

ANNOUNCEMENT

2018 ALASKA ADVANCED WILDLAND FIREFIGHTER ACADEMY MCGRATH, ALASKA- MAY 14-31



THE DIVISION OF FORESTRY (DOF) WILL CONDUCT THE ACADEMY AND PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH MEALS, LODGING, FIRE SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT.

Students must provide their own transportation to McGrath and back home. Assistance with travel expenses may be available for students from their respective Native organizations.

The academy is designed to increase the level of knowledge and skills for entry level firefighters. The course includes training in the use of portable pumps and water, chainsaws, air operations, basic land navigation, leadership, and safety. Students will receive Red Card certifications for Firefighter Type 1-Trainee (Squad Boss), Helicopter Crewmember-Trainee, and Basic Faller-Trainee. Students will have the opportunity to initiate task books and work on certification in these positions. Employment opportunities may be available as short-term employees and as Emergency Firefighters for the coming fire season.

Target Audience:

- Type 2 crew members, single resource EFF, WFRTI/II

Prerequisites:

- Qualified as a Wildland Firefighter Type 2 (FFT2)
- Satisfactory completion of all pre-course work
- Have the ability to pass an arduous fitness test
- Be sponsored by a Division of Forestry Area Office
- Submit an application to the sponsoring Division of Forestry Area Office

For more information please contact your local Division of Forestry Office:

<u>Area Office</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>City & Zip Code</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>	<u>Primary Contact</u>	<u>E-mail</u>
Fairbanks Area	3700 Airport Way	Fairbanks, AK 99709	907-451-2636	Gordon Amundson	Gordon.amundson@alaska.gov
Delta Area	PO Box 1149	Delta Jct, AK 99737	907-895-4225	Mike Goyette	Michael.Goyette@alaska.gov
Tok Area	PO Box 10	Tok, AK 99780	907-883-1400	Peter Talus	Peter.Talus@alaska.gov
Valdez-Copper River	PO Box 185	Glennallen, AK 99588	907-822-5534	Mike Trimmer	Mike.Trimmer@alaska.gov
McGrath Office	PO Box 130	McGrath, AK 99627	907-761-6302	Norm McDonald	Norman.McDonald@alaska.gov
Palmer Office	101 Airport Road	Palmer, AK 99645	907-761-6325	Phil Blydenburgh	Phillip.Blydenburgh@alaska.gov
Kenai-Kodiak Area	42499 Sterling Highway	Soldotna, AK 99669	907-260-4200	Howard Kent	Howard.Kent@alaska.gov

**ADDITIONAL COURSE INFORMATION WILL BE SENT TO TYPE 2 CREW BOSSES AND DOF OFFICES DURING
JANUARY 2018**

ALASKA ADVANCED WILDLAND FIREFIGHTER ACADEMY TRAINING APPLICATION — MAY 14 — 31, 2018 IN MCGRATH, ALASKA

*The Alaska Advanced Wildland Firefighter Academy is a DOF Training Program funded by the State
The State of Alaska is an equal opportunity service provider*

This application will be scored and rated in the selection process for applicants. Division of Forestry sponsorship is required.

Application is due at your local wildland fire Division of Forestry Office no later than March 15, 2018 (early applications will be accepted)

Students must provide their own transportation to McGrath and back home. Assistance with travel expenses may be available for students from their respective Native organizations.

ACADEMY OVERVIEW— The academy will be conducted in McGrath, Alaska from Monday, May 14th, to Thursday, May 31st (May 14 and May 30th afternoon-May 31st are travel days).

Participants who are not regular employees of the State of Alaska will be registered as volunteers by their sponsoring Division of Forestry Area Office. No compensation will be paid for volunteer hours. Participants will arrive on the day before classes begin to check-in and go through orientation. Participants will arrive having completed all pre-course work assignments.

The academy will consist of a closed campus. Participants will remain in designated areas. Sleeping accommodations will be provided in McGrath and will be camping or agency provided housing when available. The McGrath facility is set up with a bath house and dining hall. Participants will be provided with meals and refreshments. A typical academy day will start with physical fitness training, followed by 10-12 hours of classroom and/or practical exercise instruction, with meal breaks. Evening sessions may be conducted throughout the academy. Participants are expected to take part in all activities provided. Little personal time will be allotted during the academy. The academy will be hard work, and successful participants will be immersed in a rewarding learning and skill-building experience.

Advanced Academy Application Instructions:

Please complete the application and return it to your sponsoring Division of Forestry Area Office by March 15, 2018 (contact information listed below).

Application Requirements:

1. You must have a valid/active email account which you check regularly. Email is how we will communicate with you before and after the Academy.
2. You must have ready access to the internet and a computer. You will be required to complete considerable online pre-work.
3. You must have already taken the basic wildland firefighter courses (S-130, S-190, I-100, IS-700 & L-180) before the start of the academy and be Firefighter Type 2 (FFT2) qualified.

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NAME (full name as it appears on gov't issued photo Identification):

Do you have a government issued photo Identification? Yes ___No___

Identification Type: ___Alaska Drivers License ___Alaska ID ___Tribal ID ___Passport ___Other

Primary Phone #: _____

Additional Contact (Cell, Message, or Pager #): _____

E-Mail Address (you must have a valid email account which you check regularly): _____

Mailing Address (to send pre-work and certificates to):

Emergency contact Name and Phone #: _____

Are you at least 18 years of age? Yes ___No___

Are you applying as a: ___Type 2 Crewmember Type 2 Crew Name: _____

Are you applying as a: ___Single Resource-EFF ___WFRTI/II ___ Other

Do you have a current Red Card rating of Firefighter Type 2 (FFT2)? Yes___ No___

(This is a requirement to attend the Academy)

You will be required to pass a Work Capacity Pack (Arduous) Test.

http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/safety/wct/2002/brochure_2002.pdf Do you understand this test and are you prepared to meet this requirement? Yes___ No___

Student Clothing Sizes/PPE Information:

<u>Clothing Type</u>	<u>XS</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>XL</u>	<u>XXL</u>	<u>XXXL</u>
T-Shirt							
Nomex Shirt							

Nomex Pant Size: _____

Please answer the following questions to the best of your ability. If you need more room, please add additional sheets.

I. Tell us what experience or qualities you have that makes you well suited to take this academy?

II. What two things do you routinely do that demonstrates you work hard?

1) _____
2) _____

III. List two examples when you have been successful working with others.

1) _____
2) _____

IV. List two examples when you have been successful at learning new skills.

1) _____
2) _____

V. What three qualities do you have that make you a good member of a team?

1) _____
2) _____
3) _____

VI. What two personal or professional accomplishments are you most proud of?

1) _____
2) _____

VII. From the description of this training, which two items are you most excited about?

1) _____
2) _____

Provide names and contacts for two references who are not relatives (we are not obliged to contact references):

Name: _____ Phone # _____

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****You need to ask yourself now, and be prepared to answer during the selection process: "Are you mentally and physically prepared to commit to this 15-day academy?" ** 1
THIS IS A VERY PHYSICAL ACADEMY**

1- If you are selected for and attend the academy, you will be expected to commit to stay for the full duration of the academy and abide by the rules of conduct. A serious violation of rules will be considered as your decision to leave the academy early. Transportation to and from McGrath to home is the student responsibility. Training certificates will not be issued to students leaving the academy early. If you chose to leave the academy early, you may jeopardize future firefighting training and employment opportunities.

I understand and agree to these conditions: _____
Signature of Applicant Date

This student is being sponsored by the Division of Forestry:

Student Name: _____ Area Office Name: _____

If the applicant is chosen to participate, the sponsoring DOF Area Office will be responsible for:

- (a) registering the non-employee participant as a volunteer of the sponsoring Area Forestry Office
- (b) facilitate, with the participant, the completion of required pre-work
- (c) **confirm with student ahead of time that travel arrangements have been completed (transportation to and from the academy is the responsibility of the student)**
- (d) providing the participant with ongoing opportunities and mentorship to further her/his continued development.

Signature of FMO or authorized person

Title

Date

**ADDITIONAL COURSE INFORMATION WILL BE SENT OUT TO SELECTED STUDENTS AFTER THE
NOMINATION DUE DATE OF MARCH 15, 2018**