



PREPAREDNESS



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.



FIRE PROTECTION 2025 SUMMARY

DIVISION OF FORESTRY & FIRE PROTECTION



State of Alaska
Department of Natural Resources



2025 ACADEMY

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
- SOLDOTNA - ADMINISTRATORS ACADEMY
- PALMER - AK ENGINE ACADEMY (TRAIN THE TRINOR)
- VIRTUAL - BASIC FIREFIGHTER TRAINING

97 cadets graduated from 2025 Academies
75 cadets worked for DOF in 2025

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

ANCHORAGE	TOK	NORTH POLE
BIG LAKE	JBER	SHAGELUK
CHEVAK	KENAI	SOLDOTNA
EAGLE RIVER	PALMER	SUTTON
FAIRBANKS	WASILLA	HOOPER BAY
GALENA	MCGRATH	TAZLINA
	CHUGIAK	

Completed required annual training for **1271 firefighters**
Hosted **104 wildland fire courses** across Alaska
Completed Basic Firefighter Training for **178 new firefighters**



PREVENTION



2025 ACADEMY

Public Education, Enforcement, and Community Outreach

PREVENTION OFFICERS

- 16 COMMISSIONED PEACE OFFICERS
- 14 NWCG QUALIFIED FIRE INVESTIGATORS
- 7 FIRE INVESTIGATOR TRAINEES

Prevention Officers help reduce human-caused wildfires through **patrols, education, and permit enforcement**.

Their strong field presence and collaboration with the public helped Alaska avoid an emergency burn ban in 2025, even at Preparedness Levels 4 and 5.

ENFORCEMENT

When violations occur, Prevention Officers investigate wildfire causes, issue citations, and enforce burn regulations.

Most public contacts result in **education and voluntary compliance**, reflecting the program's **focus on awareness and prevention** over penalties.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

DOF attended **184 outreach events** in 2025 in **24 different communities** across Alaska.



PUBLIC EDUCATION

95,926 members of the public were reached by DOF at in-person events in 2025.

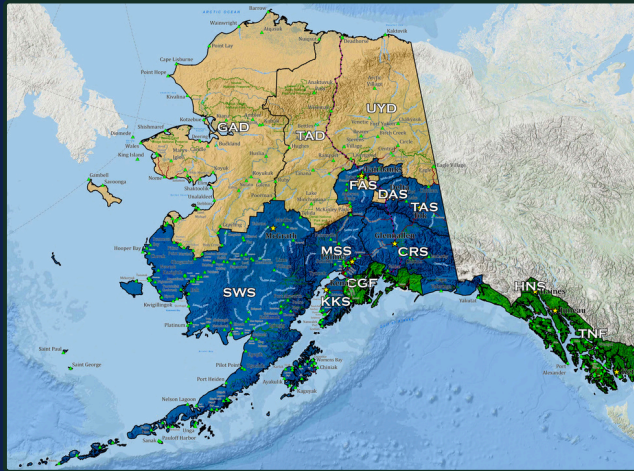
Public education & outreach is a shared responsibility across DOF.



SUPPRESSION

The Division of Forestry & Fire Protection employs **355 staff** in the Fire Program and additionally employs approximately **370 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



DOF FIRE STAFF

- 215 Initial Attack Firefighters
- 140 Support Staff
- 370 Emergency Firefighters

ENGINES

- 4 Type 4
- 26 Type 6
- 25 Type 7
- 1 Strike Team

CREWS

- Pioneer Peak IHC
- Gannett Glacier Type 2 IA
- White Mountain Type 2 IA
- EFF Type 2 Crews (5-10)

AVIATION

- 2 Airtankers
- 7 Helicopters
- 2 Logistics Aircraft
- 2 Multi-Mission Aircraft
- 8 Unmanned Aerial Systems

Our programs work together to achieve the goals of **having fire adapted communities, fewer human-caused wildfires, a well-trained and available work force, and reducing suppression costs** while providing **increased public safety**.



MITIGATION



TOK FUEL BREAK

Resilient Landscapes and Fire Adapted Communities.

HAZARDOUS FUEL REDUCTION

In 2025, DOF managed **16 active fuel breaks, completed 8 fuel breaks**. There are over 20 additional fire breaks planned.

COMPLETED FUEL BREAKS

- EAST WEST CONNECTOR
- MAUD ROAD PHASE #1
- HARDING LAKE CHIP REMOVAL
- EAGLE TRAIL STATE RECREATION SITE
- EAGLE TRAIL SUBDIVISION
- MOOSE NUGGET EXTENSION
- RED FOX
- LEUTHOLD COURT

FUEL DISPOSAL

In partnership with local governments, DOF provides **12 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.

- DELTA
- TOK
- HOPE
- ANCHORAGE
- NENANA (IN PROGRESS)
- CANTWELL

- STERLING
- KENAI
- SOLDOTNA
- DILLINGHAM
- KENAI
- (2 IN DEVELOPMENT)

COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLANS



13 new CWPPs are in progress with DOF support, covering **33 communities**.