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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Firefighter as defined in AS 09.65.295(c)
(HB 84; Work Order No. 31-LS0317\U)

TO: Representative Andy Josephson
Attn: Elise Sorum-Birk

FROM: Marie Marx 
Legislative Counsel

You have asked whether "firefighter" as defined in AS 09.65.295(c) includes firefighters employed by the state. The answer to your question is no.

AS 09.65.295(c) defines "firefighter" as

a person employed by a municipal fire department or who is a member of a volunteer fire department registered with the state fire marshal, or a person registered for purposes of workers' compensation with the state fire marshal as a member of a volunteer fire department.

The statute's plain language makes it clear that "firefighter" does not include firefighters employed by the state. It includes only firefighters employed by a municipal fire department and certain volunteer firefighters.

Please let me know if I may be of further assistance.

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