



THE FIRE FLYER

Newsletter for Alaska's
Fire Service and Building Professionals

June 2007

The Fire Flyer is back!!!!

We are pleased to, once again, be able to publish the Fire Flyer. To give you a little historical perspective, issue No. 1 of the original Fire Flyer was published in March of 1990. Sylvester "Sam" Neal was the State Fire Marshal and Tom Take was the Fire Service Training Coordinator. In issue No. 2 the leading stories included Chief Frank Monsey, of Seldovia, being named "Citizen of the Year", and Barry Jennings returned to Alaska to replace Tom Monk (Monker) as the North Pole Fire Chief. Oh yea, Chief Rocky Ansell, of Copper Center fame, also took on the additional responsibilities of Fire Chief for Glennallen after Chief Sprecker retired. They were all so much younger then.

In the late 1990's, due to budget cuts at the state, the Fire Flyer ceased to exist. It was an all too important victim of the budget axe. Now with the advent of computers and e-mail we are once again able to put together a newsletter to share information without incurring the costs of paper and postage.

The purpose of this quarterly newsletter is to share information. As you read through this you'll see articles and information from our three bureaus, the Life Safety Inspection Bureau, the Plan Review Bureau, and the Training and Education Bureau. You'll be kept up to date with current statewide statistics, and the latest fire prevention information. You will also find a current fire service training calendar in each issue.

This newsletter has historically been geared to the fire service. We want to expand this to cover the needs of all of our partners. Hence, we are also going to be including information that should interest building professionals from across the state.

The Fire Flyer will also include a section for fire departments and building officials where information can be shared with the rest of the state. You can talk about things that work, and things that don't. In this newsletter we are including two success stories. It is important that we continue to learn from each other. There will also be a free classified ad section. You can list your surplus items and/or items that you need.

The AAFAI is back too!!

The Alaska Association of Fire and Arson Investigators is making a come back. A teleconference was held on June 4th. Those members present voted to have Gary Hale be the President, Jerry Gentile - Vice President, and Leslie Quelland - Secretary/Treasurer. These appointments will be for one year or until the next general membership meeting. You will be hearing more from these folks as they try to build this organization back up. If you would like more information or find out how to join contact Gary Hale at (907) 262-4792.

Letter from the State Fire Marshal

Greetings,

I have to start by saying what an honor and privilege it is to serve you and the State of Alaska as the 12th State Fire Marshal. There is a lot of work ahead, and with all of your help we just might get some of it done.

The past three months have been very busy. I'll try to briefly outline some of the things that have been going on. In May Carol Olson, John Cawthon and I went to the ICC Code Hearings in Rochester, New York. This was a long six days of listening to testimony, and voting, on proposed code changes. Two issues that failed to make it into the code were residential sprinklers and CO detectors. We will have to keep working with the building industry until we can come to terms on these life saving issues.

We came close this year to getting "General Fund" funding for the Alaska Fire Standards Council (AFSC). I would like to thank everyone who made calls, wrote letters, and sent POM's. Since we did not get this funding we still had to find a way to deal up the problem of certifying courses during this upcoming year. Certifying firefighting courses is a top priority for the Division of Fire Prevention. With the support of Commissioner Monegan I made some changes to our organization so that we could continue to provide this important service. First we eliminated the South Central Fire Training Specialist position. Unfortunately this required that we lay off Mr. Paul Sanchez. With the funds realized from this we are going to fill the clerks position for the AFSC. Any remaining funds will go into the operating budget for the AFSC. With this reorganization, plus the revenue from the certification charges approved by the AFSC, we will be able to continue to certify firefighter courses throughout the state.

Fire Safe Cigarettes have passed the legislature. We are currently waiting for the final paperwork to be completed so that the Governor can sign it. Again, there was a great deal of support from the Fire Service Community in Alaska to accomplish this. I would like to offer a special thanks to AFCA President Warren Cummings, AFCA President Carol Reed, and AFCA Legislative Liaison Jason Elson for their many hours of hard work to make this an extremely successful session for the fire service.

I am currently working on a "Field Training Program" for our Deputy Fire Marshal's. At this time they are Commissioned Officers, but are not certified by the Alaska Police Standards Council. This field training program will open the door for this certification. The ultimate goal of this is to allow our DFM's to do fire investigations cradle to grave. As it stands right now, once we have determined that a crime has been committed we turn the case over to the Alaska Bureau of Investigations (ABI). Once the DFM's are certified we will be able to take on these cases and see them through to completion.

I hope you find the Fire Flyer to be a useful communications tool. Please let us know if there is anything else you would like to see put in here.

If any of you have any questions, or need assistance from our office please give me a call.

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Plan Review Bureau

The Division of Fire Prevention began the process of adopting the 2006 International Building, Fire, Mechanical and Fuel Gas Codes. Although we were hoping for a smooth transition from the 2003 codes to the 2006 codes, the public comment period revealed much objection regarding the Fuel Gas code. It appears there are conflicts between the Uniform Plumbing code, which has been adopted by the State Department of Labor and the Fuel Gas Code. The conflict was resolved and only partial sections of the Fuel Gas Code were adopted that are not in conflict with the Uniform Plumbing Code.

Notable changes in the 2006 amendments to the International Codes include:

- * The adoption of Chapter 11, the American with Disabilities (ADA) chapter. We will review and inspect for means of egress and accessible route, including related components.
- * Additionally, all R-1's (hotels, motels) will now be required to be sprinklered for new construction. The R-2's (apartments) will be sprinklered when they have more than two stories, or more than 16 dwelling or sleeping units. Keeping consistent with previous years, all R-4's shall be sprinklered.
- * A new Section 422 has been added regarding the requirement for carbon monoxide detection in groups I-1, I-2, and all R occupancies.
- * Fire system permits are now permitted for three years instead of two years.

The adoption of the 2006 code amendments into regulation should be completed soon. We are hoping by the end of June 2007. When they are finalized, they will be made available on our website at www.akburny.com.

Areas in the state that are seeing a surge in development and within the State Fire Marshals Office jurisdiction are Eagle River and North Slope Oil and Gas Development.

- * Eagle River will be expanding their existing Walmart store by 73,000 square feet and the Carrs store is doing an extensive complete remodel.
- * North Slope Oil and Gas is developing the Oooguruk Field Development, a drill site and production facilities located on a man made island located in Harrison Bay.

Life Safety Inspection Bureau



The Deputy Fire Marshals of the Life Safety Inspection Bureau are in very easy terms, the enforcers of fire code in this vast state. Building inspections, assisting with plans reviews, and fire/arson investigations are just the main categories of what their duties and responsibilities may encompass on any given day. All operational functions for the bureau fall under the supervising deputy. Currently, that position is being filled by Lloyd Nakano on an acting supervisory basis.

The remaining deputies are responsible for various regions throughout the state. Tom DePeter and Bob Plumb are charged with code enforcement in the Fairbanks and Juneau regions. The Anchorage/Matsu regional office is staffed by John Bond, Nathan Rocheleau, and Kevin Hunter. Each Deputy Fire Marshal has extensive knowledge of regulatory codes and NFPA standards. Recently all the deputies attended training provided by the International Code Council for code changes and updates. Our clerical support comes from Amy Gamboa-Noket in Anchorage, Susan Tullo in Fairbanks, and Nicole Moore in Juneau.

Additionally, the deputies must attend the Alaska State Trooper Academy in Sitka for basic law enforcement training. Deputy Rocheleau graduated on June 7th and Deputy Hunter is scheduled to attend the academy in early August. This training teaches the basic law enforcement knowledge and tactics, which will assist the deputies in their function as code enforcement officials. It prepares them for identifying possible trends in fire starting, aiding communities with identifying fire starters, and with “cradle to grave” prosecution responsibilities of fire starters.

Fires in Alaska have already impacted our communities by taking nine of our fellow Alaskans from us. There have been a vast number of properties that have been lost so far this year as well. Facilities like the Seldovia Lodge, a housing unit on Ft. Richardson, and the Susitna Junior/Senior High in Talkeetna have been totally destroyed by fire this year. These fires were investigated by the Life Safety Inspection Bureau. The Ft. Richardson fire investigation was a joint tasking between the Federal, State, and Municipal fire entities.

Fire and life safety is an incredibly huge responsibility and undertaking, one that the bureau and the division are dedicated to seeing fulfilled. With the aid of deferred jurisdiction fire departments and outlying state trooper posts the deputies attempt to make Alaska safer.

Life Safety Inspection Bureau

The following information is intended to help clarify what the responsibilities of the Deputy Fire Marshal's are, and what the call out procedure is.

Alaska Administrative Code

13 AAC 52.010. Investigation of fires

(a) The state fire marshal, or the marshal's authorized representative, will, in the marshal's discretion, investigate, or cause to be investigated, the origin, cause, and circumstances of each fire occurring in the state which is of suspicious nature or which involves loss of life, or serious injury to a person, or by which property is destroyed or substantially damaged. The investigation will begin as soon as practical. If it appears that a fire is of suspicious origin, the fire marshal must be immediately notified of the facts by the investigating officer.

(b) At any time during the course of a fire investigation, the state fire marshal will, in the marshal's discretion, post at the entrance to a building or premises, a notice to read "KEEP OUT. BY ORDER OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL." After the sign is posted, it is unlawful for persons other than those authorized by the state fire marshal to enter the premises so posted.

OPM 7.010 (The OPM is the Department of Public Safety Operational Procedure Manual)

C. Additional functions and programs of the Division

Provide technical investigation of fires involving death, serious injury, large dollar loss, or crime in support of criminal case investigation by AST.

OPM 120.010 – 120.030 (summary of sections)

FIRE INVESTIGATION PRIORITIES

Staffing and fiscal constraints in the Division of Fire Prevention do not allow the routine

Investigation of all fires. Fires that will normally be investigated by the Division of Fire Prevention include the following:

- a. Fires that result in a fatality or serious injury.
- b. Fires that involve a substantial loss of property (\$500,000 or more).
- c. Fires which appear to be intentionally caused as part of an insurance fraud or other criminal activity.
- d. Fires which will have a significant public impact.
- e. Fires which indicate trends or a serious consumer safety problem.
- f. Any fire that involves Department of Public Safety facilities or equipment.

2. The Division of Fire Prevention does have the authority to investigate other fires within the state as outlined in AS 18.70.030.

To request a Deputy Fire Marshal to respond to your fire, call the MatCom Dispatch Center at (907) 352-5401. Of course you will get a phone menu, press 1 for dispatch. Tell them that you are requesting a Deputy Fire Marshal. Then give them the reason for the request (fatality - serious injury - fire loss exceeding \$500,000, etc...). They will contact one of our supervisors who will evaluate the request. This should clear up some of the problems we have had with this in the past. If you have any questions about this, or any problems give us a call at (907) 269-5491.

Training & Education Bureau

The Alaska Training and Education Bureau (TEB) welcomes the Fire Flyer back to distribution.

The Training and Education Bureau is currently in process of taking over management of the Pacific Rim Institute for Safety and Management (PRISM) in Kenai. In May we brought Kirsten Raye to the team as an Associate Coordinator. Kirsten's primary responsibility is the coordination of course deliveries at PRISM. She jumped right in to learning the operation and has worked to expand the operation and offer new classes.

TEB is also adding a Fire Training Administrator to manage PRISM and the South East Fire Training Office in Juneau. We are currently in the hiring process with hopes that the position will be filled by July 2, 2007. That position will be located in Kenai at PRISM.

The other TEB offices are very busy this summer.

The Rural Office will be delivering courses to Kasigluk, Chalkytsik, Tenakee Springs, Sand Point and Whale Pass. Fire Training Specialist Steve Schreck recently completed a Basic Firefighter- Advanced Tactics course in Palmer. This course was made possible through a grant to the Alaska State Firefighter Association from United States Department of Agriculture. The course included a train the trainer for Project Code Red Instructors.

The Northern Office will be delivering courses to Kiana and Noorvik and just completed an inspection and investigation course for the North Slope Borough Fire Department. Fire Training Specialist Bill Hedrick is also working closely with the Port of Valdez and Alyeska chapters of ASFA on the 2007 Joint Fire Conference.

The South East Office is in the middle of the busy marine fire training season with the cruise lines. Fire Training Specialist Todd Kollar delivers fire training to employees of the Princess Cruise lines during their stop overs in Juneau.

Fire Service Awards –

The Division of Fire Prevention is seeking award nominations for the Annual Fire Service Awards. The awards will be announced at the 2007 Joint Fire Service Conference in Valdez.

Please review the criteria located on our website at <http://www.dps.state.ak.us/fire/asp/forms.asp> and take time to recognize the deserving personnel in your organizations.

We must have all nominations to the committee by September 7, 2007. Nominations can be submitted to my office via email, faxed to 907-338-4375 or mailed to:

Alaska Division of Fire Prevention
Training and Education Bureau
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International Fire Service Accreditation Congress Site Visit to South Africa

The Alaska Division of Fire Prevention is a member of the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress. The International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) is a peer driven organization responsible for accrediting fire service certification entities. When a firefighter gains certification under an organization accredited by IFSAC it ensures an employer that the firefighter meets the minimum qualifying international standards accepted in the industry. A person who receives certification as a Firefighter I with an IFSAC seal endorsement from the State of Alaska meets the same standard as a person receiving the certification from 33 US states, the US Department of Defense, 9 Canadian Provinces, South Africa and Oman.

A key component of IFSAC is the Accreditation of Certification programs audit. Members of IFSAC conduct a site visit to accredit certification programs. The IFSAC team reviews testing policies and procedures and observes how those policies and procedures are used. I was selected to participate in the Certification Audit site visit to South African Emergency Services Institute.

The South African Emergency Services Institute (SAESI) is the certification agency responsible for fire and emergency service certification for South Africa and are also expanding into bordering countries such as Namibia.

I started the trip to Johannesburg, Gauteng, South Africa on the evening of May 18th but due to flight schedules and the time difference I did not get to Johannesburg until the morning of May 21st. I traveled with two other IFSAC members; Wayne Bailey, Certification Specialist for North Carolina Fire and Rescue Commission and Brenda Popko, Manager of the Manitoba Emergency Services College.

We were picked up by SAESI representatives on Monday May 21st and taken to the city of Secunda, in Mpumalanga Province. We conducted a site visit at SASOL (South African Coal and Oil), the industrial fire training site that specializes in Hazardous Materials training and certification. (Sasol FT) (Sasol FT 2) We spent an entire day reviewing their testing policies and procedures, written test banks and observing a practical exam.

The next morning the IFSAC team attended a breakfast at Rhino Lodge hosted by SAESI and SASOL. (Rhino Breakfast) While at Rhino Lodge we were given a short tour of the lodge and the surrounding area. Rhino Lodge is a game farm catering to tourists not able to travel to any of the larger parks in the country.

The afternoon of May 23rd we traveled to Johannesburg and started our site visits to several locations of the Johannesburg Fire Department. Our first stop was Boxburg. The Boxburg Training Center specializes in Public Fire and Life Safety Education and Public Information Officer training and certification. We reviewed their policies and procedures and written test banks just as we had at the SASOL site. (IFSAC Team)

May 24th we had a short meeting with the Mayor of Johannesburg, Amos Masando and the Johannesburg Fire Chief Dr. Audry Gule. It just happened to be "Bring your girl child to work day" so we were introduced to the girls in attendance by Chief Gule, she was very pleased that two of the site visit members happened to be women. The City of Johannesburg just initiated a large effort to have their workforce more accurately reflect the population of the community. Having women members on an international body representing the fire service make a good impression on the Fire Chief and the girls attending the meeting.

The rest of the day we visited several Johannesburg fire stations to evaluate certification programs such as Fire Officer, Firefighter I and Firefighter II. Johannesburg Fire Department has approximately 1200 personnel on the fire department. All department personnel are trained by the Johannesburg Fire Department Training Office. They have three main training centers; Boxburg, Brixton and Florida Park. (Ladder Tk), (Training Tower)

All fire stations in Johannesburg include housing for firefighters and their families. Firefighters live within the fire station compound in apartments or condos. This is the housing unit at the Fairview fire station in the Inner City district of Johannesburg. As a safety measure most of the fire stations are surrounded by security fences and high walls. (FF Housing)

Fire apparatus is mostly the same as we have in the United States. This engine was produced by Emergency One, a manufacturer located in Florida. (FL e-one) The most distinct difference I found between emergency services in the US and Johannesburg, is how Paramedics respond to emergency medical calls. Paramedics carry all of their equipment in a small car and respond directly to the call before the ambulance. The paramedic initiates care to stabilize the patient before the ambulance arrives. The patient is then loaded into the ambulance and, if stable, the paramedic returns to the station. This improves the Advanced Life Support coverage for the city. (PM response)

The team met with representatives from SAESI, South African Emergency Services Institute on the final day of the Site Visit to present our findings and offer suggestions and recommendations for changes to improve their programs.

Amazingly it only took 40 hours to return home, much better than the 68 hours it took to get there.

Public Education

Burny



Burny, the mascot for the Alaska Division of Fire Prevention turns 14 this year. In 1987 First Lady Michelle Cowper started the “*Great Alaskan Fire Escape*” program. This program developed an annual fire prevention theme to focus on during October, which is observed as Fire Prevention Month. A theme poster was produced and distributed throughout the state each year to schools and local fire departments.

In 1990 Joe Nedlund with Nedlund Design & Illustration was contracted to produce the prevention poster for the 4th annual “*Great Alaskan Fire Escape*”. Instead of trying to incorporate clip art into the poster, Joe used his illustrative skills and created the Alaska Fire Prevention Bear. The first poster with Burny showed him looking for home safety hazards. The theme was “*Hunt for Home Hazards! Make your Place Firesafe*”. Joe has done every Burny poster since 1990.

Burny did not have a name in 1990, 1991 and 1992. In 1992 a contest was held to give the bear a name. Richard Gandy from Eielson Elementary School on Eielson Air Force Base in Fairbanks came up with the winning entry “Burny”. Richard received a certificate and a Fire Safety Bear replica. Eielson Elementary received a complete set of “Learn Not to Burn” manuals. The 1993 Fire Prevention Poster showed “Burny” with his name printed on his Alaska State Fire Marshal fire helmet.

In 1994 Burny was given a deputy. The younger bear appeared on the 1994 poster with Burny. Burny and his deputy appeared on posters through 1998. There were no posters published in 1999 through 2001. In 2002 Burny and his deputy returned to the Fire Prevention Month poster. The theme for 2002 was; “*Change Your Clocks, Change Your Batteries!*” referring to changing the batteries in your smoke alarms.

In 2005, a contest was designed to give Burny’s deputy a name. Entry forms were sent out statewide with a picture of the deputy to color and name. Bernadette Osborne, a student at Gastineau Elementary won the contest by giving the deputy her first name. The 2005 Fire Prevention poster included Bernadette as the name of Burny’s deputy.

Burny has been used on window decals, glow in the dark stickers, luggage tags and www.akburny.com is a web link to the Alaska Division of Fire Prevention’s web site. Burny will also send a monthly email reminder to the public about checking their smoke alarms and mention specific seasonal safety tips. The public can apply for this service on the Alaska Division of Fire Prevention web page.

In the Spring of 2007 Burny received a voice. KNBQ radio in Wasilla produced radio ads with Burny talking about fire safety.

Alaska 2006 Fire Picture at a Glance

Fire departments reporting to Alaska National Fire Incident Reporting System (ANFIRS) had 50,005 responses in 2006, with 1,030 of these responses reporting mutual aid assistance.

2006 State Incident Summary

Total Responses	50,055
<i>Less Mutual Aid Responses</i>	<i>-1,030</i>
Total Incidents	49,025



2006 State Fire Incident Breakdown:

Structure Fires	838
Confined and/or Contained Inside Structure Fires	499
Motor Vehicle Fires	532
Tree, Brush, or Grass Fires	300
Outside Rubbish or Trash Fires	375
Other Outside Fires	95
Other Fires	33
Total Fires	2,672

2006 State Non-Fire Incident Breakdown:

Rescue/EMS	31,678
Explosion – No After Fire	59
Hazardous Conditions	1,524
Service Calls	3,180
Good Intent Calls	5,192
Other Calls	923
False Alarms	3,797
Total Non-Fires	46,353

2006 Fire Department Time Clock

Every:

- 1 minute fire caused \$142.30 damage
- 11 minutes a fire department responded to a call
- 17 minutes a fire department responded to a rescue call
- 2 hours a fire department responded to a good intent call
- 2 hours a fire department responded to a false call
- 3 hours a fire department responded to a fire call
- 3 hours a fire department responded to a service call
- 6 hours a fire department responded to a hazardous call
- 7 hours a fire department responded to a structure fire
- 16 hours a fire department responded to a vehicle fire
- 9 hours a fire department responded to a residential fire

Alaska 2006 Fire Picture at a Glance

The following information has been submitted by fire departments to the State Fire Marshal's Office. The primary source of data used is the Alaska National Fire Incident Reporting System (ANFIRS).

Important: The data presented in this profile does not represent 100% of the fires that occurred in the state. Rather, it is a sum of the fires reported to the State Fire Marshal's Office from the fire departments participating in ANFIRS.

This information may be used to give a general picture of the fire incidents in the State of Alaska. Without everyone's cooperation the information does not show a complete picture of the fire problem in Alaska.

Fires

Fire attended by Alaska Fire Departments decreased from the year of 2005 by 2% to 2672.
Fires in structures increased from the year of 2005 by 8% to 1337.
Residential properties accounted for 75% or 998 of all structure fires.

Fire Deaths

Civilian fire deaths increased from the year of 2005 by 5% to 21. Twenty or 95% of civilian fire fatalities occurred in residential structures.
Eighty-one percent of all civilian fatalities, alcohol and/or drugs was a contributing factor to the fire and/or victim.

Fire Injuries

Civilian fire injuries decreased from the year 2005 by 19% or 37.
Firefighter injuries decreased from the year 2005 by 43% to 16.

Property Damage

Property loss increased from the year 2005 by 37% to \$74,742,621.
Structure fires caused \$72,279,755 or 97% of all property damage.
Residential property losses were \$49,993,955 or 69% of all structure property loss.

Intentional Fires

Structure fires that were reported as intentional were down from the year 2005 by 6% to 82.
Intentional structure fires accounted for 7% of all structure fires.
Intentional structure fires accounted for 20% or \$14,310,458 of all structure property dollar loss.
Intentional fires resulted in 5 civilian and 2 firefighter fire injuries.
Intentional fires resulted in 4 or 19% of civilian fire deaths.

Statistics collected and prepared by Marie Collins.

Success Stories

Steese Area

Volunteer Fire Department



On Friday June 1st 2007, the Steese Area Volunteer Fire Department dedicated the new Firehouse #1 off of 1.5 mile Farmer's Loop Road and named the \$2.4 million building the " William C. Leary Steese Firehouse " . It's the second firehouse to carry the late firefighter's name. Leary who died in 1980 after suffering a heart attack at age 45, was a respected and loved chief who inspired many young firefighters.

Coming up with the building's name was easy. Leary was the first fire chief at Steese and an assistant fire chief at the University Fire Department, but he was also a family friend and mentor to Flynn. In 1977, Flynn quit working construction and became a firefighter at Leary's encouragement. "He was a fine leader to follow," Flynn said.

The 6,200-square-foot building replaces a 4,000 square-foot fire station a quarter mile away that is sinking into the permafrost land and was in poor condition .

It took 10 years to establish funding for the new building, said Mitch Flynn, fire chief. Local taxpayers paid for a little more than half of the building, while the state kicked in the remaining funding. The project used a "Design/Build" process that yielded a well designed structure that fit's well into the neighborhood. The Fairbanks North Star Borough Public Works Department managed the project with skill and dedicated hard work.

The dedication ceremony was attended by the Steese Fire Service Area Commission, Steese Inc. Board of Directors, the building's architects, the contractor (Stanton Construction) several current and past Steese founding members, area firefighters/medics, Fairbanks North Star Borough Mayor Jim Whitaker, Representative Mike Kelly, R-Fairbanks, Senator Joe Thomas, D-Fairbanks, and many community members.

State Representative Mike Kelly, FNSB Mayor Jim Whitaker, and the various borough departments were most instrumental in moving the project into reality through funding efforts and their positive leadership.

Success Stories

Fairbanks Fire Department



On May 25, 2007, the City of Fairbanks Fire Department accepted delivery of an American LaFrance 100 foot aerial platform. The vehicle has a 2000 gpm Waterous pump, twin Elkhart platform monitors and is capable of a 1000 pound bucket load at any angle or extension. The final price was \$856,889 with \$675,000 coming from a 2005 Assistance to Firefighter grant awarded by the Department of Homeland Security. Factory training will take place during June with an in service date of early July 2007. Fairbanks Fire's first platform (as well as interior Alaska's first), a 1995 KME 102 foot tower, will be placed in reserve status at that time, replacing a 1977 Sea-graves Aerial Ladder which will be surplus.

Attached photo: (left to right) Fire Chief Warren Cummings, US Senator Lisa Murkowski, Fairbanks City Mayor Steve M Thompson

2007
ASFA/ AFCA Joint Conference
Alyeska Marine Terminal Chapter
Port of Valdez Chapter

Pre-Conference September 24th - 25th
Conference September 26th - 29th

<http://www.alaskastatefirefighters.org/conference.html>

Training Schedule:

Monday, September 24th (pre conference):

Vehicle Extrication: All Day

R.I.T : Firefighter Safety and Survival (All Day, Day 1) (3 Day Course)

C.I.S.D. Critical incident stress debriefing (All Day, Day 1) (2 Day Course)

Confined Space Rope Rescue: (All Day, Day 1) (2 Day Course)

Division of Forestry: RED CARD CERTIFICATION (All Day, Day 1) (2 Day Course)

National Fire Academy: STICO (strategies/tactics for incident company officer) (All Day, Day 1) (2 Day Course)

Tuesday, September 25th (pre conference):

Car Fires (**live fire**) All Day

Flashover Trailer (**Live Fire**) All Day

R.I.T. : Firefighter Safety and Survival (All Day, Day 2)

C.I.S.D. Critical incident stress debriefing (All Day, Day 2)

Confined Space Rope Rescue: (All Day, Day 2)

Division of Forestry: RED CARD CERTIFICATION (All Day, Day 2)

National Fire Academy: STICO (strategies/tactics for incident company officer) (All Day, Day 2)

Residential Sprinkler Systems (evening seminar)

Wednesday, September 26th:

Opening Ceremonies (A.M.)

Guest Lecturers (P.M.)

- Ronny Coleman
- David White
- Kelley Everette
- Burt McQueen
- John Salka

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Thursday, September 27th:

R.I.T. : Firefighter Safety and Survival (All Day, Day 3)
Car Fire Investigation: All Day
L.O.D.D. Line of Duty Deaths (half day class, am/pm)
Firefighter Safety (half day)
Foam Application (all day, **Live Fire**)
Grant Writing Workshop (half day)
Fire ground hydraulics and tanker operations (all day)
SCBA and PPE (half day)
ARFF for Municipal Departments (all day)
Flashover Trailer (all day **Live Fire**)
Building Construction
Fire Behavior
Small Boat Harbor: Strategies and Tactics (half day)
Battle Ready Firefighters (John Salka) AM
Tactical Leadership for Fire Officers (John Salka) PM
Propane/Nat. Gas Well Head: **LIVE FIRE** (AM/PM)
Risk Management for Chiefs (2 hr seminar)
Heart Healthy Firefighter Seminar (Afternoon)
Truck Company Operations with an Engine (all day)

Friday, September 28th:

Fire Departments Role in Wilderness S.A.R./ Avalanche Rescue (all day)
L.O.D.D. Line of Duty Deaths (half day)
Firefighter Safety (half day)
Responding to Tank Farm Emergencies (all day)
Alyeska Marine Terminal Tour (half day)
Building Construction and Fire Behavior (half day)
Small Boat Harbor: Strategies and Tactics (half day)
Truck Company Operations with an Engine (all day)
Flashover Trailer (all day **Live Fire**)
Division of Forestry: Wildland Tactics and urban interface (4 hrs, AM/PM)
Community Fire Awareness/ incipient fire response for the public (fire marshal)
Battle Ready Firefighters (John Salka) AM
Tactical Leadership for Fire Officers (John Salka) PM
PetroStar: Propane Live Fire (all day **live fire**)
Risk Management for Chiefs (2 hr seminar)
Heart Healthy Firefighter Seminar (Afternoon)

Saturday, September 29th:

Competition 10:00 am
Awards Ceremony and Banquet