



ALASKA FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

One Sealaska Plaza, Suite 200, Juneau, Alaska 99801

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Subject: Request for Support for SB140/HB207 (Fire Station Grant Program)

Dear Members of the Alaska State Legislature,

On behalf of the Alaska Fire Chiefs Association, we are reaching out to request your support for SB140/HB207 Fire Station Grant Program. This bill supports crucial fire station projects that need attention and funding. Our organization represents all regions of Alaska and is dedicated to ensuring the safety and well-being of Alaskans by supporting and advocating for emergency service professionals across the state.

The state of Alaska faces unique challenges in emergency response, and it is imperative that our fire stations are adequately equipped and maintained to address them effectively.

Many of our fire stations need essential upgrades and improvements to enhance their capabilities and response times. These projects include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. **Replacement and New Construction:** With many of the aging stations, renovations are just not feasible. These old stations need an entire replacement.
2. **Infrastructure Upgrades:** Aging fire stations require improvements to meet current safety standards and accommodate modern firefighting equipment.
3. **Training Facilities:** Establishing or upgrading training facilities will allow our firefighters to stay current with the latest techniques and technologies in firefighting and emergency response.

We understand the fiscal responsibilities faced by the Alaska State Legislature, however, we believe that investing in these fire station projects is crucial for the safety and security of our communities.

We kindly request your support in securing the necessary funding for these projects to ensure that your fire departments can continue to provide the highest level of service to the residents of Alaska.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to the opportunity to discuss these projects further and to collaborate on initiatives that will strengthen the fire service capabilities throughout our great state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Rydeen".

Steve Rydeen, President
Alaska Fire Chiefs Association

NEW FIRE STATION CONSTRUCTION

Community:	Project Name:	Scope:	Cost:	POC:	Email:
Anchorage, Municipality	Anchorage Fire Department Station 12 Relocation	Relocation & Co-locate AFD-APD Dispatch	\$15.8M	Douglas Schrage	Douglas.Schrage@anchorageak.gov
	Anchorage Fire Department Station 16 New Station	New Fire Station	\$10.8M		
	Anchorage Fire Department Station 11 Relocation	Relocation	\$10.8M		
Chugiak	Station Replacement	New station for current and future needs	\$25M	Clifton Dalton	c.dalton@cvfrd.com
Dillingham, City	Dillingham Fire Department Fire Station replacement	Downtown Station replacement	\$10.6M	Scott Runzo	scott.runzo@dillinghamak.us
Fairbanks North Star Borough	University of Alaska Fairbanks Arctic Emergency Services Facility	Replace Station 11, and house Fire/EMS & CTC programs	\$42M	Forrest Kuiper	fjkuiper@alaska.edu
Fairbanks, City	City of Fairbanks Fire Department Station 2 replacment	Replace Station 2	\$20M	Andrew Coccaro	acoccaro@fairbanks.us
Kenai Peninsula Borough	Central Emergency Services-Arc Loop Fire Sub-Station/Fill Site	Fire Sub-Station Water Fill/Maintenance	\$5.5M	Roy Browning	rbrowning@kpb.us
	Western Emergency Services	New Fire Station	\$20M	Robert Mathis	RMathis@kpb.us
Girdwood Fire Department	Training Prop Building	Building a training prop building	\$300,000	Michelle Weston	chief@girdwoodfire.com
Homer, City	Homer Fire Department Headquarters Replacement	Headquarters station replacement	\$20M	Dan Jager	djager@ci.homer.ak.us
Kenai, City	Public Safety Building Replacement	Replacement of Public Safety Building	\$25M	Jay Teague	jteague@kenai.city
Ketchikan, City	Ketchikan Fire Department Station Replacement	Station 2 replacement	\$15M	Rick Hines	rickh@city.ketchikan.ak.us
Matanuska Susitna Borough	Willow Fire Department Replacement Station	Replacement public safety facility in willow	\$5M	Brian Davis	bdavis@matsugov.us
North Pole, City	North Pole Fire Department Replacement Station	Replace headquarters fire station	\$21.5M	Chad Heineken	cheineken@northpolefire.org
Palmer, City	Palmer Public Safety Facility	New Public Safety building	\$46.5M	John Prevost	jprevost@palmerak.org
Saxman, City	Saxman Fire Station Replacement	Fire Station replacement	\$10M	Steve Rydeen	stever@kgbak.us
Seward, City	Fire Station Replacement	Replacement of Fire Station (built in 1963)	\$40M	Clinton Crites	ccrites@cityofseward.net
Sitka, City	Sitka Fire Department Fire Training Facility	Fire Training Facility	TBD	Craig Warren	craig.warren@cityofsitka.org
Unalaska, City	Unalaska Fire Department New Fire Station & Training Facility	New fire station and training facility	\$20M	Ben Knowles	bknowles@ci.unalaska.ak.us
Valdez, City	City of Valdez Fire Department Replacement Station 4	Relocate and Replace Station 4	\$5M	Tracy Raynor	TRaynor@valdezak.gov
Total			\$347.5M		

RENOVATED FIRE STATION PROJECTS

Community:	Project Name:	Scope:	Cost:	POC:	Email:
Anchorage, Municipality	Anchorage Fire Department Regional Preparatory Training Facility	Training facility for explorer post	\$5M	Douglas Schrage	Douglas.Schrage@anchorage.gov
Kodiak Island Borough	Bayside Fire Department Station Expansion	Expand station and dorms for volunteers	\$1.7M	Scott Ellis	sellis@kodiakak.us
Fairbanks North Star Borough	Chena Goldstream Fire Station(s) renovations	Stations 41 & 42 Expansion/renovations	\$8M	Frank Bracken	frank.bracken@cgfr.com
Kenai Peninsula Borough	Kachemack Emergency Services Renovations	Renovations and additions to St. 1 & 2	\$1.65M	Eric Schultz	ESchultz@kpb.us
	Western Emergency Services Renovations	Expansion and Renovations of Station 3	\$4M	Robert Mathis	RMathis@kpb.us
	Bear Creek Fire Renovations	Asphalt paving & Living Quarters	\$1.05M	Richard Brackin	RBrackin@kpb.us
	Cooper Landing Emergency Services Repairs & Maintenance	Building Maintenance and Repairs	\$93,000	Mitchel Dickinson	mitchel_dickinson@live.com
	Moose Pass Volunteer Fire Company Clean Water/Renewable	Clean water and renewable power study	\$60,000	Judy Ingersol	merrittscooper@gmail.com
Ketchikan Gateway Borough	South Tongass Volunteer Fire Department Renovations	Station addition and foundation repairs.	\$74,000	Steve Rydeen	stever@kgbak.us
Valdez, City	City of Valdez Fire Department Station 3 Renovations	Update to ADA Compliance/remodel	\$550,000	Tracy Raynor	TRaynor@valdezak.gov
Total			\$22.1M		