

# **State of Alaska FY2005 Governor's Operating Budget**

## **Department of Natural Resources Emergency Firefighters Non-Emergency Projects Component Budget Summary**

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**Component: Emergency Firefighters Non-Emergency Projects**

**Contribution to Department's Mission**

Forestry's contribution to the department mission is to manage wildland fires in the most efficient and cost-effective manner possible, meeting statutory requirements to provide wildland fire protection to all state, municipal, and private lands. An important function of this is to hire emergency firefighters (EFF) for fire management and hazard fuels reduction work, fire prevention, habitat restoration or improvement and other related activities in non-emergency circumstances under AS 41.15.030.

The goal of this component is to utilize trained EFF village crews and individual EFF on non-emergency prescribed fire and hazard fuels reduction projects to meet the resource management objectives of various state, municipal and federal land management agencies in Alaska.

The strategy is to market trained and experienced EFF crews and individual EFF for hire for various projects to cooperating state, municipal and federal agencies. The strategy includes providing services that make hiring EFF crews more desirable than other alternatives for short-term employment. The strategy is to keep EFF crews working together as a team so they will gain additional experience and be ready to fight wildland fires.

**Core Services**

This component enables the Division to hire trained and experienced village EFF crews and individual EFF for use by state, municipal and federal land management agencies on pre-planned, non-emergency prescribed fire, hazard fuel reduction and other non-fire suppression projects. Cooperating land management agencies have identified numerous prescribed burning projects across the state. These planned projects have identified approximately 250 crew workdays that will require the use of trained fire fighting crews. Prescribed fire projects require the use of highly trained and organized crews to conduct the burns in a safe and effective manner. Agencies utilizing the village EFF crews and individual EFF will provide the funding to pay for the costs associated with their use. These projects have the potential to reduce wildland fire threat to villages and communities in Alaska through the reduction of hazardous fuels and will improve wildlife habitat. These projects further provide experience and training to EFF crews that increase their effectiveness for use when needed in wildland fire activity response.

<b>FY2005 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results</b>		
<b>FY2005 Component Budget: \$250,000</b>	<b>Personnel:</b>	
	Full time	0
	Part time	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>

**Key Component Challenges**

None

**Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2005**

No proposed changes assuming a continuation level budget.

**Major Component Accomplishments in 2003**

During FY03, progress on two major projects was accomplished utilizing EFF crews:

- Anchorage Hillside Hazard Fuel Reduction: The Mat-Su Type 2 EFF Crew was employed for thirty four 4-day weeks to accomplish hazard tree removal, fire break improvement and other hazard fuel work to reduce the potential of a serious wildland fire on the Hillside area in the Municipality of Anchorage. Federal funds were received from the US Forest Service to perform the mitigation work in Anchorage as part of the National Fire Plan project.

- Kenai Peninsula Borough Hazard Fuel Reduction: The Kenai Type 2 EFF crew worked for over six weeks to reduce hazardous fuel adjacent to public facilities to reduce the potential for serious wildland fires. The crew worked primarily in State campgrounds: Johnson Lake, Crooked Creek, Clam Gulch, and Niniichik. They also worked at the Kenai Airport, Kenai Middle School and the Challenger Learning Center. The Kenai Peninsula Borough federal Spruce Beetle Task Force funding was used to accomplish the hazard fuels reduction projects.

## Statutory and Regulatory Authority

Alaska Statute 41.15.030

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**Emergency Firefighters Non-Emergency Projects  
Component Financial Summary**

*All dollars shown in thousands*

	<b>FY2003 Actuals</b>	<b>FY2004 Authorized</b>	<b>FY2005 Governor</b>
<b>Non-Formula Program:</b>			
<b>Component Expenditures:</b>			
71000 Personal Services	377.4	250.0	250.0
72000 Travel	0.0	0.0	0.0
73000 Contractual	0.0	0.0	0.0
74000 Supplies	0.0	0.0	0.0
75000 Equipment	0.0	0.0	0.0
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
<b>Expenditure Totals</b>	<b>377.4</b>	<b>250.0</b>	<b>250.0</b>
<b>Funding Sources:</b>			
1061 Capital Improvement Project Receipts	377.4	250.0	250.0
<b>Funding Totals</b>	<b>377.4</b>	<b>250.0</b>	<b>250.0</b>

**Estimated Revenue Collections**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Master Revenue Account</b>	<b>FY2003 Actuals</b>	<b>FY2004 Authorized</b>	<b>FY2005 Governor</b>
<b>Unrestricted Revenues</b>				
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Unrestricted Total</b>		<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Restricted Revenues</b>				
Capital Improvement Project Receipts	51200	377.4	250.0	250.0
<b>Restricted Total</b>		<b>377.4</b>	<b>250.0</b>	<b>250.0</b>
<b>Total Estimated Revenues</b>		<b>377.4</b>	<b>250.0</b>	<b>250.0</b>

**Summary of Component Budget Changes  
From FY2004 Authorized to FY2005 Governor**

*All dollars shown in thousands*

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
<b>FY2004 Authorized</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>250.0</b>	<b>250.0</b>
<b>FY2005 Governor</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>250.0</b>	<b>250.0</b>