

Firefighting Breathing Apparatus Replacement**FY2005 Request: \$112,500**
Reference No: 37785**AP/AL:** Appropriation
Category: Public Protection
Location: Statewide**Project Type:** Equipment**Contact:** Dan Spencer, Director, Div. of Administrative Services**House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)**Contact Phone:** (907)465-5488**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2004 - 06/30/2005**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

Purchase 45 self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and related equipment used to conduct basic and advanced fire training at the three state operated regional training centers in Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Juneau. These new units are necessary to comply with national equipment standards and OSHA regulations.

Funding:	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	Total
Gen Fund	\$112,500						\$112,500
Total:	\$112,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$112,500

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input type="checkbox"/> On-Going
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill	

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	9,000	0
One-Time Startup:	0	
Totals:	9,000	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

CH 82 SLA 2003 page 33, line 14, \$112,500

Project Description/Justification:

This project is to purchase 45 self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and spare bottles for the three regional fire training offices in Juneau, Anchorage, and Fairbanks. This equipment will be stationed at each training location, replacing the present outdated units. The governor's FY2004 capital budget requested funding for 90 SCBA units. The legislature appropriated funding for half of those. This FY2005 budget will complete that project.

The three regional fire training centers provide fire training services to municipal, private, and industrial fire response agencies in Alaska. In addition to providing fire training, each of these centers also conduct training in outlying communities within their regions. The SCBA units will be transported to these outlying sites and then returned to the regional centers after classes.

The equipment presently used in these courses has been donated to the state by other agencies or fire departments that are upgrading to newer units. All of these units are old and in need of repair or upgrade. Most of the units do not meet the required federal and state regulations or standards for self contained breathing apparatus.

These breathing air units are used by both beginning and experienced students in live fire training scenarios and other rescue scenarios. Since this type of training is inherently dangerous, it is critical that the students be outfitted with the best possible type of SCBA and that it is a type of unit similar to what the students will use in their own local department. Many local fire departments have recently used U.S. FEMA grants to purchase new SCBA units which meet the newer standards and safety requirements.

