## **Alaska Fire Standards Council**

## Mission:

To establish professional standards for fire service personnel, and curriculum requirements for the certification of training programs.

## Vision:

- Maintain the highest level of professional standards for the safety and welfare for fire service personnel and their communities
- Maintain comprehensive certification program requirements
- Enhance the capability and capacity of fire service response personnel
- Preserve public confidence in fire service professionals
- Enhance interoperability within Alaska's emergency response system

## Values:

- Firefighter safety
- Effective open communications
- Public service
- Continuing education and training
- Professional credibility and integrity
- Community support
- Transparent process

Term: Four years

**Description:** 11 members - 10 appointed by the Governor: 2 chief administrative officers or fire chiefs of local governments (only one of these may be from a local government where the fire department consists entirely of paid employees); 4 representatives of fire fighters, including at least one fire fighter administrative officer from the Alaska State Fire Fighters Association (these members may not, while serving on the council, be a fire chief); 2 volunteer fire fighters, one from a community with a population of 2,500 or less and one from a community with a population greater than 2,500; and 2 members of the public at large with at least one member from a community with a population of 2,500 or less. In addition, the state fire marshal or a designee of the state fire marshal shall serve on the council during his or her continuance in office.

**Function:** The council may adopt regulations for the administration of AS 18.70.320-18.70.369 including establishing minimum training and performance standards for certification of fire services personnel; establish minimum fire training curriculum requirements for certification of training programs that are designed to enable trainees to meet these standards; govern the procedure for certification of fire services training programs that meet the minimum curriculum requirements; govern the procedure for certification of individuals who satisfy the minimum

training and performance standards; govern the procedure for revocation of the certificate of a person or program; 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; employ an administrator and other persons necessary to carry out its duties and charge and collect fees determined by the council to be necessary.

Chair: **Buddy Lane** 

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