



PREPAREDNESS



2024 ACADEMY

Well Trained, Equipped, and Available Workforce.

WILDLAND FIRE ACADEMIES

Alaska Division of Forestry & Fire Protection hosts annual wildland fire training academies with the intent of **building capable, professional, local Alaskan firefighters and building capacity in the Alaskan workforce.** These academies were made possible through funding allocated by the Alaska State Legislature.

ACADEMY LOCATIONS

CHUGIAK - BASIC & INTERMEDIATE ACADEMIES

FAIRBANKS - INITIAL ATTACK ACADEMY

PALMER - PREVENTION ACADEMY

VIRTUAL - BASIC FIREFIGHTER TRAINING

90 cadets graduated from 2024 Academies

77 cadets worked for DOF in 2024

STATEWIDE TRAINING PROGRAM

The Alaska Division of Forestry & Fire Protection training program aims to maintain a qualified and safe workforce, ready to respond to wildland fires and other emergencies.

TRAINING LOCATIONS

FAIRBANKS	PALMER	MCGRATH
DELTA	GLENALLEN	CHEVAK
TOK	KENAI	HOOPER BAY
KALSKAG	QUINHAGAK	NIKOLAI

Completed required, annual training for 1000+ firefighters

Hosted 31 wildland fire courses across Alaska

Completed Basic Firefighter Training for 150 new firefighters

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Our Mission

Safely manage wildland fires that pose a threat to life, property, natural resources and critical infrastructure on 150 million acres of land throughout the State of Alaska.



Our Vision

The fire program contains four primary functions of **Preparedness, Prevention, Mitigation, and Suppression.** These functions work together to achieve the goals of having fire adapted communities, fewer human-caused wildfires, a well-trained and available workforce, and reducing suppression costs while providing increased public safety.



Suppression

Safe, effective wildfire response.



Preparedness

Well trained, equipped, and available workforce.



Prevention

Public education, enforcement, and community outreach.



Mitigation

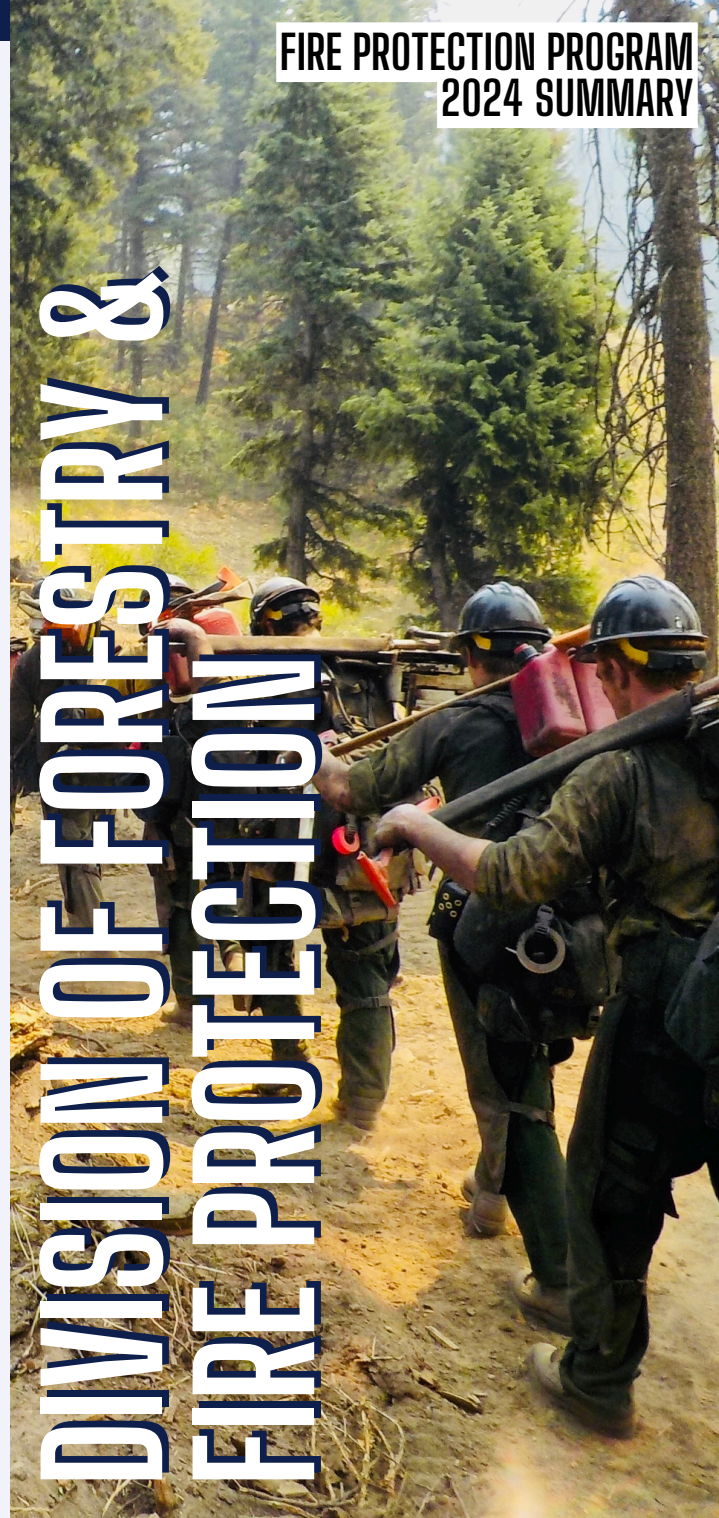
Resilient landscapes & fire adapted communities.



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FIRE PROTECTION PROGRAM 2024 SUMMARY

DIVISION OF FORESTRY &
FIRE PROTECTION



State of Alaska
Department of Natural Resources



PREVENTION



2024 PREVENTION ACADEMY

Public Education, Enforcement, and Community Outreach



SUPPRESSION

The Division of Forestry & Fire Protection employs 370 staff in the Fire Program and additionally employs approximately 300 Emergency Firefighters during fire season. The division operates out of 7 area offices across the state in two regions:

Northern Region: Fairbanks, Delta, Tok
Coastal Region: Palmer, Glennallen, Soldotna, McGrath



MITIGATION



TOK FUEL BREAK

Resilient Landscapes and Fire Adapted Communities.

PREVENTION OFFICERS

DOF hosted the nation's first Wildland Prevention Academy in 2024. 23 students participated in a 10-day workshop to learn about public education, prevention, fire investigation, Alaska wildland fire protection laws, and the compliance-enforcement program.

2024 PREVENTION STAFF SUMMARY

- 18 LIMITED COMMISSIONED PEACE OFFICERS
- 13 NWCG QUALIFIED FIRE INVESTIGATORS
- 7 FIRE INVESTIGATOR TRAINEES

ENFORCEMENT

Prevention Officers not only educate the public, they are **investigators** and **enforcement officers**.

The program primarily emphasizes public outreach, education, and compliance, and only resorts to enforcement when warranted.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

DOF attended **86 outreach events** in 2024 in **29 different communities** across Alaska.

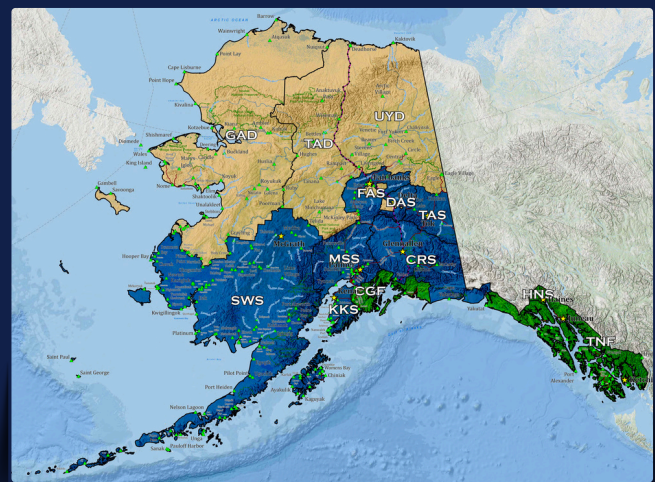


PUBLIC EDUCATION



196,000 members of the public were reached by DOF at in-person events in 2024.

Public education & outreach is a shared responsibility across DOF.



- DOF FIRE STAFF**
- 220 Initial Attack Firefighters
- 150 Support Staff
- 300 Emergency Firefighters
- ENGINES**
- 4 Type 4
- 25 Type 6
- 20 Type 7
- 2 Strike Teams

- CREWS**
- Pioneer Peak IHC
- Gannett Glacier Type 2 IA
- White Mountain Type 2 IA
- Tanana Chiefs Type 2 IA
- Yukon Type 2 IA
- EFF Type 2 Crews (5-10)
- AVIATION**
- 2 Airtankers
- 7 Helicopters
- 2 Detection/ Lead Planes
- 2 Logistics Aircraft
- 1 Air Attack/ Birddog
- 8 Unmanned Aerial Systems

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HAZARDOUS FUEL REDUCTION

In 2024, DOF managed **11 active fuel breaks** protecting **16 communities** and **completed 51 additional miles** of new fuel breaks. There are 505 miles of additional fuel break projects planned.

- FAIRBANKS
- HAYSTACK
- VISTA GOLD
- DELTA
- ANDERSON
- TOK
- GLENALLEN
- SOLDOTNA
- MCGRATH
- TAKOTNA
- NIKOLAI
- TELIDA
- CASWELL
- MEADOW LAKES
- HOUSTON
- KENAI

FUEL DISPOSAL

In partnership with local governments, DOF provides disposal sites to **safely manage woody debris from residential properties**. This initiative helps prevent accidental fires, mitigates Spruce Beetle impacts, and reduces overall fuel loads.

- TOK
- DELTA
- DENALI BOROUGH
- COOPER LANDING
- MAT-SU BOROUGH
- KENAI
- SOLDOTNA
- HOPE

COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLANS

8 new or updated CWPPs are in progress with DOF support.



- COPPER RIVER AREA
- DELTA AREA
- TOK AREA
- DENALI BOROUGH
- NENANA
- TETLIN
- ANCHORAGE MUNI
- FAIRBANKS BOROUGH