

State of Alaska
FY2007 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 produce highly trained and motivated fire and emergency services personnel who meet the most current and practical professional training standards.

Core Services

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.

End Results	Strategies to Achieve Results
<p>A: Ensure trained firefighters in Alaska</p> <p><u>Target #1:</u> Increase number of certification programs by 3.</p> <p><u>Measure #1:</u> Number of certification programs.</p>	<p>A1: Ensure compliance with recognized training standards</p> <p><u>Target #1:</u> Adopt and/or develop three additional training standards 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.

FY2007 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results							
<p>FY2007 Component Budget: \$242,000</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 3.

Measure #1: Number of certification programs.

Number of Adopted Certification Programs (calendar year)

Year	YTD Total
2002	5
2003	6
2004	0
2005	0

Analysis of results and challenges: The following certification programs were adopted at the February 2002 meeting: Certifying Officer, Firefighter I, Firefighter II, Instructor I, and Instructor II.

The following certification programs were adopted at the September 2003 meeting: Emergency Vehicle Driver, Basic Marine, Advanced Marine, Rescue Intervention Technician, Rural Basic Firefighter, and Airport Rescue Firefighter.

No new certification programs have been adopted in 2005 as of 8/15/05.

A1: Strategy - Ensure compliance with recognized training standards

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

Measure #1: Number of adopted training standards.

Number of Adopted Training Standards (calendar year)

Year	YTD Total
2003	2
2004	1
2005	0

Analysis of results and challenges: The following training standards were adopted at the September 2003 meeting: Rural Basic Firefighter, Rescue Intervention Technician.

The State of Alaska Live Fire Standard was adopted at the September 2004 meeting. Current information as of August 15, 2005.

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 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 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. Five thousand dollars a year from both the Alaska Fire Fighters

Association and the Alaska Fire Chiefs Association has been the only donations received. 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. Through the efforts of council members, the Alaska Fire Chiefs Association will be applying for a grant through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program to fund the council for a three-year period. These funds 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 FY2007

FY2007 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, significant advancements in fire standards and proposed legislation to improve the quality of life for all Alaskans.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2005

Since its inception, the council has adopted 15 fire standards and/or certification programs. They have nine standards and certification programs under review. In FY2005, nine standards 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			
		<i>All dollars shown in thousands</i>	
	FY2005 Actuals	FY2006 Management Plan	FY2007 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	0.0	80.7	85.9
72000 Travel	4.1	61.2	61.2
73000 Services	0.0	79.3	79.3
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	4.1	236.8	242.0
Funding Sources:			
1152 AK Fire Standards Council Receipts	4.1	236.8	242.0
Funding Totals	4.1	236.8	242.0

Estimated Revenue Collections				
Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2005 Actuals	FY2006 Management Plan	FY2007 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	4.1	236.8	242.0
Restricted Total		4.1	236.8	242.0
Total Estimated Revenues		4.1	236.8	242.0

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2006 Management Plan to FY2007 Governor**

All dollars shown in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2006 Management Plan	0.0	0.0	236.8	236.8
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-FY 07 Wage Increases for Bargaining Units and Non-Covered Employees	0.0	0.0	1.5	1.5
-FY 07 Health Insurance Cost Increases for Bargaining Units and Non-Covered Employees	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2
-FY 07 Retirement Systems Cost Increase	0.0	0.0	2.8	2.8
Proposed budget increases:				
-Risk Management Self-Insurance Funding Increase	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.7
FY2007 Governor	0.0	0.0	242.0	242.0

**Alaska Fire Standards Council
Personal Services Information**

Authorized Positions		Personal Services Costs		
	<u>FY2006</u> <u>Management</u> <u>Plan</u>	<u>FY2007</u> <u>Governor</u>		
Full-time	2	2	Annual Salaries	54,628
Part-time	0	0	COLA	1,510
Nonpermanent	0	0	Premium Pay	0
			Annual Benefits	32,329
			<i>Less 2.90% Vacancy Factor</i>	(2,567)
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
Totals	2	2	Total Personal Services	85,900

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