

State of Alaska FY2008 Governor's Operating Budget

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

RDU/Component: Alaska Fire Standards Council*(There is only one component in this RDU. To reduce duplicate information, we did not print a separate RDU section.)***Contribution to Department's Mission**

To establish training and performance standards for fire service personnel, and curriculum requirements for the certification of training programs.

Core Services

- Govern the process for the accreditation and regulation of fire service training programs.
- Govern the process for the certification and regulation of individuals who meet established performance standards.
- Provide the forum for constructive participation of all agencies and organizations with a focus in fire service training schools and programs.
- Develop and maintain a long term strategy for the acquisition of funding for the Alaska Fire Standards Council.

End Results	Strategies to Achieve Results
A: Ensure trained firefighters in Alaska <u>Target #1:</u> Increase number of certification programs by three. <u>Measure #1:</u> Number of adopted certification programs.	A1: Ensure compliance with recognized training standards <u>Target #1:</u> Adopt and/or develop one additional training standard for use in Alaska. <u>Measure #1:</u> Number of adopted training standards.

Major Activities to Advance Strategies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Firefighter certification, fire instructor certification, fire investigator certification, and certification at other approved levels. • Review of fire service certification programs. • Development of fire service certification programs. • Coordinate fire service certification opportunities. • Field audits of current fire service programs.

FY2008 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results		
FY2008 Component Budget: \$253,900	Personnel:	
	Full time	2
	Part time	0
	Total	2

Performance Measure Detail

A: Result - Ensure trained firefighters in Alaska

Target #1: Increase number of certification programs by three.

Measure #1: Number of adopted certification programs.

Number of Adopted Certification Programs (calendar year)

Year	Number Adopted This Year	Total Programs
2002	5	5
2003	6	11
2004	0	11
2005	4	15
2006	5	20

Analysis of results and challenges: The following certification programs were adopted at the March 2006 meeting: Public Fire and Life Safety Educator Level I, Public Fire and Life Safety Educator Level II, Public Fire and Life Safety Educator Level III, Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Specialist I, Apprentice Firefighter.

A1: Strategy - Ensure compliance with recognized training standards

Target #1: Adopt and/or develop one additional training standard for use in Alaska.

Measure #1: Number of adopted training standards.

Number of Adopted Training Standards (calendar year)

Year	Number Adopted This Year	Total Standards
2003	2	2
2004	1	3
2005	0	3
2006	1	4

Analysis of results and challenges: The Alaska Fire Standards Council began operation in 2001. The first fire service certifications and standards were adopted in 2002. Prior to the establishment of the council no statewide standards were in place. National standards are used unless they do not meet Alaska's needs, which necessitates the development and adoption of Alaska standards.

The following training standard was adopted at the March 2006 meeting: Apprentice Firefighter.

Key Component Challenges

There are currently few uniform performance standards for fire service 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 that minimizes personal risk.

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

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, these are the council's only fund sources at this time and sufficient revenue has not been received to fund a full time position dedicated to the Alaska Fire Standards Council. In FY2006, the only donation received was \$5,000 from the Alaska Fire Chiefs

Association. The insurance tax credit will need the support of the insurance industry and only a minor effort to gain that support has been attempted due to time constraints of council members. Without a full time position, there is little that can be done to educate the insurance companies on this initiative. Funding would be used to hire a full time council administrator and administrative clerk. This administrator will pursue a continuing source of funds, as an example, the insurance tax credit.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2008

FY2008 may be the first year of full time program operation due to non-GF funding sources that have impacted start-up. Upon receipt of funds, the placement of the administrator and clerk would allow for day to day operations to commence.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2006

Since its inception, the council has adopted 24 fire standards and/or certification programs. They have 2 standards and certification programs under review. In FY2006, one standard and five certification programs were adopted. The council members held two meetings as required this year. The lack of funding has slowed the progress of the council. Additional projects were difficult to accomplish.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

Alaska Fire Standards Council (AS 18.70.320-369)

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Alaska Fire Standards Council Component Financial Summary

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2006 Actuals	FY2007 Management Plan	FY2008 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	0.0	85.9	101.0
72000 Travel	2.4	61.2	61.2
73000 Services	0.0	79.3	76.1
74000 Commodities	0.0	5.6	5.6
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	10.0	10.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	0.0	0.0	0.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	2.4	242.0	253.9
Funding Sources:			
1152 AK Fire Standards Council Receipts	2.4	242.0	253.9
Funding Totals	2.4	242.0	253.9

Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2006 Actuals	FY2007 Manageme nt Plan	FY2008 Governor
Unrestricted Revenues				
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0
Unrestricted Total		0.0	0.0	0.0
Restricted Revenues				
AK Fire Standards Council Receipts	51077	2.4	242.0	253.9
Restricted Total		2.4	242.0	253.9
Total Estimated Revenues		2.4	242.0	253.9

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2007 Management Plan to FY2008 Governor**

All dollars shown in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2007 Management Plan	0.0	0.0	242.0	242.0
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-FY 08 Health Insurance Increases for Exempt Employees	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1
Proposed budget increases:				
-FY 08 Retirement Systems Rate Increases	0.0	0.0	11.8	11.8
FY2008 Governor	0.0	0.0	253.9	253.9

Alaska Fire Standards Council Personal Services Information

Authorized Positions			Personal Services Costs	
	<u>FY2007</u> <u>Management</u> <u>Plan</u>	<u>FY2008</u> <u>Governor</u>		
Full-time	2	2	Annual Salaries	71,325
Part-time	0	0	Premium Pay	0
Nonpermanent	0	0	Annual Benefits	32,489
			<i>Less 2.71% Vacancy Factor</i>	(2,814)
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
Totals	2	2	Total Personal Services	101,000

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