

EMERGENCY FIREFIGHTER

2017 Hiring Information

AK Division of Forestry



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*.

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 office or at your local forestry office..
- 2) Complete the annual *Fireline Safety Refresher* and fitness test at your local forestry office.

If you **have not** worked as an Emergency Firefighter, you must:

- 1) Complete step 1 above.
- 2) Successfully complete basic *Firefighter Training*.
- 3) Pass a fitness test.

Basic Firefighter Training is a 40-hour course available at the University of Alaska Fairbanks Community and Technical College (907-474-6334), or the AK Division of Forestry. 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*, and *IS-700 National Incident Management System, An Introduction*. Certification as “Firefighter Type 2” requires completion of all elements of the training curriculum.

Annual 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.

<i>Fitness Requirement</i>	<i>Test</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Red Card Qualification</i>
Arduous	Pack Test	3-mile hike with 45-pound pack in 45 minutes	Firefighter (FFT2), CRWB, ENGB
Moderate	Field Test	2-mile hike with 25-pound pack in 30 minutes	STEN, STEQ, STPS, CREP, HMGB, FOBS
Light	Walk Test	1-mile hike in 16 minutes, no pack	INVF, STAM, HEB2, SITL, BCMB,
None	None	N/A	PTRC, RADO, ABRO

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Temporary Employment: Individuals seeking employment must complete the steps outlined above. There is no guarantee of fire fighting 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 clerical, warehouse, driving, or other types of employment, you must submit an EFF application to Job Service. If you live outside of the Fairbanks Area, contact your local Forestry or BLM Area office.

Alaska Division of Forestry	BLM Alaska Fire Service 1-800-258-7706
McGrath 524-3010 Palmer 716-6300 Copper River/Valdez 822-5534 Tok 883-1400 Delta 895-4225 Fairbanks 451-2635 Soldotna 260-4200	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

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

Information for the Yukon Fire Crew can be found online at <http://www.chugachmiut.org>, or call 907-562-4155.

Information for the Tanana Chiefs Conference Crew can be found online at <http://www.tananachiefs.org>, or call 907-452-8251 ext. 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, 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.

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 Jon Thomas, Program Coordinator, at 356-5869 or jthomas@blm.gov.

2016 EFF Wages: Firefighter EFF 3 - \$14.73, Squad Boss 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).