

EMERGENCY FIREFIGHTER
2017 Hiring Information
 State of Alaska Division of Forestry

If you HAVE PREVIOUSLY worked as an Emergency Firefighter, you must:

- 1) Complete an “Emergency Firefighter or Casual Support Worker” application at your local job center. 2) Complete the Annual Fireline Safety Refresher and fitness testing at your local Forestry office.
- Please see the Fireline Safety Refresher Schedule below for available classes.

Annual Fireline Safety Refresher and Fitness Testing: All wildland firefighters are required to pass a fitness test and complete a Fireline Safety Refresher on an annual basis. Annual training is designed to refresh individuals on common denominators in wildland fire fatalities, principles of fire line safety (Standard Fire Orders and Watch Out Situations), and fire shelter deployment. Firefighter candidates must pass an “arduous” fitness test. Additional fitness testing (push-ups, pull-ups, sit-ups) is required for initial attack firefighters.

ANNUAL FIRELINE SAFETY REFRESHER & FITNESS TEST

At your local Division of Forestry

Generally these are held every May. Search “Alaska EFF” in the spring for specific dates and times in the area convenient for you.

Fitness Requirement	Test	Description	Red Card Qualification
Arduous	Pack Test	3-mile hike with 45 pound pack in 45 minutes.	Firefighter
Moderate	Field Test	2-mile hike with 25 pound pack in 25 minutes.	Safety Officer, Fire Behavior
Light	Walk Test	1-mile hike in 16 minutes, no pack	Occasional field work, IMT
None	None	N/A	No field work

If you HAVE NOT worked as an Emergency Firefighter, you must:

- 1) Successfully complete Basic Firefighter Training. See the course description and schedule for the Mat Su Area below.
- 2) Complete an “Emergency Firefighter or Casual Support Worker” application at your local Job Center.
- 3) Complete fitness testing in your Red Card (S130/S190) class

ALL FIREFIGHTER CANDIDATES must be at least 18 years old, pass an “arduous” physical fitness test, and obtain a minimum Red Card rating of “Fire Fighter Type 2”. Provide the following items during fitness testing.

- Picture ID (driver’s license, State ID card, passport) issued by a state or federal government entity, or tribal ID.
- Documentation (course certificates, Agency training record, or current Red Card) of successfully completing all required elements of basic Firefighter Training.
- For support positions in EFF see the Temporary Employment section below.

2016 EFF Wages: Firefighter 2 (EFF 3) - \$14.73, Squad Boss/Firefighter 1 or Helicopter Crewmember (EFF 4) - \$16.20, Crew Boss (EFF 6) - \$19.44. Overtime is paid at time-and-one half after 40 hours worked per week (Monday-Sunday). Additional wages/positions can be found with the EFF Employment Application Packet you can download on this web page.

Basic Firefighter Training /Red Card Class is a 40 hour class that may be taken through the Division of Forestry in Palmer offered once or twice each spring or through a sanctioned government agency. National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) training curriculum includes S-130 Firefighter Training, S-190 Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior, and L-180 Human Factors in the Wildland Fire Service.

Additionally, the following courses must be completed online at

<http://www.training.fema.gov/IS/NIMS.aspx>:

ICS-100 "Introduction to ICS,& IS-700 "National Incident Management System, An Introduction".

Please print your certificates and bring them to class.

Certification as "Firefighter Type 2" requires completion of all elements of the training curriculum.

Attendance is mandatory.

To work as a firefighter you must complete the "Pack Test" the first day in order to continue the class. The Pack Test is carrying 45 pounds 3 miles in 45 minutes or less. Area Forestry will provide the pack. Dress accordingly.

The last day is in the field and we ask that you wear comfortable outdoor boots and clothing for the weather that day.

The course is free. To attend this class, please call your local area Forestry office to reserve a seat. Phone numbers are listed below. The University of Alaska Fairbanks Community and Technical College also offers this course. Please call 907-474-6334 for course information and student registration.

Temporary Employment: Firefighters & Support Positions

Individuals seeking employment must complete the steps outlined above. There is no guarantee of firefighting or support work. Firefighters are generally assigned to work with a 20 person hand crew. It is important to be ready and available for work on short notice (update contact information, complete training, pack personal gear, etc.). Be prepared for a fourteen day assignment in a remote location.

If you are interested in support positions such as clerical, warehouse, driving, dispatch or other types of employment, you must submit an EFF application to Job Service. You are **NOT** required to take the Red Card Class or a fitness test. Dispatch highly recommends you complete the Red Card class. Be prepared for long hours, 14 day assignments out of area and possibly remote. If you live outside of the Mat Su Area, contact your local Forestry or BLM Area office.

Fire Medic Information: The program hires and fields EMTs in support of incidents throughout Alaska. The Fire Medic Program training is put on in April of each year. A notice is sent out to FNSB Fire/EMS departments with details. The program hires all levels of EMTs. For more information contact Lezelda Fiebig in Mat Su at 414-9349 lezelda.fiebig@alaska.gov or in Fairbanks, Jon Thomas, Program Coordinator, at 907-356-5869 jthomas@blm.gov.

Permanent Employment: The Division of Forestry recruits employees online at Workplace Alaska (<http://doa.alaska.gov/dop/workplace/>). The DOF commonly recruits Wildland Fire Dispatchers, Office Assistants, Wildland Fire Technicians, and crewmembers for the Gannett Glacier Crew (T2IA), White Mountain Crew (T2IA), and Pioneer Peak Hotshots (IHC). Successful applicants generally have several years of wildland/municipal fire experience and/or a degree in fire science, forestry, or related field. Questions about Workplace Alaska can be answered at 1-800-587-0430. A person interested in employment should build an applicant profile in order to be ready to submit an application when an opening occurs.

Information for Pioneer Peak Interagency Hotshots can be found at <http://www.pioneerpeakihc.com>

Information for Gannett Glacier Type 2 IA Crew can be found at <http://www.gannettglacier.com>

Information for the UAF Fire Crew can be found at <http://www.uaf.edu/iac/programs/fire-science/>, or call 907-474-6334.

Information for the Yukon Fire Crew can be found at: <http://www.chugachmiut.org>. If you have specific questions, please call 907-562-4155.

Information for the Tanana Chiefs Conference Crew can be found at: <http://www.tananachiefs.org>, or call 907-452-8251, extension 3379; toll free at 1-800-478-6822 from within Alaska; or 1-800-770-8251 from the Lower 48.

BLM-Alaska Fire Service Jobs: (Interagency Hotshot Crews, Smokejumpers, North Stars, and Fire Suppression Specialists) Information regarding federal jobs may be obtained from the Federal Jobs Information Hotline at 1-800-237-3656 or the Alaska Fire Service Personnel Office at 907-356-5785. To apply for BLM jobs, go to the USA Jobs website at: www.usajobs.gov. You will have to register and establish a User Name and Password to enter your resume. Once you do, you can use the resume to apply for federal government jobs with many different agencies including Bureau of Land Management, Fish & Wildlife Service, and National Park Service.

Applications for the North Star Fire Crew can be found online at <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/afs/fireops/northstars.php>, or call 1-800-258-7706.

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<p>(907) McGrath 524-3010 Palmer 761-6300 Copper River/Valdez 822-5534 Tok 883-1400 Delta 895-4225 Fairbanks 451-2626 Soldotna 260-4200</p>	<p>Upper Yukon (UYD): Arctic Village, Stevens, Eagle, Venetie, Fort Yukon Tanana (TAD): Allakaket, Hughes, Minto, Tanana, Galena (GAD): Ambler, Buckland, Galena, Grayling, Holy Cross, Huslia, Kaltag, Kiana, Koyuk, Koyukuk, Marshall, Mt. Village, Noorvik, Nulato, Pilot Station, Ruby, Selawik, Shungnak, St. Marys, St. Micheal, Stebbins</p>