organizations in training to the established standards

Component Goals and Strategies

To provide the citizens of Alaska with fire and emergency services personnel who are competent, well educated and meet the needs of the communities in which they serve.

This will be met by council-established minimum qualifications for fire and emergency service positions, by certifying applicants to those established levels, and by accrediting training programs that meet acceptable standards.

Key Component Issues for FY2003 – 2004

The Alaska Fire Standards Council is currently funded with unrealizable program receipts. The legislature established an avenue for the council to receive funding through donations and an insurance tax credit. However, this is the council's only fund source at this time, and sufficient revenue has not been received to fund a full time position dedicated to the Alaska Fire Standards Council. Without a full time position, little has been done to educate the insurance companies on this option.

There are currently no uniform performance standards for fire services personnel in the state. The public is entitled to a reasonable expectation that personnel responding to a call for emergency services are adequately trained to mitigate the emergency. The responder is entitled to a level of training that allows him or her to operate in a manner which minimizes personal risk.

Without state-established standards, the local fire and emergency services personnel are subject to National Fire Protection Association and Occupational Safety & Health Administration standards, which are largely irrelevant in many parts of the state, especially communities that don't have paid staff, fire hydrants, or fire trucks. The Council will have the authority to establish relevant standards. The Council format will assure a cross sectional representation as the standards are developed and adopted.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2002

Council members were seated in FY2002 and of October 2002 the council has held four meetings.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

Alaska Fire Standards Council (AS 18.70.320-369)

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Component Financial Summary

All dollars in thousands

| | FY2002 Actuals | FY2003 Authorized | FY2004 Governor |
|---|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Non-Formula Program: | | | |
| Component Expenditures: | | | |
| 71000 Personal Services | 0.0 | 67.4 | 69.8 |
| 72000 Travel | 0.0 | 61.2 | 61.2 |
| 73000 Contractual | 0.0 | 79.3 | 79.3 |
| 74000 Supplies | 0.0 | 5.6 | 5.6 |
| 75000 Equipment | 0.0 | 10.0 | 10.0 |
| 76000 Land/Buildings | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 77000 Grants, Claims | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 78000 Miscellaneous | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Expenditure Totals | 0.0 | 223.5 | 225.9 |
| Funding Sources: | | | |
| 1152 AK Fire Standards Council Receipts | 0.0 | 223.5 | 225.9 |
| Funding Totals | 0.0 | 223.5 | 225.9 |

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Proposed Changes in Levels of Service for FY2004

FY2004 may be the first year of program operation due to non-GF funding sources that have impacted start-up.

Summary of Component Budget Changes

From FY2003 Authorized to FY2004 Governor

All dollars in thousands

| | <u>General Funds</u> | <u>Federal Funds</u> | <u>Other Funds</u> | <u>Total Funds</u> |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| FY2003 Authorized | 0.0 | 0.0 | 223.5 | 223.5 |
| Adjustments which will continue current level of service: | | | | |
| -Annualize FY2003 COLA for General Government Bargaining Unit | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| -\$75 per Month Health Insurance Increase for Non-covered Staff | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| Proposed budget increases: | | | | |
| -Increased Variable Benefit Costs: Working Reserve and PERS Rates | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.4 | 1.4 |
| FY2004 Governor | 0.0 | 0.0 | 225.9 | 225.9 |

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Personal Services Information

| | Authorized Positions | | Personal Services Costs | |
|---------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|
| | <u>FY2003</u> <u>Authorized</u> | <u>FY2004</u> <u>Governor</u> | | |
| Full-time | 2 | 2 | Annual Salaries | 49,717 |
| Part-time | 0 | 0 | Premium Pay | 0 |
| Nonpermanent | 0 | 0 | Annual Benefits | 21,643 |
| | | | <i>Less 2.19% Vacancy Factor</i> | (1,560) |
| | | | Lump Sum Premium Pay | 0 |
| Totals | 2 | 2 | Total Personal Services | 69,800 |

Position Classification Summary

| Job Class Title | Anchorage | Fairbanks | Juneau | Others | Total |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| Administrative Clerk II | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| AK Fire Stnd Cncl Admin | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Totals | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |