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Newsletter for Alaska's
Fire Service and Building Professionals

**Department of Public Safety
Division of Fire and Life Safety**

*From the desk of
The Alaska State Fire Marshal*

The Fire Flyer

Greetings once again,

I warned you that more of these Fire Flyers were on the way.

The Division of Fire and Life Safety has some more changes to announce. This time regarding the Training and Education Bureau (TEB) and the administrative staff for the Fire Standards Council (FSC).

We are in the process of combining TEB with the administrative staff for the FSC. There are a number of reasons for this, so I'll start at the beginning:

1. This organizational model follows successful models of training bureaus from across the country. We do not feel that there will be any conflict what so ever.
2. Fire training will move forward in a single direction with equal input from the FSC and stakeholders on all matters concerning training.
3. We will be able to continue with the semi-automation of more functions of this office. The end goal is to provide a better product to the end users.
4. We will take advantage of some economies of scale with staff time.
5. This model will help Fire and Life Safety (FLS) with employee advancement and succession planning.
6. Continuity of operations for the divi-

sion will be enhanced.

If you take a look at the attached org chart you will notice that the divisions' operations are divided into two groups. Basically speaking, fire training and codes. We are in the process of getting final approval to promote Gordon to the position of Assistant State Fire Marshal. This is where the continuity of operations comes in. We all know that the Director (State Fire Marshal) is an appointed position. We never know who will occupy this position from one administration to the next. By having both sides of FLS equally managed and represented it will matter less what the operational qualifications or skill sets of new directors are. There will already be a strong leadership base in place for both disciplines.

The way this will work is pretty simple. Jan will continue to supervise the training staff. Gordon will oversee the operations of both the training and administration of the FSC. Chris Lau will take up the administrative duties for the FSC under the direct supervision of Gordon. As we get further into this process Gordon will communicate more specifics to you.

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Another change is that we are going to approach our tasks by function instead of region. It seems like we were heading in that direction anyway. Here is the first look at it.

Steve Schreck - Rural Fire Training

Todd Kollar - Marine and Industrial, other specialty courses

Jan Mitchell - Grants and Accreditation

Mike Warzewick - Public Education, other specialty courses

Chris Lau - FSC Administration, other specialty courses

This are preliminary assignments. Everyone will be working on curriculum development. Other work will be assigned as it comes up.

This bureau will now be called the Bureau of Fire Accreditation, Standards and Training (BFAST).

Like I said earlier, our goal is to provide a better product to the FSC and the fire service across the state.

More detailed information will be coming soon.

Just a reminder. The AFCA Leadership Summit is coming up real soon. Check out page three for more information about all upcoming events.

I hope everyone had a great holiday season. I am looking forward to working more with you during 2017.

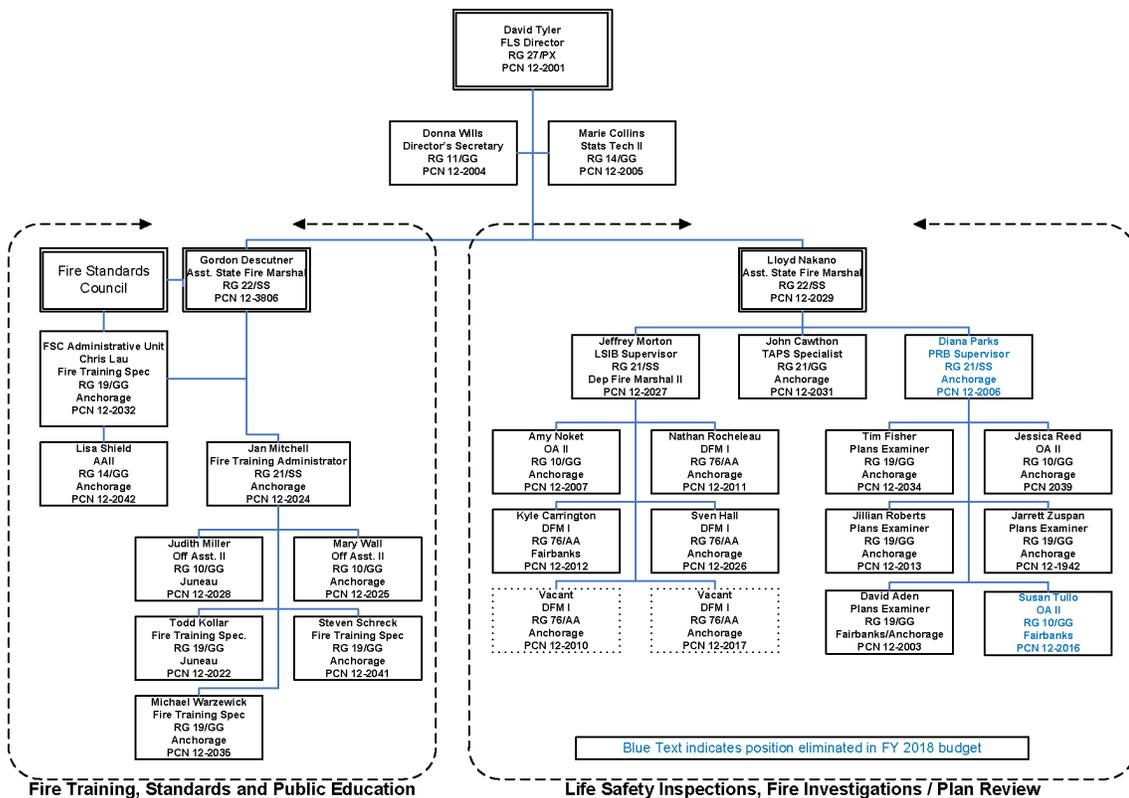
That's all for now. **Stay safe.**

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 Consolidation of TEB and FSC support unit 1-4-17





Alaska Fire Chiefs Association 2017 Leadership Summit

February 6 - 10, 2017

Meetings will take place at:
Baranof Westmark Hotel & Conference Center
127 N. Franklin Street
Juneau, AK 99801

Reservation information for the Baranof Westmark Hotel
by phone: 1-800-544-0970 Group Name "Alaska Fire Chief Association 2017"
Online Group Code "FIRE2017"

Go to this website to register for the summit
<http://www.akml.org/alaska-fire-chiefs-leadership-summit/>
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State of Alaska 10th Annual Fire and Building Officials Forum

During the week of March 20 - 24, 2017
Exact dates will be posted soon

To be held at the *Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory*
Anchorage

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REMEMBERING THE PAST AND MOVING INTO THE FUTURE

Alaska State Fire Fighters &
Alaska Fire Chiefs Associations
Sitka Fire Department

Lock in these Dates

Pre-Conference September 25 – 26, 2017

Conference September 27 – 29, 2017

Harrigan Centennial Hall

ALASKA FIRE CONFERENCE

