

**State of Alaska
FY2009 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 Result	Strategies to Achieve End Result
<p>A: Ensure trained firefighters in Alaska</p> <p><u>Target #1:</u> Increase number of certification programs by three.</p> <p><u>Measure #1:</u> Number of adopted certification programs.</p>	<p>A1: Ensure compliance with recognized training standards</p> <p><u>Target #1:</u> Adopt and/or develop one additional training standard for use in Alaska.</p> <p><u>Measure #1:</u> Number of adopted training standards.</p>

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.

FY2009 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results							
<p>FY2009 Component Budget: \$256,400</p>	<p>Personnel:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Full time</td> <td style="text-align: right;">2</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Part time</td> <td style="text-align: right;">0</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Total</td> <td style="text-align: right; border-top: 1px solid black;">2</td> </tr> </table>	Full time	2	Part time	0	Total	2
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
2007	0	20

Analysis of results and challenges: No certification programs were adopted during FY2007 due to other issues that the council had to resolve to maintain functionality. These included the need to establish background requirements for both levels of Fire Investigator, Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Specialist I, and all levels of Public Fire and Life Safety Educator. The council also developed a fee schedule to cover some of the expense of the testing process.

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
2007	0	4

Analysis of results and challenges: The council is currently reviewing seven standards for adoption, but no new standards were adopted during FY2007.

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, in which case state standards must be adopted.

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 FY2007, 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, little 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 FY2009

FY2009 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 day-to-day operations to commence.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2007

Since its inception, the council has adopted 4 standards and 23 certification programs. They have seven standards and three certification programs under review. In FY2007, no certification programs were adopted due to other issues that the council had to resolve to maintain functionality.

The council established background requirements for both Fire Investigator levels, Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Specialist I, and all levels of Public Fire and Life Safety Educator.

The council also developed a fee schedule to cover some of the expense of the testing process.

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

	FY2007 Actuals	FY2008 Management Plan	FY2009 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	0.0	112.0	114.5
72000 Travel	11.3	61.2	61.2
73000 Services	0.3	65.1	65.1
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	11.6	253.9	256.4
Funding Sources:			
1004 General Fund Receipts	0.0	0.0	2.5
1152 AK Fire Standards Council Receipts	11.6	253.9	253.9
Funding Totals	11.6	253.9	256.4

Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2007 Actuals	FY2008 Management Plan	FY2009 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	11.6	253.9	253.9
Restricted Total		11.6	253.9	253.9
Total Estimated Revenues		11.6	253.9	253.9

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2008 Management Plan to FY2009 Governor**

All dollars shown in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2008 Management Plan	0.0	0.0	253.9	253.9
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-Correct Unrealizable Fund Sources for Salary Adjustments: GGU	2.3	0.0	-2.3	0.0
-Correct Unrealizable Fund Sources for Salary Adjustments: Exempt	0.2	0.0	-0.2	0.0
-FY 09 Health Insurance Increases for Exempt Employees	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2
-FY 09 Bargaining Unit Contract Terms: General Government Unit	0.0	0.0	2.3	2.3
FY2009 Governor	2.5	0.0	253.9	256.4

**Alaska Fire Standards Council
Personal Services Information**

Authorized Positions		Personal Services Costs		
	FY2008 Management Plan	FY2009 Governor		
Full-time	2	2	Annual Salaries	70,531
Part-time	0	0	COLA	1,956
Nonpermanent	0	0	Premium Pay	0
			Annual Benefits	43,482
			<i>Less 1.27% Vacancy Factor</i>	(1,469)
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
Totals	2	2	Total Personal Services	114,500

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