



State of Alaska

Department of Public Safety

Fire Standards Council

Sean Parnell, Governor
Joseph A. Masters, Commissioner

April 4, 2011

Alaska Professional Fire Fighters Association
Thomas Wescott- President
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Anchorage, AK 99511-1222

Dear Mr. Wescott,

On January 31, 2011 the Alaska Professional Fire Fighters Association (AKPFFA) solicited support from the Alaska Fire Standards Council (AFSC) for a designated seat on the Council. The AFSC recently reconvened for consideration of this request and passed a motion to support the AKPFFA in establishing a designated seat. This support is specific to the proposal for designation of an existing seat (AS 18.70.330 [b] {3}) for a representative of the AKPFFA.

The mission of the AFSC is to provide fire service personnel within the state of Alaska realistic and attainable standards to safely and effectively serve Alaskan communities. As the AFSC continues to establish training and performance standards for Alaska's Fire Service, we have a vision that includes maintaining the highest level of professional standards and comprehensive certification program requirements. Overall, we strive to have the greatest positive impact toward the safety and welfare of fire service personnel and their communities

In review of your request we have concluded that the AKPFFA would augment our ability to fulfill our mission. This decision is based on the AKPFFA's history of active participation in statewide fire service issues and its commitment to support the mission of the AFSC. As such, the AFSC endorses the AKPFFA effort to seek seat designation within an existing seat on the Council.

Sincerely,

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Gordon Descutner
AFSC Executive Director

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Buddy Lane".

Buddy Lane
AFSC Chairman

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Coon".

Greg Coon
AFSC Vice Chairman