

State of Alaska FY2009 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Public Safety Training and Education Bureau Component Budget Summary

Component: Training and Education Bureau

Contribution to Department's Mission

Educate the public to improve their knowledge of fire safety; prepare and support local fire and rescue agencies in emergency response activity.

Core Services

1. Train and certify local fire and emergency responders.
2. Coordinate Public Fire Safety Education efforts for Alaska.
3. Deliver Public Fire and Life Safety Awareness Campaigns.
4. Conduct a permits program for all persons working on fire extinguishers, fire alarms, and fire suppression systems.
5. Adopt national fire training standards at the state level, and develop curriculum based on those standards.
6. Accredite emergency response training programs based on national training standards.
7. Provide technical assistance to communities regarding the organization, training, and response capabilities of their local departments.
8. Manage U.S. Fire Administration programs for Alaska including all National Fire Academy courses.
9. Train Alaska Emergency Response groups including the U.S. Coast Guard shipboard firefighters, cruise line fire response teams, and other industrial fire brigade response teams.
10. Collect and disseminate fire and emergency response information management and statistics.
11. Develop rural fire protection practices and the means to achieve their implementation.

FY2009 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

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| FY2009 Component Budget: \$2,962,000 | Personnel: | |
| | Full time | 10 |
| | Part time | 1 |
| | Total | 11 |

Key Component Challenges

Until the Alaska Fire Standards Council is funded, the Training and Education component will continue to assume the functions and responsibilities of the council. These functions include accreditation of local fire department training programs, certification of firefighters and instructors, and assistance to develop new certifications based on national standards.

Most small rural fire departments do not possess staff members that are fully qualified or experienced. These limitations and lack of equipment pose an extreme challenge for the community. As their primary source of technical assistance, education, and training, the Division of Fire and Life Safety needs to assist them whenever possible. Alaska Village

Initiatives supports programs such as the Basic Firefighter program, and when available, other federal funds/grants fund this assistance.

AVI (Alaska Village Initiatives) has been a key player in Project Code Red. They were responsible for the assembly and deliver of the firefighting units that were delivered to rural communities. Because of declining grant funds, they have indicated that they will no longer be able to offer technical assistance to the existing communities. This role has been taken over by the Training and Education Bureau. At this time, the Division of Fire and Life Safety feel that it would be inappropriate to put more of these units in rural communities until we are able to maintain the equipment and provide continuing training to the 124 communities that currently have Project Code Red Equipment. We have found that after two years without refresher training that these resources are forgotten and not deployed during fires.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2009

The majority of fire deaths occur in residential occupancies. The best strategy to prevent death from fire is the education of the public about fire safety. The Division of Fire and Life Safety will implement a personal responsibility campaign to increase the awareness of the public about their ability to prevent fire in their homes.

Fire and Life Safety will continue to support and train fire service personnel throughout the state. With the limited staff, this support will be prioritized based upon the needs of the communities. The number of rural training courses conducted under Project Code Red will continue to increase and training will continue with contract instructors. A combined training initiative between a number of federal agencies, the Division of Fire and Life Safety, and Alaska Village Initiatives funds this project. Presently, through the resources of Project Code Red, funding is available for initial equipment purchase and training, but continued support and assistance is not available.

With the assistance of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Denali Commission, Fire and Life Safety conducted a needs analysis for rural Alaska fire protection. This objective report outlines the need to establish an Office of Rural Fire Protection within the Division of Fire and Life Safety. Funding for this office is included in the Governor's FY2009 budget request. The office will concentrate efforts to provide technical assistance and specialized training to low income rural communities for the specific purpose of establishing and maintaining a local fire department and emergency response organization. Fire and Life Safety's hope is to reinforce Project Code Red communities with follow-up training and oversight support through the Office of Rural Fire Protection. In addition, Fire and Life Safety will continue to identify, support, and provide solutions to communities where Project Code Red is not the solution to a well-established emergency response organization.

In FY2007, the Division of Fire and Life Safety entered into a contract with the City of Kenai to manage the Pacific Rim Institute of Safety and Management (PRISM). The purpose of PRISM is to provide training primarily for industrial firefighting and preparedness. PRISM will be completely self-sustaining. The division does not intend to use TEB funds to fund any portion of this operation.

Training with established departments will continue and increase with emphasis on firefighter safety and survival, the basic elements of firefighting, and fire service leadership.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2007

- Provided training and certification for firefighters from Alaska's emergency response agencies. Alaska has over 6,100 volunteer and paid firefighters responding throughout the state.

| Certification Levels | Certified in 2006 |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Firefighter I and II | 508 |
| Marine Firefighter | 0 |
| Fire Officer I | 0 |
| Fire Instructor | 59 |
| Rural Basic Firefighter | 4 |
| Fire Investigator | 34 |

- Assisted the following local fire departments in meeting their training accreditation goals:

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|----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Anchor Point FD | Anchorage FD | Ted Stevens Int. Airport FD |
| Conoco/Phillips FD | North Slope Borough FD | Bethel FD |
| British Petroleum FD | Capital City Fire/Rescue | Central Emergency Services |
| Central Mat-Su FD | Chena Goldstream FD | Chugiak FD |
| Cordova FD | Girdwood FD | Homer FD |
| Kenai FD | Ketchikan FD | Mat-Su Borough Public Safety |
| North Pole FD | North Star FD | Palmer FD |
| PRISM Fire Training Center | Seward FD | Skagway FD |
| Steese Area FD | Univ. of Alaska Fire Science | Univ. of Alaska FD |
| Valdez FD | Tri-Valley FD | Nome FD |
| Whittier Tunnel FD | Sitka FD | Fairbanks Int. Airport FD |
| North Tongass VFD | North Slope Borough | Haines FD |
| Nikiski VFD | Petersburg VFD | Kodiak VFD |
| Fairbanks FD | South Tongass FD | Ester VFD |
| Unalaska VFD | | |

- Processed and reported fire and emergency incident reports from departments across the state. The division submitted the reports for inclusion into the national fire incident reporting database and provided feedback reports to departments and user groups based on this incident data.
- Assisted the Alaska Fire Chief's Association and the Alaska State Firefighters Association in putting on their annual fall training conference. During this conference, 6,080 hours of training were accomplished by the attendees.
- Assisted the Alaska Fire Chiefs Association and the Alaska State Firefighters Association in the preparation and delivery of their statewide training conferences.
- Provided fire training to new Village Public Safety Officers at the Department of Public Safety Training Academy.
- Provided Basic Firefighter Training in 20 communities. Since the inception of the program, training has been provided in 124 communities. One hundred forty-five communities are presently part of Project Code Red. Advanced training was presented in Fairbanks for Project Code Red communities, as well as others.
- Increased efforts to combat the juvenile fire setter through increased arson awareness and education of state agency stakeholders who can recognize and provide offender assistance.
- Issued 1,085 permits through a combination of fire extinguisher maintenance and inspection knowledge testing, fire alarm and suppression system maintenance, inspection and design licensing, firework pyrotechnic operator, and firework retail sales permits.
- Completed 1,347 fire safety education presentations to Alaskan groups. Direct contact is made through participation in state fairs, home shows, inspections, and educational briefings. Indirect contacts are made through theater advertising, local television, and third party educational efforts made by local fire departments who receive educational material from the division but whose members present the information.
- Provided technical assistance to countless departments and communities.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

No statutes and regulations.

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Training and Education Bureau 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 | 0.0 | 940.0 |
| 72000 Travel | 0.0 | 0.0 | 350.9 |
| 73000 Services | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1,009.1 |
| 74000 Commodities | 0.0 | 0.0 | 528.0 |
| 75000 Capital Outlay | 0.0 | 0.0 | 134.0 |
| 77000 Grants, Benefits | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 78000 Miscellaneous | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Expenditure Totals | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2,962.0 |
| Funding Sources: | | | |
| 1002 Federal Receipts | 0.0 | 0.0 | 851.1 |
| 1004 General Fund Receipts | 0.0 | 0.0 | 885.1 |
| 1007 Inter-Agency Receipts | 0.0 | 0.0 | 56.6 |
| 1108 Statutory Designated Program Receipts | 0.0 | 0.0 | 944.0 |
| 1156 Receipt Supported Services | 0.0 | 0.0 | 225.2 |
| Funding Totals | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2,962.0 |

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 | | | | |
| Federal Receipts | 51010 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 851.1 |
| Interagency Receipts | 51015 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 56.6 |
| Statutory Designated Program Receipts | 51063 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 944.0 |
| Receipt Supported Services | 51073 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 225.2 |
| Restricted Total | | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2,076.9 |
| Total Estimated Revenues | | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2,076.9 |

**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 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Adjustments which will continue current level of service: | | | | |
| -ETS Chargeback Redistribution | 0.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.9 |
| -Transfer from Fire Prevention Fire Service Training Due to Name Change | 626.3 | 1,101.1 | 1,225.8 | 2,953.2 |
| -Delete one-time-authorization for First FY2008 Fuel/Utility Cost Increase Funding Distribution | -1.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -1.7 |
| -Fund Office of Rural Fire Protection | 250.0 | -250.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Proposed budget increases: | | | | |
| -Increased Fuel / Utility Costs | 9.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 9.6 |
| FY2009 Governor | 885.1 | 851.1 | 1,225.8 | 2,962.0 |

**Training and Education Bureau
Personal Services Information**

| Authorized Positions | | Personal Services Costs | | |
|----------------------|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|
| | <u>FY2008</u> <u>Management</u> <u>Plan</u> | <u>FY2009</u> <u>Governor</u> | | |
| Full-time | 0 | 10 | Annual Salaries | 567,770 |
| Part-time | 0 | 1 | COLA | 43,959 |
| Nonpermanent | 0 | 0 | Premium Pay | 8,157 |
| | | | Annual Benefits | 328,634 |
| | | | <i>Less 0.90% Vacancy Factor</i> | (8,520) |
| | | | Lump Sum Premium Pay | 0 |
| Totals | 0 | 11 | Total Personal Services | 940,000 |

Position Classification Summary

| Job Class Title | Anchorage | Fairbanks | Juneau | Others | Total |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Administrative Clerk III | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Assoc Coordinator | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Fire Training Admin | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Fire Training Specialist | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 5 |
| Statistical Technician II | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Totals | 7 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 11 |