

ALASKA FIRE STANDARDS COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN  
SPRING 2015

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**Strategic Goal 1-** Develop and maintain a long term strategy for the continuation of funding. **Basis:** AS 18.70.350 (4)

**Objective 1:** Maintain partnerships with lobbying organizations

**Target 1:** Alaska Fire Chiefs Association

*Priority-* High

*Responsibility-* AFSC/Administration

*Completion Date-* Ongoing

*Performance Measure-* AFCA Seat Representation with AFSC

**Target 2:** Alaska State Firefighters Association

*Priority-* High

*Responsibility-* AFSC

*Completion Date-* Ongoing

*Performance Measure-* ASFA Seat Representation with AFSC

**Target 3:** Alaska Professional Firefighters Association

*Priority-* High

*Responsibility-* AFSC

*Completion Date-* Ongoing

*Performance Measure-* AKPFFA Seat Representation with AFSC

**Objective 2:** Identify the Need for Additional Funds

**Target 1:** Expand electronic database portal

*Priority-* High

*Responsibility-* AFSC

*Completion Date-* Ongoing

*Performance Measure-* Maintain electronic database

**Target 2:** Hire additional administrative staff

*Priority-* Moderate-High

*Responsibility-* AFSC

*Completion Date-* Fall 2017

*Performance Measure-* Third position added to staff

**Target 3:** Expand existing directives and certification levels

*Priority-* Moderate

*Responsibility-* AFSC Staff

*Completion Date-* Ongoing

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*Performance Measure-* Increase in number of certification levels

**Target 4:** Target Rural Alaska Fire Service Needs

*Priority-* Moderate

*Responsibility-* AFSC

*Completion Date-* Ongoing

*Performance Measure-* Rural Outreach/Certifications

**Strategic Goal 2-** Establish minimum training and performance standards for certification of fire services personnel that are consistent with the standards of the National Fire Protection Association or other applicable standards. ***Basis:*** AS 18.70.350 (A)

**Objective 1:** Adopt new certification standards for fire service personnel

**Target 1:** Review applicable standards for adoption

*Priority-* High

*Responsibility-* AFSC

*Completion Date-* As needed

*Performance Measure-* Adopt applicable standards

**Objective 2:** Ensure that previously adopted standards are reviewed within one year of the last revision

**Target 1:** Review/Adopt NFPA 1033, 2014 Ed.: Professional Qualifications for Fire Investigator

*Priority-* High

*Responsibility-* Executive Director/ Committee Task Force

*Completion Date-* Report for adoption Spring 2015

*Performance Measure-* Adopt standard

**Target 2:** Review/Adopt NFPA 1021, 2014 Ed: Professional Qualifications for Fire Officer

*Priority-* High

*Responsibility-* Executive Director/ Committee Task Force

*Completion Date-* Report for adoption Spring 2015

*Performance Measure-* Adopt standard

**Target 3:** Review/Adopt NFPA 1002, 2014 Ed. Standard for Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator Professional Qualifications

*Priority-* High

*Responsibility-* Executive Director/ Committee Task Force

*Completion Date-* Report for adoption Fall 2015

*Performance Measure-* Adopt standard

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**Target 4:** Review/Adopt NFPA 1005, 2014 Ed.: Marine  
Firefighting for Land-Based Fire Fighters

*Priority-* Low

*Responsibility-* Executive Director/ Committee Task Force

*Completion Date-* Report for adoption Fall 2015

*Performance Measure-* Adopt standard

**Target 5:** Review/Update NFPA 1035, 2015 Ed.: Public Fire  
and Life Safety Educator

*Priority-* Low

*Responsibility-* Executive Director/ Committee Task Force

*Completion Date-* Report for fall of 2015

*Performance Measure-* Committee report and  
recommendation by fall 2015

**Objective 3:** Adopt certification levels for rural Alaska communities.

**Target 1:** Review a draft for Basic Firefighter level certification  
based on the most current 1001 standard

*Priority-* Medium

*Responsibility-* Executive Director/ Committee Task Force

*Completion Date-* Report for Fall 2015

*Performance Measure-* Determine standard/criterion to  
meet the needs of rural fire  
departments in Alaska

**Target 2:** Review a draft for AFSC based directive for Rural  
Basic Firefighter level

*Priority-* Medium

*Responsibility-* AFSC

*Completion Date-* Report for Fall 2015

*Performance Measure-* Determine standard/criterion to  
meet the needs of rural fire  
departments in Alaska

**Target 3:** Review a draft for Rural Fire Officer certification  
criteria

*Priority-* Medium

*Responsibility-* AFSC

*Completion Date-* Spring 2016

*Performance Measure-* Determine standard/criterion to  
meet the needs of rural fire  
departments in Alaska

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**Strategic Goal 3-** Establish curriculum requirements for the certification of training programs. **Basis:** AS 18.70.350 (B)

**Objective 1:** Determine requirements for minimum fire training curriculum and entity training program

**Target 1:** Maintain certification requirements consistent with current industry practices

*Priority-* High

*Responsibility-* AFSC/Administration

*Completion Date-* Ongoing with updates as required

*Performance Measure-* Currency within AFSC defined policy and procedures

**Target 2:** Maintain valid test items consistent with adopted standards

*Priority-* High

*Responsibility-* AFSC/Administration

*Completion Date-* Ongoing with updates as required

*Performance Measure-* Currency within AFSC defined policy and procedures

**Strategic Goal 4-** Govern the procedure for certification of fire services training programs that meet the minimum curriculum requirements adopted. **Basis:** AS 18.70.350 (C)

**Objective 1:** Uphold third party accreditation through national/international entities

**Target 1:** Sustain AFSC accreditation with IFSAC

*Priority-* High

*Responsibility-* AFSC/Administration

*Completion Date-* Ongoing with updates as required

*Performance Measure-* AFSC defined policy and procedure

**Target 2:** Sustain AFSC accreditation with ProBoard

*Priority-* Medium

*Responsibility-* AFSC/Administration

*Completion Date-* Ongoing with updates as required

*Performance Measure-* AFSC defined policy and procedure

**Objective 2:** Determine in-state requirements for minimum fire training curriculum and entity training program

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**Target 1:** Maintain Independent AFSC Accreditation Policy and Procedure

*Priority-* High

*Responsibility-* AFSC/Administration

*Completion Date-* Ongoing with updates as required

*Performance Measure-* AFSC defined policy and procedure

**Target 2:** Ensure an AFSC in-state accreditation process is current

*Priority-* High

*Responsibility-* AFSC/Administration

*Completion Date-* Ongoing with updates as required

*Performance Measure-* AFSC defined policy and procedure

**Strategic Goal 5-** Govern the procedure for certification of individuals who satisfy the minimum training and performance standards established. ***Basis:*** AS 18.70.350 (D)

**Objective 1:** Maintain regulations to define certification policy and procedures

**Target 1:** Develop regulations for legislative approval

*Priority-* High

*Responsibility-* AFSC/Director

*Completion Date-* Fall 2016

*Performance Measure-* Regulations are established

**Objective 2:** Ensure continuity within the certification policy and procedures

**Target 1:** Maintain adequate staffing levels to meet certification timelines (AS 18.70.350 [3])

*Priority-* High

*Responsibility-* AFSC/Director

*Completion Date-* Ongoing

*Performance Measure-* Positions filled

**Target 2:** Seek technology or other alternatives to meet certification timelines

*Priority-* High

*Responsibility-* AFSC/Director

*Completion Date-* Ongoing

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*Performance Measure-* Functional automation of certification administrative services

**Target 3:** Maintain certification regulations, policies, and procedures

*Priority-* High

*Responsibility-* AFSC/Director

*Completion Date-* Ongoing

*Performance Measure-* Compliance with state regulations and third party accreditation

**Strategic Goal 6-** Govern the procedure for revocation of the certification of a person or program. ***Basis:*** AS 18.70.350 (E)

**Objective 1:** Maintain regulations to enforce certification policies and procedures

**Target 1:** Develop regulations for legislative approval

*Priority-* High

*Responsibility-* AFSC/Director

*Completion Date-* Fall 2016

*Performance Measure-* Regulations are established

**Strategic Goal 7-** Consult and cooperate with municipalities, agencies of the state, other governmental agencies, universities, colleges, and other institutions concerning the development of fire services training schools and programs offered in the state. ***Basis:*** AS 18.70.350 (2)

**Objective 1:** Maintain partnerships with municipalities, agencies of the state, other governmental agencies, universities, colleges, and fire services training entities to facilitate programs that result in certification

**Target 1:** Alaska rural, municipal, borough, and state level fire service organizations

*Priority-* High

*Responsibility-* AFSC

*Completion Date-* Ongoing

*Performance Measure-* Participation in certification testing

**Target 2:** Alaska Educational Institutions

*Priority-* High

*Responsibility-* AFSC

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*Completion Date-* Ongoing

*Performance Measure-* Participation in certification testing

**Target 3:** Alaska Training Agencies

*Priority-* High

*Responsibility-* AFSC

*Completion Date-* Ongoing

*Performance Measure-* Participation in certification testing

**Strategic Goal 8-** Set fees determined by the council to be necessary

**Basis:** AS 18.70.350 (4)

**Objective 1:** Determine necessary fees for certification testing

**Target 1:** Establish test fees

*Priority-* High

*Responsibility-* AFSC/Director

*Completion Date-* Ongoing

*Performance Measure-* Self-sufficient test budget