



**Department of Public Safety
Division of Fire and Life Safety
Director Richard Boothby**

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From the Territorial Fire Marshal in 1956 to the Division of Fire and Life Safety





Significant Operating Budget Changes

(All \$ in Thousands)

- Add Full-time Deputy Fire Marshal 2 in Bethel to assist with rural fire and life safety issues - \$392.2 UGF, 1 PFT
- Add one-time funding for equipment in support of new Deputy Fire Marshal 2 in Bethel - \$65.0 UGF
- Rural Fire Training and Education - \$282.0 UGF



What We Do

**Statewide Pipeline
Education
Engineering
Inspection**

**Statewide
Commercial Building
Plan Reviews**

**Statewide Fire and
Life Safety
Inspections**

**Statewide Fire
Investigations**

**Statewide Fire
Training**

**Statewide Fire
Safety Education**

**Statewide Firefighter
Certifications**

Director's Office

- The Director's Office is comprised of the Alaska State Fire Marshal, an Assistant State Fire Marshal, a Statistical Technician, and an Administrative Assistant.
- These individuals and the supervisors of the three Bureaus are responsible for establishing the vision, direction, operations, and policies to accomplish the Division of Fire and Life Safety's mission:
"To prevent the loss of life and property from fire and explosion".



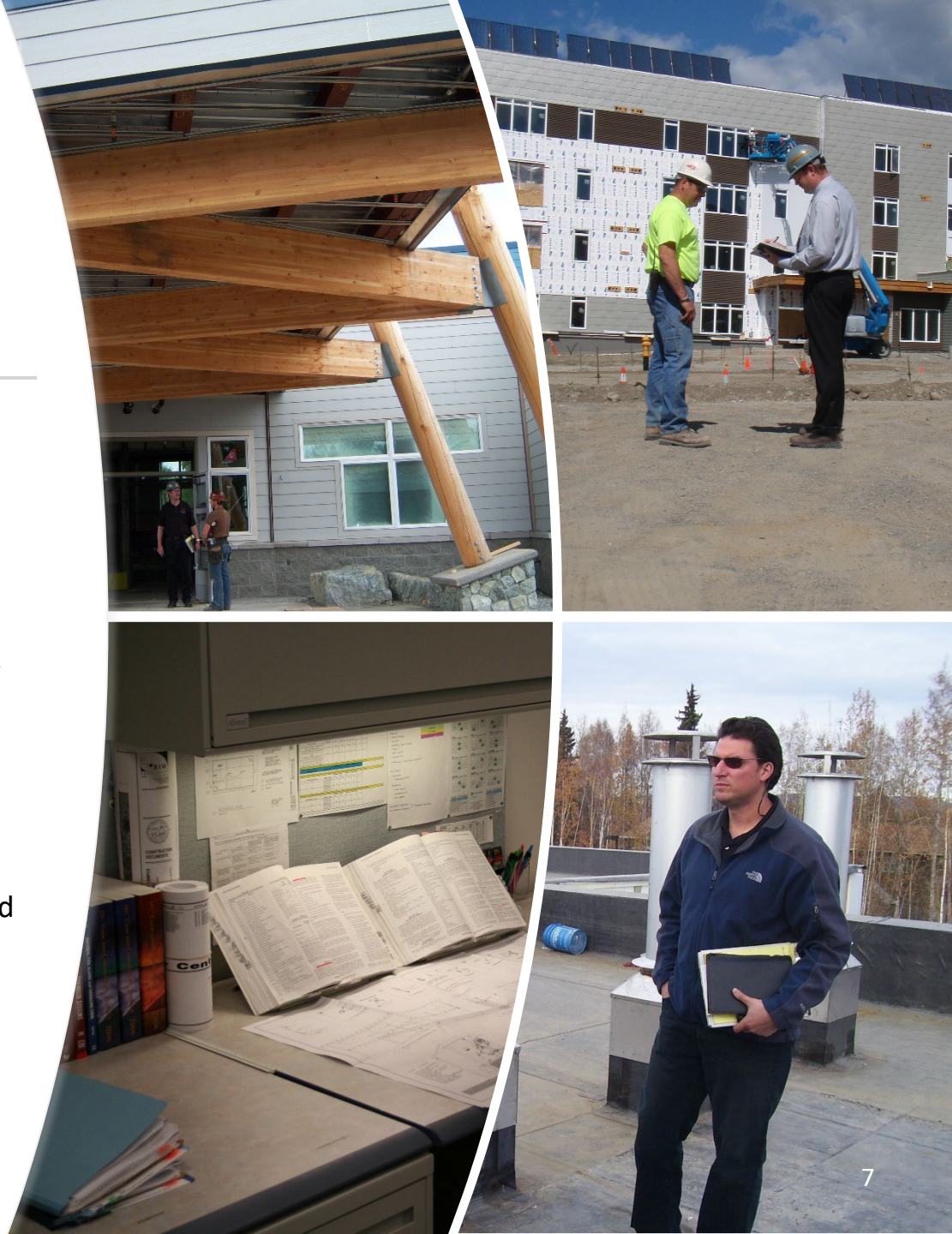
Trans-Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS)

- Working directly for the Assistant State Fire Marshal is the TAPS Fire Safety Specialist. This position provides technical, policy and code interpretation support to the Division of Oil and Gas-State Pipeline Coordinator's Section (DOG-SPCS) and the Joint Pipeline Office, in all fire protection matters as they relate to TAPS activities.
- The DFLS Liaison provides plan review and inspection services for all new construction and the modification/remodel of existing buildings, fire systems and fuel tanks related to TAPS and all other Oil and Gas projects.
- The top priority of this position is to coordinate DFLS missions related to TAPS oversight through the DOG-SPCS. Conflicts or inconsistencies between the DOG-SPCS Work Plan and DFLS missions will be identified by the field liaisons for the State Pipeline Coordinator (SPC) and recommendations for resolution will be provided.



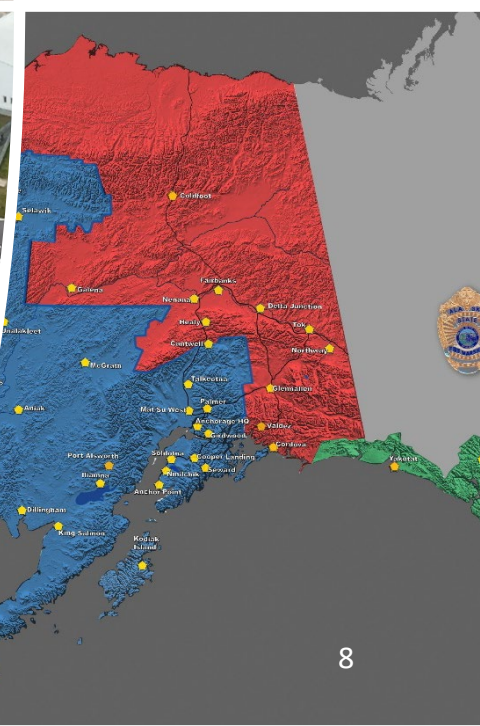
Plan Review Bureau (PRB)

- The PRB receives, reviews, and approves commercial building plans for the State of Alaska from a single office location.
- The PRB consults with registered design professionals, contractors, and the general public throughout the state from Utqiagvik to Ketchikan to Unalaska/Dutch Harbor.
- The objective of the PRB is to ensure the public's safety by identifying fire and life safety code deficiencies during the design phase of the overall project. This process increases public safety and reduces overall construction cost, field inspection time, and environmental concerns.



Life Safety Inspection Bureau (LSIB)

- LSIB has two offices: Anchorage Office and Fairbanks Office.
- The Bureau has five Deputy Fire Marshals and one Supervisor. Deputy Fire Marshals conduct fire inspections, fire investigations and assist with training throughout the state.
- Building inspections are customer-oriented and multi-faceted. Deputy Fire Marshals have statutory authority to conduct fire safety inspections in commercial properties and applicable regulated industries throughout the state.
- Provided fire extinguisher maintenance and inspection knowledge testing, fire alarm and suppression system maintenance, inspection and design licensing, and firework pyrotechnic operator and firework retail sales permits which resulted in the issuance of 399 permits.



Bureau of Fire Accreditation, Standards and Training (BFAST)

- The BFAST offers a wide range of fire training services in support of the Division's mission, primarily accomplished through coordination of fire service training, managing professional qualifications, and providing public fire and life safety education services statewide.
- The BFAST develops and implements fire prevention and public education programs, the administration of federal fire grants, coordinates fire department technical support, and provides specialized fire training to rural/remote Alaskan communities.
- Additionally, BFAST provides administrative oversight for, and technical support to, the Alaska Fire Standards Council. Responsibilities encompassing the governance of fire service professional standards, the management of the fire certification examination processes, and compliance with third party accreditation requirements under the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress and the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications.





Thank You

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