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Determine the extent to which the board, commission, or agency has recommended statutory changes that are generally of benefit to the public interest.

During the past two years, the board has supported proposed statutory changes and has recommended and adopted regulations of general benefit to the public interest in areas such as professional ethics, client-guide contract, and licensing requirements to ensure guide and transporter standards are clearly defined. In addition, examination requirements of candidates for registered guide-outfitter were improved to address the current needs of the industry by ensuring new licensees have demonstrated practical knowledge covering several specific abilities.

Other regulations were added requiring documented proof of various items for licensure such as authorization from landowners, in advance, of guiding in an area and criminal background reports. However, regulations over first aid requirements are inconsistent. (See Recommendation No 4.)

Determine the extent to which the board, commission, or agency has encouraged interested persons to report to it concerning the effect of its regulations and decisions on the effectiveness of service, economy of service, and availability of service that it has provided.

The board has published notices of examinations, meetings, and prospective regulation changes. Public notice of meetings and exams are made in newspapers of general circulation and also in the State of Alaska's *Online Public Notice* website. Additionally, a period of time for public comment was available at each board meeting.

DCBPL maintains a list of individuals or organizations who are interested in the regulations of that occupation. The division sends a *Notice of Proposed Regulations* automatically to the parties on the occupation listing, each time there is a proposed change in the occupation's regulations.

However, during the period under review, one exam was not publicly noticed by the division. (See Recommendation No 1.)

Determine the extent to which the board, commission, or agency has encouraged public participation in the making of its regulations and decisions.

Each board meeting's agenda allows time for public comment. The public has been encouraged to use these public comment periods to express concerns, obtain information from the board, and participate in the regulatory process. Interested parties may attend the meetings in person or by teleconference. In addition, the board has established multiple subcommittees in which the public has had substantial input over various proposed regulatory developments.

Determine the efficiency with which public inquiries or complaints regarding the activities of the board, commission, or agency filed with it, with the department to which a board or commission is administratively assigned, or with the office of victims' rights or the office of the ombudsman have been processed and resolved.

No complaints were filed with the Office of the Ombudsman or the Office of Victims Rights in recent years regarding the operations of the board, specifically, or guide-outfitters and transporters in general. The board revoked one registered guide-outfitter license in FY 07. The revocation was the result of the guide's actions.

Complaints and concerns regarding decisions and activities of the board, as well as complaints about the performance of licensed guide-outfitters and transporters, were generally handled and resolved in an appropriate manner consistent with its priority and limited staff resources of the division. However, during the sunset period, one investigation was not followed through and remained uninvestigated for approximately seven months. (See Recommendation No. 2.)

For the period July 26, 2005 to May 31, 2007, the division opened 53 investigations. Another 63 complaints were filed during the same period, of which 45 were not investigated further due to lack of jurisdiction or were not determined significant enough for an investigation.

Determine the extent to which a board or commission that regulates entry into an occupation or profession has presented qualified applicants to serve the public.

Exhibit 3, below, illustrates the number of active licensees of the board as of May 31, 2007.

Exhibit 3

Schedule of Guide-Outfitters and Transporters as of May 31, 2007			
New Licenses Issued (exclusive of renewals)			Current Licenses (as of May 31, 2007)
	FY 06	FY 07	
Master Guide	7	4	113
Registered Guide-Outfitter	22	10	548
Class-A Assistant Guide-Outfitter	10	11	193
Assistant Guide-Outfitter	192	142	1,338
Transporter	35	32	272
Totals	266	199	2,464

The application process and required documentary support for licensing is reasonable and appropriate. Each applicant is required to satisfy the requirements for licensing. The licensing process has been enhanced due to new regulations instituted by the board and is neither unduly restrictive nor too lenient. One inconsistency in the licensing requirement was identified relating to required first aid proficiency by the guide-outfitter licensee group. (See Recommendation No 4.)

While our review of licensee files did not identify significant issues with the division's board-delegated responsibility of issuing new and renewed licenses, two files lacked required supporting documentation as proof of meeting board requirements. (See Recommendation No 1.)

Determine the extent to which state personnel practices, including affirmative action requirements, have been complied with by the board, commission, or agency to its own activities and the area of activity or interest.

No evidence indicated that hiring practices or the board's appointments were contrary to state personnel practices. No complaints have been filed with the Human Rights Commission, the Governor's Office, the Office of the Attorney General, the Office of the Ombudsman, and the Office of Victim's Rights.

In addition, each time the board has denied an applicant a license, the reason has been based on experience requirements and not personal attributes of the applicant.

Determine the extent to which statutory, regulatory, budgeting, or other changes are necessary to enable the agency, board, or commission to better serve the interests of the public and to comply with the factors enumerated in this subsection.

Specific recommendations for operational changes, enabling the board to better serve the public interest, are described in Recommendations Nos. 1 through 5 of this report.

Determine the extent to which the board, commission, or agency has effectively attained its objectives and purposes and the efficiency with which the board, commission, or agency has operated.

Generally, the board has effectively attained its objectives since reestablishment on July 26, 2005. The board has protected the public through the implementation of regulations over ethics, improvements over the licensing and examination process, and administrative actions. It has proposed and implemented regulatory and supported, proposed statutory changes of benefit to the public.

However, several operational related deficiencies have hampered the efficiency of the board. Specific issues are described in Recommendation Nos. 1, 2, and 5.

Determine the extent to which the board, commission, or agency duplicates the activities of another governmental agency or the private sector.

No duplication of efforts or activities of the board was identified with the private sector, other governmental agencies, including both state and federal agencies. Further, the statutorily required hunt records and transporters reports were not found to be generally duplicative of other state agencies' required post hunt and transport reports.



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Sarah Palin, Governor
Emil Notti, Commissioner

September 17, 2007

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Legislative Auditor
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Dear Ms. Davidson:

RE: Preliminary Audit Report, Big Game Commercial Services Board

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the findings addressed in your Preliminary Audit Report concerning the Big Game Commercial Services Board. The Department of Commerce Community and Economic Development ("DCCED") appreciates and agrees with your Office's recommendation that regulation and licensing of qualified guide-outfitters and transporters by the Big Game Commercial Services Board benefits the public's safety and welfare as well as protects the State's wildlife resources.

The comments shared with your Division in earlier communications concerning the Big Game Commercial Services Board audit remain unchanged.

DCCED is aware of the administrative deficiencies identified in your findings and recommendations and has undertaken steps to correct this situation. The Director of the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing has taken and will continue to take steps to ensure that any deficiencies identified in your report are resolved. To that end, I would like to address the Recommendations in your preliminary audit report.

Recommendation No. 1: The director of the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing (DCBPL or division) should ensure procedures are adhered to by division staff for the efficient and effective support of BGCSB's day-to-day operations.

We concur with this recommendation. The issues identified in item #1 regarding missing and incomplete documentation in license files have been corrected by the use of new staff, and new check sheets which staff use to insure that each file is complete. With respect to item #2 which dealt with a lack of public noticing an examination, this matter has been discussed internally and procedures has been put in place so that the public receives a timely notice of such examinations.

With respect to Item #3 DCCED shares your concerns about proposed regulations being issued without adequate public notice. New staff arrangements and training are in place and are designed to prevent a re-occurrence.

Since reestablishment of the BGCSB, there have been three major regulation projects, and all three were all posted in a timely manner once the information reached the regulations staff. The regulations project referred to in your findings was public noticed on March 10, 2007; it was to announce "oral comments – public hearing" that was being held in conjunction with the Board meeting on March 19-20, 2007. The "written" comments deadline ended on April 10, 2007. Once the comment period ended, the Board adopted the regulations via a teleconferenced meeting on May 18, 2007. Due to a one time miscommunication, the Board's wishes were not conveyed to the regulations staff in sufficient time for the notice to be sent out. As a result, the Board itself misunderstood what the status was of their regulation project. The public notice on March 10, 2007 and timeline for the series of events that followed were appropriate and acceptable to the regulations attorney's office in the Department of Law. The Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing has adopted procedures to create better communication between the Big Game board and the staff.

Item #4 concerned with Board minutes which were not drafted within 20 days. This issue again was a matter of staffing and the division has taken steps to resolve these staffing matters. However, the audit also mention that minutes were not posted to the division's website in conformity with 2 AAC 96.210(a). Please note, this regulation does not necessarily mandate that minutes be posted to the division's website. It requires that the minutes be made available to requestors of the information. The division posts meeting minutes to websites for convenience of website users and will continue this practice.

Recommendation No. 2: The director of DCBPL should ensure staff adheres to investigative case management procedures.

We appreciate your recognizing the extended board-assigned investigator vacancy and the lack of appropriate case management tracking systems as the causes for the investigative deficiencies. The division has tried for some time to procure an adequate case management tracking system that would benefit investigations for all regulatory programs. DCCED is currently implementing internal reforms aimed at creating a system for monitoring investigations and ensuring that they are completed in a reasonable time frame. The department embraces the use of new technology and the department will continue to provide its investigators with tools they need to address the investigative deficiencies. In that regard the department is in the process of the procurement of an automated case management tracking system.

Recommendation No. 3: The division, in conjunction with BGCSB, should increase licensing fees to mitigate the board's current and projected operating deficits.

The department concurs with this recommendation. A review of each program's financial status is conducted by the division prior to a license renewal. Licenses for guide-outfitters and transporters expire on December 31, 2007; and therefore, the fees are currently under review.

Recommendation No. 4: The board should consider modifying regulatory first aid requirements to provide consistency between guide-outfitter licensee types.

The department concurs with this recommendation. The division will review statutes and regulations with the Board to standardize first aid requirements among all categories of licensure within the BGCSB program.

Recommendation No. 5: The board should cease the electronic accumulation of information gathered from hunt records and transporter reports.

The department has already invested significant time and resources in electronic accumulation of information from hunt records and transporter reports. We agree the data requested on the reports should be streamlined and its purpose should relate specifically to the licensing of guide-outfitters and transporters. We concur with your recommendation to the division work with the Board to identify (1) concise and clear use of the information; (2) specific stakeholders; (3) timeframe to reasonably complete the work; and (4) costs associated with the data collection.

Given the amount of resources already invested in electronically capturing the data from these reports, we think it behooves the department to continue collecting information from hunt and transporter records. Additionally, capturing the information electronically will ultimately save valuable staff time from having to manually copy paper reports for enforcement purposes.

The department will commit to working with the Board to identify the points you raised, and will focus its attention on data capture of current information for now.

I assure you the administrative issues identified in your preliminary audit report will be addressed and corrected. We believe that the Board has made a significant contribution to improve commercial guide services in Alaska; and the department will provide the support needed to make this regulatory program operate for the benefit of the industry and the citizens of this State.

Thanks again for allowing us to comment on your findings.

Sincerely,

Emil Notti
Commissioner

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SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 4/4/08

FURTHER:

DATE TURNED
IN TO OFFICE: 4-7-08

Finance Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 319(L&C)

HB 319 DENTISTS & DENTAL ASSISTANTS

"An Act relating to the practice of dentistry, to dental assistants, and to dental hygienists."

and recommends:

- be replaced with SCS or CS CS#B 319 (HES)
- adopt previous SCS or CS _____ (_____)
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt _____ Letter of Intent
- further referral to _____ Committee

SENATE BILL:	
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HOUSE BILL:	
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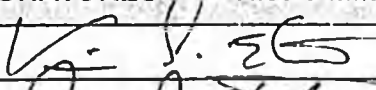

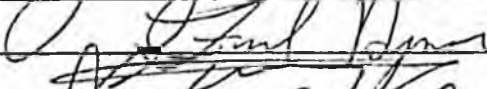




NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN#

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN#
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APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	PRINTED LAST NAME	DO PASS	DO NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
	E. E. E.	✓			
	Thomas	✓			
	DYSON	✓			
	HUGHES	✓			
	OLSON			✓	
CO-CHAIR: 	Hoffman	✓			
CO-CHAIR: 	STEDMAN	✓			

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2008 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 2
Bill Version: SCS CSHB 319(HES)
(S) Publish Date: 4/4/08

Identifier (file name): HB319SCSCS(HES)-CED-OL-04-04-08 Dept. Affected: DCCED
Title: Dentists & Dental Assistants RDU: Corp, Bus & Prof Licensing (117)
Component: Corp, Bus & Prof Licensing
Sponsor: Ramras, et al
Requester: Senate HES Component Number: 2360

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

	Appropriation Required		Information				
	FY 2009	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
OPERATING EXPENDITURES							
Personal Services							
Travel							
Contractual							
Supplies							
Equipment							
Land & Structures							
Grants & Claims							
Miscellaneous							
TOTAL OPERATING	*	0.0	*	*	*	*	*

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES							
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CHANGE IN REVENUES (1156)	*	0.0	*	*	*	*	*
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts							
1003 GF Match							
1004 GF							
1005 GF/Program Receipts							
1037 GF/Mental Health							
1156 Receipt Supported Services	*	0.0	*	*	*	*	*
TOTAL	*	0.0	*	*	*	*	*

Estimate of any current year (FY2008) cost: 0.0

POSITIONS

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

ANALYSIS: *(Attach a separate page if necessary)*

This legislation combines the provisions of two separate bills. The first provision amends AS 08 32 relating to dental hygienists. It would add a new section allowing the Board to issue a restorative function license endorsement to a dental hygienist who has completed the necessary accredited requirements. This legislation would also amend supervision requirements, and call for the board to provide for collaborative agreements for dental hygienists to provide certain services. There are over 500 licensed dental hygienists in the State. The division does not know how many licensees would request an endorsement; therefore, the division is unable to estimate costs and revenue of this provision.

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FISCAL NOTE # 2

STATE OF ALASKA
2008 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. SCS CSHB 319(HES)

ANALYSIS CONTINUATION

The second provision amends AS 08.36 relating to Dentistry by adding new sections relating to Dental Assistants.

It allows the Board to issue a coronal polishing certificate and restorative function license endorsement to a dental assistant who has completed the necessary accredited requirements and a program of instruction approved by the Board. These sections authorize a dental assistant under direct supervision of a licensed dentist to perform the functions provided by the certification and endorsement. These sections also provide for a licensed dentist to delegate to a dental assistant under indirect supervision specific dental operations and services.

Typically license endorsement and certification fees are \$50 and do not include the costs of additional accredited programs requested or approved by the Alaska State Dental Board. Fees charged cover the cost of the work involved to verify compliance with endorsement requirements and to issue certificates.

Dental assistants are not currently licensed by the division so we can only estimate there may be well over 500 dental assistants in the State. The division does not know how many dental assistants would request an endorsement or certification; therefore, the division is unable to estimate costs and revenue of this provision.

Number of Dentists and Dental Hygienists by Region

Region	Population	No. of Dentists	No. of Hygienists	No. of Hyg/Den	No. of Hyg/10,000
New England			13,118	1.4	9.4
Middle Atlantic			25,976	0.9	6.6
East North Central			31,851	1.3	7.1
West North Central			9,481	1	4.9
South Atlantic			27,484	1.1	5.3
East South Central			7,998	1.1	4.7
West South Central			12,287	0.9	3.9
Mountain			10,422	1.2	5.7
Pacific			31,149	1.1	6.9
U.S. Total			169,149	1.1	6.0
Alaska	663,661	497	496	1.0	7.47
Anchorage Mat-Su Region	352,282	226	270	1.2	7.66
Anchorage Municipality	278,241	197	216	1.1	7.76
Matanuska-Susitna Borough	74,041	29	54	1.9	7.29
Gulf Coast Region	74,904	37	42	1.1	5.61
Kenai Peninsula Borough	51,224	27	29	1.1	5.66
Kodiak Island Borough	13,638	7	9	1.3	6.60
Valdez-Cordova Census Area	10,042	3	4	1.3	3.98
Interior Region	102,005	50	45	0.9	4.41
Denali Borough	1,823	0	0	-	-
Fairbanks North Star Borough	87,650	47	45	1.0	5.13
Southeast Fairbanks Census Area	6,471	3	0	-	-
Yukon Koyukuk Census Area	6,061	0	0	-	-
Northern Region	23,669	8	2	0.3	0.84
Nome Census Area	9,452	5	1	0.2	1.06
North Slope Borough	6,894	2	1	0.5	1.45
Northwest Arctic Borough	7,323	1	0	-	-
Southeast Region	70,822	41	48	1.2	6.78
Haines Borough	2,207	1	2	2.0	9.06
Juneau City and Borough	31,193	22	26	1.2	8.34
Ketchikan Gateway Borough	13,125	7	9	1.3	6.86
Prince of Wales-Outer Ketchikan C.A.	5,497	1	2	2.0	3.64
Sitka City and Borough	8,947	6	5	0.8	5.59
Skagway-Hoonah-Angoon C.A.	3,062	0	0	-	-
Wrangell-Petersburg Census Area	6,172	4	4	1.0	6.48
Yakutat City and Borough	619	1	0	-	-
Southwest Region	39,979	13	5	0.4	1.25
Aleutians East Borough	2,659	0	0	-	-
Aleutians West Census Area	5,249	2	1	0.5	1.91
Bethel Census Area	17,085	9	2	0.2	1.17
Bristol Bay Borough	1,073	0	0	-	-
Dillingham Census Area	4,792	2	2	1.0	4.17
Lake and Peninsula Borough	1,620	0	0	-	-
Wade Hampton Census Area	7,501	0	0	-	-
Out-of State		122	84		

Source: National data calculated using ICR, 2000 and U.S. Census Bureau

Source: State population data from ADOL&WD, 2005

Source: Dentist/Hygienist data from AK Div of Occupational Licensing, Jan 2007

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Sponsor Statement for HB 319

“An Act relating to the practice of dentistry, to dental assistants, and to dental hygienist.”

The objective of House Bill 319 is to improve access to dental care and reduce treatment costs, by expanding the functions dental assistants and dental hygienist are permitted to perform.

HB 319 does the following:

- Allows a **certified** dental assistant, under a dentist's direct supervision, or a licensed dental hygienist, to place “fillings” into a cavity prepared by a licensed dentist upon completion of coursework and examination.
- Allows a **certified** dental assistant, under a dentist's direct supervision, to polish teeth that are already clean of tarter upon the completion of coursework and examination.
- Authorized a licensed dental hygienist to administer local anesthetic agents under the general supervision of a licensed dentist.
- Permits a licensed dental hygienist to enter into a collaborative agreement with a licensed dentist in which the dentist authorizes the dental hygienist to perform certain duties stipulated in HB 319 without the supervision of the dentist.

Oral health plays a key role in overall health. Untreated dental problems can cause pain, effect nutrition, and influence quality of life. Good dental health contributes to a healthy lifestyle and promotes good self esteem. Unfortunately, not all Alaskan's enjoy good dental health due to limitations on dental personnel, geographical barriers, fear of dental treatment, and cost of dental care.

This bill will increase the efficiency of delivering dental care, while upholding the quality of that care.

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Sectional HB 319- An Act relating to the practice of dentistry, to dental assistants, and to dental hygienists.”

(Version 25-LS1281VT)

Section 1 authorizes the Board of Dental Examiners to issue a restorative function endorsement to a licensed dental hygienist if the hygienist has successfully completed an accredited program and has passed the required restorative function examination(s).

A restorative function endorsement will allow a licensed dental hygienist to place restorations, i.e. fillings, into a cavity prepared by a licensed dentist and thereafter carve, contour and adjust contacts and occlusion of the restoration under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist.

Section 2 authorizes a licensed dental hygienist to administer local anesthetic agents under the general supervision of a licensed dentist.

Local anesthesia renders a small part of the body, such as a tooth, insensitive to pain without affecting consciousness. Licensed dental hygienists in the state who are certified by the Board have been administering local anesthesia under "direct" or "indirect" supervision of a licensed dentist since 1981. Adding "general" supervision would allow a licensed, Board-certified dental hygienist to administer local anesthetic agents without the requirement for a licensed dentist being present in the dental facility.

Section 3 includes under dental hygienists' scope of practice the ability to place restorations (section 1) and perform the activities authorized under a collaborative agreement with a licensed dentist (section 4).

Section 4 authorizes the Board to approve a collaborative agreement between a licensed dentist and a licensed dental hygienist and specifies the services and procedures allowed under a collaborative agreement.

Working under a collaborative agreement with a licensed dentist, a dental hygienist would be able to initiate treatment within their scope of practice based on his or her assessment of a patient's needs without the specific authorization of a dentist.

Section 5 applies supervision requirements to a dental hygienist operating in conjunction with a licensed dentist under a collaborative agreement.

* **Section 6.** Adds a new section to AS 08.36 defining dental assistants.

Sec. 08.36.342 Describes the coronal polishing certificate.

Sec. 08.36.344 Describes the restorative function certificate.

Sec. 08.36.346 Describes delegated duties to a dental assistant.

Sec. 08.36.349 Defines "direct" and "indirect" supervision.

* **Section 7.** AS 08.36.370 Adds the definitions "calculus", "coronal polishing", and "dental assistant".

* **Section 8.** Repeals AS 08.32.110(d).



April 4, 2008

Senator Bert Stedman, Chairman
Senate Finance Committee
State Capitol, Room 516
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Re: Support for SCS CSHB 319(HES)

Dear Senator Stedman:

The Alaska State Dental Hygienists' Association (ASDHA) supports HB 319 as amended in the Senate HESS Committee. As dental hygienists, we are a community of professionals devoted to the prevention of disease and the promotion and improvement of the public's health. Dental hygienists are well-prepared to deliver preventative oral health care services to the public safely and effectively. Alaska is a state that suffers from tremendous unmet oral health needs and HB 319 will help improve access to oral health care services. We would appreciate your support for HB 319.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Walden". The ink is dark and the signature is written in a fluid, personal style.

Gail Walden
Alaska State Dental Hygienists' Association

Cc: Senator Dyson
Senator Elton
Senator Hoffman
Senator Huggins
Senator Olson
Senator Thomas

ADHA PRACTICE ACT OVERVIEW CHART OF PERMITTED FUNCTIONS AND SUPERVISION LEVELS BY STATE

	AL	AK	AZ	AR	CA	CO	CT	DE	DC	FL	GA	HI	ID	IL	IN	IA	KS	KY	LA	ME	MD	MA	MI	MN	MS
PROPHYLAXIS	P	N	N	N	N/U	U	N/U	N	N	N	P	P/N	N	N	P	N	N	N	P/N	N	N	N	N/U	N	P
X-RAYS	P	N	N	N	N/U	N	N/U	N	N	N	P	P/N	N	N	P	N	N	N	P/N	N	N	N	N/U	N	P
LOCAL ANESTHESIA		P	P		P	P	P		P			P	N	P		P	P	P	P	P		P		P	
TOPICAL ANESTHESIA	P	N	N		N/U	U	N/U	N	N	N	P	P/N	N	N	P	N	N	N	P/N	N	N	N	N/U	N	
FLUORIDE	P	N	N	N	N/U	U	N/U	N	N	N	P	P/N	N	N	P	N	N	N	P/N	N	N	N	N/U	N	P
PITFISSURE SEALANTS	P	N	N	N	N/U	U	N/U	N	N	P	P	P/N	N	N	P	N	N	N	P/N	N	N	N	N/U	N	P
ROOT PLANING	P	N	N	N	N/U	N	N/U	N	N	P	P	P/N	N	N	P	N	N	N	P/N	N	N	N	N/U	N	P
SOFT TISSUE CURETTAGE	P	N	N	N	P	U		N	N	P	P	P/N		N			N	N		N			P	N	P
ADMINISTER N ₂ O		P	P		P	P			P				P	P		P	N	P						P	
STUDY CAST IMPRESSIONS	I	N	N	N	N/U	N	N/U	N	N	P	P	P/N	P	N	P	N	N	N	P	N	N	N	N/U	N	P
PLACE PERIO DRESSINGS	P	N	P		N/U	N	N/U	N	P	N	P	P/N			P	N	N	N		P	N	N	N/U	N	P
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HB319 Key Points

- Restorative function allows dental assistants and dental hygienists to place fillings after dentists have prepared teeth
- Increased efficiency will allow intenerate teams to deliver more care
- Same educational standards and testing for the restorative function for assistants and for hygienists
- Medicaid reimburses 48.00 for a children's prophylaxis, average hourly salary for a hygienist is 54.00, for an assistant 23.00. Dental offices that see children under Medicaid/Denali Kid Care for cleanings do so at a loss. Authorizing certified dental assistants to perform these cleanings would provide an economic incentive for dental offices.
- The Medicaid/Denali Kid Care children who would benefit from this change in the age range most likely to develop decay patterns and are the most at risk group.
- Most hygienists are fully booked, there is not enough capacity in the system for all of the eligible, but unseen, Medicaid/Denali Kid Care patients
- Expanded duty for hygienists under HB319 will leave a void as they move into more advanced functions. Children's cleanings are the most basic of cleanings and can be done safely by trained assistants.
- Both expanded duty functions for dental assistants would be done under direct supervision meaning a dentist would examine the patient before treatment and evaluate the treatment afterwards.
- Both functions for dental assistants would require certification. This would require additional education, training and testing.
- Nationwide there is a shortage of dentists in rural areas. This problem is especially acute in Alaska. Recognizing this the ADS is advocating expanded functions for all auxiliaries. Increasing the functions a hygienist can perform and the settings they can deliver care in will leave a void. Training assistants in more advanced functions – the least technically demanding that hygienists currently perform – is the best way to fill this void.
- Hygienists will be able to provide local anesthesia for patients without a dentist being present in the office allowing hygienists to work more efficiently and provide greater patient comfort.
- Hygienists will be able to work remotely from dentists allowing hygiene services to be provided in areas that are not currently being served.



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Two Dental Bills Now One

HB136 was piggybacked onto HB319 in the Senate HESS committee resulting in one combined bill affecting dental auxiliaries. A recap of what the two previously separate bills changed for duties allowed by auxiliaries.

Sections 1-5 of the Senate CS for HB319 cover what was previously HB136. These sections pertain to Dental Hygienists.

1. Would allow dental hygienists to place fillings into teeth prepared by a dentist
2. Would allow hygienists to administer local anesthetic without a dentist present (currently a dentist must be in the building)
3. Would allow dental hygienists to work independently of dentists under a collaborative agreement.

Section 6 of the Senate CS for HB319 covers what was previously the wording for HB319 as it left the House. This section pertains to Dental Assistants.

1. Would allow dental assistants to place fillings into teeth prepared by a dentist (same education and testing standards as for hygienists in HB136)
2. Would allow dental assistants to perform coronal polishing (cleaning teeth with a rubber cup) as a cleaning service (currently can only do so before applying sealants or fluoride)



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Layperson's Guide to Dental Offices

Dental offices generally have 4 job classifications as employees with different levels of education and training. Three of the classifications involve working on patients, the remaining classification, front office staff, is limited to clerical tasks and will not be covered.

Dentists: 4 years of dental school and generally 4 years of college. Specialists have 2-4 years of additional school beyond dental school. Dentists supervise other dental care providers and are authorized to perform all dental procedures.

Dental Hygienists: 2 years of dental hygiene school and generally have 2 years of college. Hygienists work with dentists but generally do not work on patients at the same time with dentists. Hygienists may work on patients without a dentist present if the dentist has seen the patient beforehand. Hygienists are allowed to:

1. Clean teeth including deep cleaning
2. Apply sealants and fluoride
3. Apply therapeutic agents for gum disease
4. Administer anesthetic, if they have passed a test and if a dentist present on the premises
5. Perform any function a dental assistant can perform

HB319 would allow hygienists to:

1. Administer anesthetic without a dentist present
2. Work on patients independently of a dentist
3. Place fillings into cavities prepared by a dentist (restorative function) after training and passing a test

Dental Assistants: May attend formal education of 12-18 months or may be trained in dental offices. No educational prerequisites. Dental assistants work directly with dentists and are not allowed to see patients without a dentist present. Assistants are allowed to:

1. Apply sealants and fluoride
2. Clean teeth before applying sealants or fluoride but can not be considered a cleaning
3. Place rubber dams
4. Take impressions (molds)
5. Make temporary crowns
6. Place and remove orthodontic brackets

HB319 would allow assistants to:

1. Place fillings into cavities prepared by a dentist (restorative function) after training and passing a test. (same test and training as hygienists)
2. Clean teeth without tarter. Assistants can currently clean teeth before applying sealants or fluoride but it is not considered a "cleaning".

EXPANDED FUNCTIONS FOR DENTAL ASSISTANTS

STATE	RESTORATIVE FUNCTION	CORONAL POLISHING
ARIZONA		COURSE AND EXAM
ARKANSAS		COURSE AND EXAM
CALIFORNIA	COURSE AND EXAM	COURSE AND EXAM, OR MAY BE TRAINED BY DENTIST
COLORADO		NO EXAM REQUIRED
FLORIDA		COURSE AND EXAM
GEORGIA		NO EXAM REQUIRED
IDAHO		BOARD CERTIFICATION
ILLINOIS		COURSE AND EXAM
KANSAS		NO EXAM REQUIRED
MAINE	BOARD CERTIFICATION	NO EXAM REQUIRED
MASSACHUSETTS		COURSE AND EXAM
MICHIGAN		COURSE AND EXAM
MINNESOTA		COURSE AND EXAM
MISSOURI	COURSE AND EXAM	COURSE AND EXAM
MONTANA	COURSE AND EXAM	COURSE AND EXAM
NEBRASKA		COURSE AND EXAM
NEVADA		NO EXAM REQUIRED
NEW JERSEY		COURSE AND EXAM
NEW MEXICO		COURSE AND EXAM
NEW YORK	COURSE AND EXAM	COURSE AND EXAM
NORTH CAROLINA		COURSE AND EXAM
NORTH DAKOTA		COURSE AND EXAM
OHIO	BOARD CERTIFICATION	BOARD CERTIFICATION
OKLAHOMA		COURSE AND EXAM
OREGON		COURSE AND EXAM
PENNSYLVANIA	COURSE AND EXAM	COURSE AND EXAM
RHODE ISLAND		COURSE AND EXAM
SOUTH CAROLINA		COURSE AND EXAM
SOUTH DAKOTA		COURSE AND EXAM
TENNESSEE	BOARD CERTIFICATION	COURSE AND EXAM
UTAH		NO EXAM REQUIRED
VERMONT	BOARD CERTIFICATION	BOARD CERTIFICATION
WASHINGTON	BOARD CERTIFICATION	NO EXAM REQUIRED
WEST VIRGINIA		COURSE AND EXAM
WISCONSIN		NO EXAM REQUIRED
WYOMING		NO EXAM REQUIRED



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April 2, 2008

Members of the Senate HESS committee:

The Alaska Dental Society supports the changes made to HB319 as presented in work draft 25-LS1281/T, which combines HB319 and HB136. We urge the committee to pass HB319 out of committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Logan", is written over a faint, larger signature.

David Logan, DDS
Legislative Chair, Alaska Dental Society



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January 16, 2008

To whom it may concern:

At the December 7, 2007 meeting of the Alaska Board of Dental Examiners, we considered the proposed change to the Dental Practice Act enabling a broader scope of practice for dental assistants as presented by the Alaska Dental Society, introduced as HB 319. After discussion by the Board we voted unanimously to support the proposal as beneficial to the citizens of the State by improving access to care while still maintaining the oversight to ensure safety and quality of care. We look forward to providing for these proposed changes and introducing this innovative way to help our profession deliver care to all Alaskans.

Sincerely

David L. Eichler DMD
President, Alaska Board of Dental Examiners



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February 5, 2008

Representative Jay Ramrus
Alaska State House
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Ramrus:

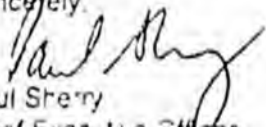
According to the U.S. Surgeon General, periodontal disease in American Indian and Alaska Native adults is 2.5 times greater than in the general U.S. population. Data from Alaska shows that 92 percent of Alaska Native adolescents have signs of early periodontal disease. In the last decade, research has demonstrated the association of periodontal disease in pregnant women with premature birth and studies are underway now to test interventions. Infant mortality is a problem in Alaska and oral health problems can only contribute to this unnecessary loss.

Virtually without exception, the studies of dental therapists in other countries and even expanded duty personnel in the U.S. show that these highly competent technicians perform fillings at the same level as their dentist supervisors. A study in Michigan showed that expanded duty personnel had one-third as many failures of dental sealants over 10 years as dentists with an overall retention rate similar to published studies. A study in Canada showed that 79 percent of pit and fissure sealants applied by dental therapists were retained for at least three years and 46 percent less caries in these teeth. Similarly studies in the U.S. showed good agreement between trained dental extenders and dentists in dental caries screening.

In the United States, dentistry is an aging profession. Of the nation's roughly 162,000 practicing dentists, 22.5 percent were ages 55-64, and 10 percent were age 65 and older in 2005. A large portion of this group is expected to retire over the next five to ten years, leaving an even greater need for other dental disciplines to be fully trained and ready to move into the workforce. The national shortage of dentists means even greater hardships for the Alaska Native people living in rural Alaska.

Given the high number of oral health disparities faced by our people, the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium supports the expanded function practices of Dental Hygienists and Dental Health Aide Therapists across Alaska and the United States.

Sincerely,


Paul Sherry
Chief Executive Officer

Alaska Dental Outreach Consortium

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1 February 2008

Chairman Wilson & Honorable Members:

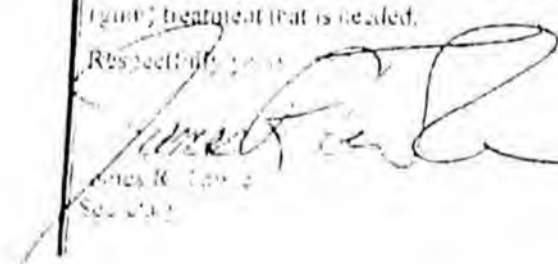
On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Alaska Dental Outreach Corporation (ADOC), I urge you to support the passage of House Bill 319 & Senate Bill -239 concerning the expansion of duties for certified dental assistants.

These bills would allow greater access to care in rural areas and increase the ability of dentists to deliver care under the Medicaid and Denali Kid Care system.

ADOC is a non profit organization started by the Alaska Dental Society in 2007. It has requested IRS designation as a tax-exempt entity, and is currently awaiting a ruling prior to commencing operations. ADOC has been established to provide care in underserved rural areas of Alaska using volunteer dentists.

The adoption of HB-319/SB-239 will ensure that ADOC's volunteer dentists are able to use the expanded duty for dental assistants to significantly increase the amount of care they are able to provide compared to than would be possible under the exist statutes. Certified dental assistants placing fillings after the dentists have prepared teeth will allow our dental teams to work efficiently. One dentist working in concert with several assistants will be able to provide care to 50-75% more patients than a dentist who is not allowed to delegate the "restorative services" authorized by these bills.

Allowing certified dental assistants to perform coronal polishing is also crucial to the efficient delivery of care. Unless ADOC is able to recruit hygienists willing to accompany our volunteer dentists and provide their services without compensation or remuneration, it will be cost prohibitive for ADOC to provide basic dental hygiene services. This will severely hinder ADOC's ability to provide this most basic of preventive services. Our dentists, due to the more pressing need to restore decayed teeth, will be unable to provide little more than a minimal number of the cleanings needed in the communities we will serve. However, with the adoption of these bills, dental assistants can provide coronal polishing, under the supervision of a dentist, who after removing any calculus (tartar) and treating any sub-gingival (below the gum line) treatment deemed appropriate, can focus on providing restorative and periodontal (gum) treatment that is needed.

Respectfully,

James R. Towle
Secretary



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The Honorable Jay Ramras
Alaska House of Representatives
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Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Ramras,

The Alaska Dental Society welcomes you back, for what we hope will be a productive and rewarding 2008 session of the Alaska Legislature.

This session the Alaska Dental Society (ADS) is backing legislation sponsored by Sen. Joe Thomas and Rep. Jay Ramras. These bills are one of several steps the is undertaking to increase access to dental care to rural and other Alaskans in need. A packet enclosed provides information on the Expanded Duty for Dental Assistants Bills, HB-319 and SB-239, as well as other components of a strategic plan for dealing with the shortage of dental care in Alaska.

Given the short 90 day session in 2008 we hope you will give HB-319 and SB-239 your support and urge you fellow lawmakers to take prompt attention before preparation of the FY2009 budget takes center stage.

Enclosed are complementary toothbrushes, floss for you and your staff.

Respectfully yours,

David Logan, DDS, Chairman
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Long Term Strategic Plan for Providing Care for the Underserved in Alaska

The majority of Alaskans enjoy access to excellent and affordable dental care – some of the best in the world. A segment of the Alaska's population does not have ready access to basic dental care and struggles to pay for the treatment they need; particularly if they have delayed seeking care and their condition has gotten worse and more difficult and costly to treat.

The Alaska Dental Society has developed a long term strategic plan which will increase access to care for those Alaskans most in need and with the greatest challenges to getting regular care and treatment. It will require cooperation between the Alaska Dental and the Alaska Dental Board, the Legislature, as well as the other state and federal agencies responsible for dental and health care.

The Alaska Dental Society recommends the following steps to increase access to dental care:

1. Legislation to expand the duties that can be assigned to auxiliary dental personnel. Increasing the tasks performed by hygienists and assistants will increase efficiency while lowering costs.
2. Implement a 10% tax at the wholesale level on soda pop, soft drinks that contain significant percentages of sugar and candy products. Proceeds of the tax would be directed to the general fund and used to offset key programs to improve and increase access to dental care.
3. Implementation of a state grant program for delivery of preventive care in underserved areas
4. Institute a loan program to encourage health care providers to deliver care in underserved areas
5. Modifications to the Medicaid system by the Department of Health and Social Services that will encourage rather than discourage dentists to participate
6. Incentives from the state to encourage communities to fluoridate community water systems and development of a state program to provide fluoride supplementation in communities without fluoridated water

More detailed information on the above listed programs can be found in the accompanying material.

From: housemajority_email@housemajority.org
Sent: Thursday, February 07, 2008 6:09 PM
To: Rep. Jay Ramras
Subject: HB 319

From: swights@yahoo.com

Dear Representative Ramras

I am writing to you as a dental hygienist who loves her job and loves her patients. I worked hard for my degree and am proud of the level of training I received. I am very concerned about HB 319.

Dental Hygienists are highly trained and highly educated professionals. Your Bill states that only tarter free children would be polished by assistants, why would you want someone with less hands on training and less education working on our most precious resource? We should expect the same high level care for children that we do for adults and that is with a hygienist.

Recently Dental Health Aides were allowed to practice in our rural areas and a new Dental Hygiene program was opened in Fairbanks. As more students graduate more professionals will be available to treat the needs of Rural Alaska. They will be professionals with at least 2 years of intense clinical training, which is what our states deserves.

Thank you,
Sarah Sullivan

- Sarah Sullivan
Zip Code: 99709

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Support HB319

From: Rep. Jay Ramras
Sent: Saturday, February 23, 2008 5:03 PM
To: Patty Krueger
Subject: FW: Allied Health Funding for UAF

-----Original Message-----

From: Phyllis Pendergrast [mailto:soviev@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, February 22, 2008 11:19 PM
To: Rep. Jay Ramras
Subject: Allied Health Funding for UAF

Dear Jay,

Thank you for your good work and fine effort. Your support of the HB319 is appreciated.

My wife and I heard of the budget cut for the Allied Health program at UAF and wanted to give you our opinion on this action.

The new Dental Hygiene program is one that can help satisfy the demand of access to care. We need more trained professionals to meet the demands of our communities. In addition to being a sound idea for the care recipients it provides an opportunity for individuals in the small towns and villages to receive a degree and provide much needed care to their people.

The time to meet these demands is now. Any delays will only set back the already needed care.

Any help you can give would be greatly appreciated and valued.

Respectfully,

Phyllis Pendergrast DMD
Charles W. Lemke

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February 25, 2008

Senate Finance Committee
Labor and Commerce Committee

Representative Jay Ramras
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Re: **HOUSE BILL NO. 319**

Dear Jay Ramras:

My name is Mayquella Buckley, I have been a dental assistant for 11 years, a Certified Dental Assistant through DANB for 5 years and I am certified in dental radiology through the Indian Health Services.

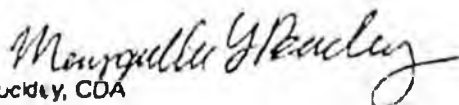
DANB, the Dental Assisting National Board, Inc. is the national certification and credentialing agency for dental assistants and is recognized by the American Dental Association. To meet testing criteria you need to graduate from an accredited dental assistant program at a university or have 2 years of minimum work experience in the dental field. To provide quality dental care in more advanced procedures a dental assistant needs to have a strong foundation of dental knowledge in infection control, radiology and general chair side skills. They also need to have clinical experience to allow time to grow their skills.

House Bill 319 gives dental assistants and our patient population we provide dental care to great opportunities. However, regulating advance procedures like restorative functions and coronal polishing will require more than completing a program of instruction approved by the board. Formal training and at least 2 years of general clinical experience is needed to acquire the basic skill set in order to provide quality dental care. With that knowledge then one may be ready to expand their skills, knowledge and abilities to more advance dental procedures. Providing safe and quality dental care is a priority and can be achieved through training and experience.

I have been the clinical manager/supervisor for ANMC dental services for 5 years and supervise 30 + dental assistant at any one time. I also oversee the dental assistant training program for which most of our dental assistants are hired from. We have set up our own job progressions to meet the clinical education and work experience listed above. This process has lead to improved dental services being provided and removes those individuals who may not be as serious in providing quality dental care.

Thank you for taking the time to review this letter and I hope that you will consider my recommendations in your decisions.

Sincerely,



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HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

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Date Referred to Committee: February 8, 2008

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Date of Committee Action: 2/18/08

The FINANCE Committee considered:

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HOUSE BILL NO. 320

SEARCH & RESCUE: CERTIFICATION/WORK.COMP

"An Act relating to certification of search and rescue personnel and organizations; requiring certain search and rescue personnel to be considered state employees for purposes of workers' compensation coverage; and allowing municipalities to elect to provide workers' compensation insurance coverage for search and rescue personnel."

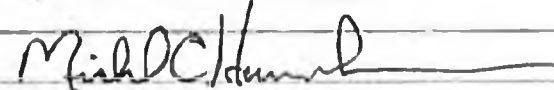
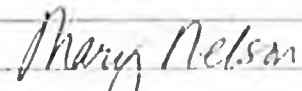
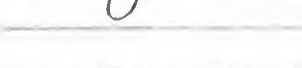
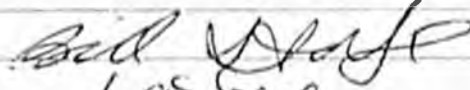

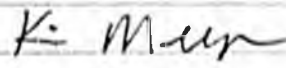
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	Hawk	✗			
	NELSON	✓			
	KELLY			X	
	SARSA			X	
	Travis	X			✓
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FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2008 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: _____
 Bill Version: CS HB 320 (FIN)
 () Publish Date: _____

Identifier (file name): _____ Dept. Affected: Public Safety
 Title "An Act relating to the certification of search and rescue personnel and organizations;..." RDU Alaska State Troopers
 Component Search & Rescue
 Sponsor Representative Kevin Meyer
 Requester House Finance Committee Component Number 513

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

	Appropriation Required	Information						
		FY 2009	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
Personal Services								
Travel								
Contractual								
Supplies								
Equipment								
Land & Structures								
Grants & Claims								
Miscellaneous								
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES								
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 2009	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
1002 Federal Receipts							
1003 GF Match							
1004 GF							
1005 GF/Program Receipts							
1037 GF/Mental Health							
Other Interagency Receipts							
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2008) cost: _____

POSITIONS

	FY 2009	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

ANALYSIS: *(Attach a separate page if necessary)*

This bill requires DPS to provide workers compensation insurance to search and rescue volunteers during DPS authorized search and rescue missions and DPS authorized or organized search and rescue training exercises. DPS would be required to develop regulations to comply with this requirement.

The intent of the House Finance Committee is for DPS to absorb any and all additional costs associated with promulgating regulations, managing a program, and conducting with organized search and rescue training exercises.

Prepared by: House Finance Committee
 Division: _____
 Approved by: Representative Kevin Meyer, Co-Chairman
Representative Miko Chenault, Co-Chairman

Phone 465-4945
 Date/Time 2/18/08 4:06 p.m.
 Date 2/18/2008

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2008 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 2
Bill Version: CSHB 320(L&C)
(H) Publish Date: 2/8/08

Identifier (file name): HB320-DOA-RM-01-25-08 Dept. Affected: Administration
Title: "An Act relating to certain search and rescue volunteers to be considered state employees for purposes of worker's..." RDU: Risk Management
Sponsor: Representatives Meyer, Buch and Holmes Component: Risk Management
Requester: _____ Component Number: 71

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

	Appropriation Required	Information						
		FY 2009	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
Personal Services
Travel
Contractual
Supplies
Equipment
Land & Structures
Grants & Claims
Miscellaneous
TOTAL OPERATING	.	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES								
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()								
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 2009	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
1002 Federal Receipts
1003 GF Match
1004 GF
1005 GF/Program Receipts
1037 GF/Mental Health
Other Interagency Receipts
TOTAL	.	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2008) cost: 0.0

POSITIONS

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

ANALYSIS: *(Attach a separate page if necessary)*

Risk Management (RM) will be financially impacted by the changes in this legislation.

RM administers the self insurance program providing workers' compensation protection for all state employees, which will now include any claims filed by the new statutory employee group created by this legislation.

As the number of searchers covered by this new law is not certain and actual exposure is very intermittent, it is impossible to present loss cost projections.

Future Risk Management's workers' compensation assessments to Public Safety will increase to reflect actual costs incurred as premiums charged each agency are developed from actual claims expenses incurred. RM cannot predict and present those costs at this time.

Prepared by: J. Brad Thompson, Director
Division: Risk Management
Approved by: Kevin Brooks, Deputy Commissioner
Department of Administration

Phone: 465-5723
Date/Time: 1/25/08 12:00 AM
Date: 1/25/2008

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2008 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 1
Bill Version: CSHB 320(L&C)
(H) Publish Date: 2/8/08

Identifier (file name): HB320-DOLWD-WC-1-25-08 Dept. Affected: Labor and Workforce Development
Title: Search & Rescue: Certification/Work.Comp RDU: Workers' Compensation
Component: Workers' Compensation
Sponsor: Representative Meyer
Requester: House Labor and Commerce Component Number: 344

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

	Appropriation Required	Information						
		FY 2009	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
Personal Services								
Travel								
Contractual								
Supplies								
Equipment								
Land & Structures								
Grants & Claims								
Miscellaneous								
TOTAL OPERATING		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES								
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()								
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 2009	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
1002 Federal Receipts							
1003 GF Match							
1004 GF							
1005 GF/Program Receipts							
1037 GF/Mental Health							
1157 Workers' Safety/Comp Account							
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2008) cost: None

POSITIONS

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

ANALYSIS: *(Attach a separate page if necessary)*

There is no anticipated financial impact to the department as a result of this legislation.

Prepared by: Paul F. Lisankie, Director Phone 465-6059
Division: Workers' Compensation Date/Time 1/25/08 1:20 PM
Approved by: Click Bishop, Commissioner Date 1/25/08
Department of Labor and Workforce Development

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2/18/08

STATE OF ALASKA
 2008 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: _____
 Bill Version: CS(L&C)HB320
 () Publish Date: _____

Identifier (file name): HB320CS(L&C)-DPS-SAR-02-18-08 Dept. Affected: Public Safety
 Title: "An Act relating to the certification of search and rescue personnel and organizations; . . ." RDU: Alaska State Troopers
 Component: Search & Rescue
 Sponsor: Representative Meyer
 Requester: House Finance Committee Component Number: 513

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

	Appropriation Required	Information						
		FY 2009	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
Personal Services	91.9		91.9	91.9	91.9	91.9	91.9	91.9
Travel	2.0		2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Contractual	7.5		7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Supplies	2.0		2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Equipment	3.0							
Land & Structures								
Grants & Claims								
Miscellaneous								
TOTAL OPERATING	106.4	0.0	103.4	103.4	103.4	103.4	103.4	103.4

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES								
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()								
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts								
1003 GF Match								
1004 GF	106.4		103.4	103.4	103.4	103.4	103.4	103.4
1005 GF/Program Receipts								
1037 GF/Mental Health								
Other Interagency Receipts								
TOTAL	106.4	0.0	103.4	103.4	103.4	103.4	103.4	103.4

Estimate of any current year (FY2008) cost: 0.0

POSITIONS

Full-time	1.0	1.0	1	1	1	1	1
Part-time							
Temporary							

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This bill requires DPS to provide worker's compensation insurance to search and rescue volunteers during DPS authorized search and rescue missions and DPS authorized search and rescue training exercises. HB 320 requires DPS to develop regulations to comply with this requirement. HB 320 also allows DPS to organize search and rescue training operations. This bill requires one non-commissioned employee to create the regulations, manage the program and help organize search and rescue training exercises if necessary.

Prepared by: Lt. Rodney Dial
 Division: Alaska State Troopers
 Approved by: Wall Monegan, Commissioner
Department of Public Safety

Phone: (907) 247-4480
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 Date: 2/18/2008

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2008 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. CS(L&C)HB320

ANALYSIS CONTINUATION

Adopted
2/18/08

AMENDMENT |

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE

BY REPRESENTATIVE MEYER

TO: CS HB 320 (L&C), Version 25-LS1176\M

1 Page 3, line 17

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5 ", but the gross weekly earnings for calculating compensation may not be less
6 than the minimum wage computed based on 40 hours of work a week"

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25-LS1176M

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 320(L&C)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 2/8/08
Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES MEYER, Buch, Holmes

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to search and rescue training and search and rescue parties; requiring
2 certain search and rescue volunteers to be considered state employees for purposes of
3 workers' compensation coverage; and allowing political subdivisions to elect to provide
4 workers' compensation insurance coverage for search and rescue personnel."

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

6 * Section 1. AS 18.60 is amended by adding a new section to article 2 to read:

7 Sec. 18.60.115. Search and rescue training. The commissioner of public
8 safety or the commissioner's designee may organize and conduct a search and rescue
9 training exercise to prepare for a response to a search and rescue activity under
10 AS 18.60.120. Only the commissioner or the commissioner's designee may authorize a
11 person to participate in a search and rescue training exercise under this section.

12 * Sec. 2. AS 18.60.120 is amended to read:

13 Sec. 18.60.120. Search and rescue parties. Upon being notified that a person
14 is lost, injured, killed, or is in need of immediate rescue, the commissioner of public

1 safety or a designee may appoint a competent person to organize, direct, and guide a
 2 search and rescue party for the purpose of rescuing or retrieving the person or the
 3 person's remains. Only the commissioner, the commissioner's designee, or the
 4 person appointed to organize, direct, and guide a search and rescue party may
 5 authorize a person to participate in the search and rescue party.

6 * Sec. 3. AS 18.60.125 is amended to read:

7 Sec. 18.60.125. Civil immunity. A person may not bring a civil action for
 8 damages against the state, a political subdivision of the state, or the officers, agents, or
 9 employees of the state or a political subdivision of the state for a death, personal
 10 injury, or property damage that results from an act or omission in performing or failing
 11 to perform activities or duties authorized under AS 18.60.115 - 18.60.175
 12 [AS 18.60.120 - 18.60.175]. This section does not apply to a civil action for damages
 13 as a result of intentional misconduct within the course and scope of employment or
 14 agency and with complete disregard for the safety and property of others.

15 * Sec. 4. AS 18.60.175 is amended to read:

16 Sec. 18.60.175. Regulations. The Department of Public Safety shall adopt
 17 regulations necessary to carry out the duties assigned by AS 18.60.115 - 18.60.170
 18 [AS 18.60.120 - 18.60.170], including regulations dealing with the handling of
 19 nonexpendable property purchased during a search or rescue mission and expenditures
 20 of money for search and rescue. The regulations shall be adopted in accordance with
 21 AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act).

22 * Sec. 5. AS 23.30.092 is amended to read:

23 Sec. 23.30.092. Volunteer ambulance attendants', police officers', [AND]
 24 fire fighters', and search and rescue personnel's insurance. A political subdivision
 25 may elect to provide benefits and compensation to its volunteer ambulance attendants,
 26 police officers, [OR] fire fighters, or search and rescue personnel by obtaining
 27 insurance that would provide its volunteer ambulance attendants, police officers, [OR]
 28 fire fighters, or search and rescue personnel with benefits and compensation at least
 29 equivalent to those conferred upon volunteer ambulance attendants, police officers,
 30 [OR] fire fighters, or search and rescue personnel by this chapter, and the election
 31 shall be considered compliance with the coverage and insurance provisions of this

1 chapter. The election shall be made by filing copies of the insurance policy or policies
2 with the commissioner.

3 * Sec. 6. AS 23.30 is amended by adding a new section to read:

4 **Sec. 23.30.246. Search and rescue personnel as state employees.** (a) A
5 resident of the state who temporarily volunteers to participate in a search and rescue
6 training exercise or a search and rescue activity and who suffers injury or death during
7 the course and within the scope of training for or providing search and rescue services
8 is considered an employee of the state for purposes of this chapter if, at the time of the
9 injury or death, the volunteer

10 (1) is an authorized participant in a search and rescue training exercise
11 under AS 18.60.115 or a search and rescue activity under AS 18.60.120; and

12 (2) is not otherwise covered for that injury or death by an employer's
13 workers' compensation insurance policy or self-insurance certificate.

14 (b) Notwithstanding the methods for calculating an employee's gross weekly
15 earnings under AS 23.30.220, the gross weekly earnings for a resident of the state
16 temporarily engaged as a volunteer under (a) of this section are equal to the state
17 average weekly wage, but the gross weekly earnings for calculating compensation
18 may not be less than the minimum wage computed based on 40 hours of work a week.



REPRESENTATIVE KEVIN MEYER

HOUSE DISTRICT 30

Sponsor Statement for House Bill

"An Act relating to certification of search and rescue personnel and organizations; requiring certain search and rescue personnel to be considered state employees for purposes of workers' compensation coverage; and allowing municipalities to elect to provide workers' compensation insurance coverage for search and rescue personnel."

The majesty of the last frontier is a primary reason many Alaskans live here and one of the main reasons more than a million tourists visit Alaska annually. Alaskans are raised with an awareness and appreciation for the great outdoors and the dangers that exist in the wilderness. Alaskans are prepared for accidents and are rarely surprised when accidents do occur. When accidents do happen, it is primarily volunteers that perform the search and rescue missions Alaskans and our visitors rely upon.

House Bill 320 extends workers compensation coverage to volunteers during the course of providing a search and rescue service. These volunteers must be certified by the State and registered with the Department of Public Safety. HB 320 also allows municipalities to extend the same coverage they provide to search and rescue volunteers that they extend to volunteer firefighters, police officers and ambulance attendants. HB 320 however does not require a municipality to extend workers compensation coverage.

Currently, the volunteer emergency medical technicians that treat the injured are given workers compensation coverage by the State, but the volunteer search and rescue personnel do not have the same coverage. Municipalities are also allowed to provide coverage to their volunteer fire departments, ambulance attendants and police, but not the volunteers that perform search and rescue operations.

Most Alaskans know someone who has had an accident while enjoying the outdoors, and many have lost loved ones to tragedy. When accidents do happen, the volunteers in Alaska's search and rescue community are ready 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to put themselves at risk saving others in the backcountry. In the past six years, the Department of Public Safety and the volunteers in the search and rescue community have safely returned over 2,350 individuals to their friends and families.

HB 320 recognizes the valuable service these volunteers provide and ensures that if they are injured while providing a search and rescue service, they will receive workers compensation.

1/16/2008

FISCAL NOTE

Replaced

STATE OF ALASKA
2008 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 3
Bill Version: CSHB 320(L&C)
(H) Publish Date: 2/8/08

Identifier (file name): HB320-DPS-SAR-01-25-08 Dept. Affected: Public Safety
Title: "An Act relating to the certification of search and rescue personnel and organizations; . . ." RDU: Alaska State Troopers
Sponsor: Representative Meyer Component: Search & Rescue
Requester: House Labor and Commerce Component Number: 513

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

	Appropriation Required		Information				
	FY 2009	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
OPERATING EXPENDITURES							
Personal Services	261.1		261.1	261.1	261.1	261.1	261.1
Travel	25.0		25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0
Contractual	103.9		74.3	74.3	74.3	74.3	74.3
Supplies	9.8		9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8
Equipment	100.9						
Land & Structures							
Grants & Claims							
Miscellaneous							
TOTAL OPERATING	500.7	0.0	370.2	370.2	370.2	370.2	370.2

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES							
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()							
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts							
1003 GF Match							
1004 GF	500.7		370.2	370.2	370.2	370.2	370.2
1005 GF/Program Receipts							
1037 GF/Mental Health							
Other Interagency Receipts							
TOTAL	500.7	0.0	370.2	370.2	370.2	370.2	370.2

Estimate of any current year (FY2008) cost: 0.0

POSITIONS

Full-time	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Part-time							
Temporary							

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This bill requires that the DPS establish qualifications required to certify search and rescue (SAR) personnel and organizations, and provide certification of such. The DPS is also required to maintain a register of the certified SAR personnel and organizations. This bill allows a political subdivision to provide benefits and compensation to volunteer search and rescue personnel. Finally, this bill provides that a SAR person, who is providing a service outside an incorporated city or borough, is an employee of the state and may be eligible for workers compensation coverage.

Prepared by: Lt. Rodney Dial
Division: Alaska State Troopers
Approved by: Walt Monagan, Commissioner
Department of Public Safety

Phone: (907) 247-4480
Date/Time: 1/25/08 9:00 AM
Date: 1/25/2008

FISCAL NOTE #3

STATE OF ALASKA
2008 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. CSHB 320(L&C)

ANALYSIS CONTINUATION

Passage of this legislation will result in a significant allocation of DPS resources to manage and oversee the training and certification of SAR personnel and groups. Currently there are approximately 1000 active SAR volunteers located in numerous communities throughout the state. To fully comply with this legislation it is anticipated that at a minimum, three new employees would need to be added to the DPS. The justification for the additional positions is as follows:

A DPS Lieutenant to lead and supervise the DPS SAR section. This position would establish statewide SAR qualifications and work with the various SAR agencies to conduct certification of the units and personnel.

A DPS Sergeant that would act as a training coordinator. This position would require extensive travel and would be actively involved in conducting and coordinating the training necessary to certify SAR agencies and personnel.

An Administrative Assistant III to support the Lieutenant and Sergeant and maintain the records associated with the certification of SAR agencies and personnel.

Included in this analysis is the funding needed for staff travel, communications, lease space, office supplies, uniforms, ammunition, law enforcement supplies, vehicles for the two police officers, and one-time costs such as academy training, portable radio, computers, firearms, and office furniture.

It is expected that if SAR agencies and personnel are required to certify, the DPS will assume the responsibility of providing the training necessary for them to comply with the requirements. It is also known by the DPS that there is significant and ongoing turnover within in the SAR community which will require the DPS to provide constant oversight, certification and training in perpetuity, if this legislation passes.

Finally, there will be additional and ongoing costs to the DPS to pay the workers compensation coverage premiums for those covered by this legislation. At this time, Risk Management is unable to predict what this premium will be so DPS is unable to provide an estimated annual cost. DPS may need to seek future appropriations to cover this cost.



REPRESENTATIVE KEVIN MEYER

HOUSE DISTRICT 30

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 5, 2008
TO: Representative Kevin Meyer
FROM: Mike Pawlowski
RE: Sectional Analysis for CSHB 320
(Version No. 25 – LS1176\E)

As a preliminary matter, note that a sectional summary of a bill should not be considered an authoritative interpretation of the bill and the bill itself is the best statement of its contents. If you would like an interpretation of the bill as it may apply to a particular set of circumstances, please advise.

Section 1. Adds a new section to AS 18.60 allowing the Commissioner of Public Safety or his designee to organize and conduct a search and rescue training mission.

Section 2. Amends AS 18.60.120 to clarify that only the Commissioner of Public Safety or his designee may authorize a person to participate in the search and rescue party.

Section 3. Makes a conforming amendment to AS 18.60.125 to include a reference to new AS 18.60.115.

Section 4. Makes a conforming amendment to AS 18.60.175 to include a reference to new AS 18.60.115.

Section 5. Amends AS 23.30.092 to allow a political subdivision to elect to provide workers compensation benefits to search and rescue personnel.

Section 6. Adds a new section to AS 23.30 providing workers compensation coverage to search and rescue volunteers participating in a search and rescue mission under AS 18.60.120 or a training exercise under AS 18.60.115.

<p align="center">State of Alaska Sarah Palin Governor</p>	<p align="center">Alaska Workers' Compensation Division PO Box 115512 Juneau, Alaska 99811-5512</p>		
<p>Department of Labor and Workforce Development</p>	<p align="center">BULLETIN</p>	<p align="center">Number 07-10</p>	<p align="center">Date December 06, 2007</p>
<p align="center">Clark Bishop Commissioner</p>		<p>SUBJECT</p>	<p>Alaska Average Weekly Wage and Minimum/Maximum Compensation Rates for Calendar Year 2008</p>
	<p>REFERENCE</p>	<p>AS 23.30.041(k), AS 23.30.175(a) and AS 23.30.175(d)</p>	

The Alaska Average Weekly Wage (AAWW) determined by the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development by December 1, 2007, and applicable for the period from January 1 through December 31, 2008, is \$782.68.

The maximum compensation rate under AS 23.30.175(a) is 120% of the AAWW, which is \$939.

The minimum compensation rate under AS 23.30.175(a) is 22% of the maximum compensation rate, which is \$207.

The maximum compensation rate under AS 23.30.041(k) is 105% of the AAWW, which is \$822.

New compensation rate tables for 2008 will be completed in the near future. The new tables are to be used for all injuries occurring between January 1, 2008 and December 31, 2008. The new tables will be available on the Division's website: www.labor.state.ak.us/wc/rate.htm.

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2008 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: _____
Bill Version: CS HB 320 (FIN)
() Publish Date: _____

Identifier (file name): _____ Dept. Affected: Public Safety
Title "An Act relating to the certification of search and rescue personnel and organizations:..." RDU Alaska State Troopers
Sponsor Representative Kevin Meyer Component Search & Rescue
Requester House Finance Committee Component Number 513

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

	Appropriation Required	Information						
		FY 2009	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
Personal Services								
Travel								
Contractual								
Supplies								
Equipment								
Land & Structures								
Grants & Claims								
Miscellaneous								
TOTAL OPERATING		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()								
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

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1037 GF/Mental Health								
Other Interagency Receipts								
TOTAL		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2008) cost: _____

POSITIONS

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This bill requires DPS to provide workers compensation insurance to search and rescue volunteers during DPS authorized search and rescue missions and DPS authorized or organized search and rescue training exercises. DPS would be required to develop regulations to comply with this requirement.

The intent of the House Finance Committee is for DPS to absorb any and all additional costs associated with promulgating regulations, managing a program, and conducting with organized search and rescue training exercises.

Prepared by: House Finance Committee
Division: _____
Approved by: Representative Kevin Meyer, Co-Chairman
Representative Mike Chennault, Co-Chairman

Phone: 465-4945
Date/Time: 2/18/08 4:06 p.m.
Date: 2/18/2008

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2008 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 2
Bill Version: CSHB 320(L&C)
(H) Publish Date: 2/8/08

Identifier (file name): HB320-DOA-RM-01-25-08 Dept. Affected: Administration
Title: "An Act relating to certain search and rescue volunteers to be considered state employees for purposes of worker's..." RDU: Risk Management
Sponsor: Representatives Meyer, Buch and Holmes Component: Risk Management
Requester: _____ Component Number: 71

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

	Appropriation Required	Information					
		FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
OPERATING EXPENDITURES							
Personal Services
Travel
Contractual
Supplies
Equipment
Land & Structures
Grants & Claims
Miscellaneous
TOTAL OPERATING	.	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES							
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()							
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
1002 Federal Receipts
1003 GF Match
1004 GF
1005 GF/Program Receipts
1037 GF/Mental Health
Other Interagency Receipts
TOTAL	.	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2008) cost: 0.0

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: *(Attach a separate page if necessary)*
 Risk Management (RM) will be financially impacted by the changes in this legislation. RM administers the self insurance program providing workers' compensation protection for all state employees, which will now include any claims filed by the new statutory employee group created by this legislation. As the number of searchers covered by this new law is not certain and actual exposure is very intermittent, it is impossible to present loss cost projections. Future Risk Management's workers' compensation assessments to Public Safety will increase to reflect actual costs incurred as premiums charged each agency are developed from actual claims expenses incurred. RM cannot predict and present those costs at this time.

Prepared by: J. Brad Thompson, Director
 Division: Risk Management
 Approved by: Kevin Brooks, Deputy Commissioner
Department of Administration

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 Date: 1/25/2008

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2008 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 1
Bill Version: CSHB 320(L&C)
(H) Publish Date: 2/8/08

Identifier (file name): HB320-DOLWD-WC-1-25-08 Dept. Affected: Labor and Workforce Development
Title: Search & Rescue: Certification/Work.Comp RDU: Workers' Compensation
Sponsor: Representative Meyer Component: Workers' Compensation
Requester: House Labor and Commerce Component Number: 3-1

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

	Appropriation Required	Information						
		FY 2009	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
Personal Services								
Travel								
Contractual								
Supplies								
Equipment								
Land & Structures								
Grants & Claims								
Miscellaneous								
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES								
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()								
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts								
1003 GF Match								
1004 GF								
1005 GF/Program Receipts								
1037 GF/Mental Health								
1157 Workers' Safety/Comp Account								
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2008) cost: None

POSITIONS

Full-time								
Part-time								
Tempcrary								

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

There is no anticipated financial impact to the department as a result of this legislation.

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Department of Labor and Workforce Development

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Alaska Mountain Rescue Group (AMRG) is a Mountain Search and Rescue Group based in Anchorage, Alaska. The group consists of approximately 70 volunteers skilled in wilderness search and rescue techniques. AMRG conducts emergency SAR missions only under the direct control of the Alaska State Troopers and performs an average of 25-30 missions annually. Members participate in several different support or rescue categories, depending on individual skills and participation levels. If you are interested in participating, please review our Membership Information page with the membership application and skills checklists. AMRG is a volunteer organization dedicated to:

- Assisting injured and lost persons in backcountry areas of the State of Alaska including areas where specialized mountaineering skills are required,
- Educating the public about safety issues related to backcountry travel and recreation in Alaska,
- Educating themselves about search and rescue techniques that can be applied to their own recreational or professional activities.

AMRG will respond to backcountry emergencies with:

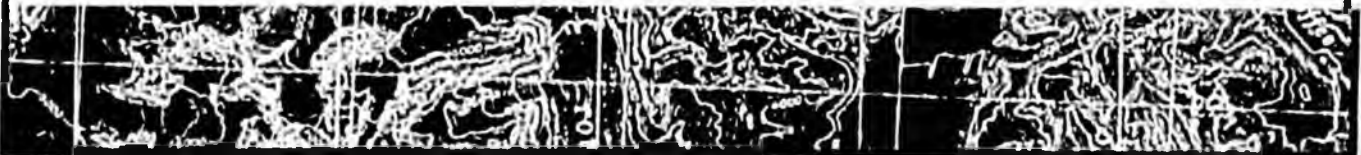
- Four season, 24 hour night operating capability,
- The ability to operate in the field for up to 72 hours without re-supply,
- Stand alone radio communications,
- Mission overhead capability

In addition to search and rescue (SAR) missions, AMRG has responded to requests for assistance in the following areas:

- Law enforcement
- Wildlife
- Natural disaster
- Major events

The members of AMRG are people from all walks of life who bring with them a variety of skills, a monetary investment, and lots of personal involvement. AMRG is always looking for new members interested in SAR activities. If you are interested in participating or just finding out more about the Group, you are always welcome at our business meetings and most board and team training sessions. Persons who are interested in joining AMRG should have a strong background in backcountry travel. Prospective members should know how to travel, live and operate efficiently in all seasons off the trail in backcountry Alaska. As important is the ability and desire to spend the time necessary to get and stay trained with the Group and to respond to missions that always seem to occur at the worst possible time. Mountain rescue may be the goal, but safety is the foundation of everything we do. Approach every activity with safety considerations in mind. To be safe, get in physical shape, get equipped properly, learn and use the technical standards found in this Manual.

History: The Alaska Mountain Rescue Group (formerly the Alaska Rescue Group) was founded in 1961 as a rescue and information resource for climbers on Denali. For many years, prospective Denali climbers were required to register their names, emergency contacts, gear inventory and climbing itinerary with the Group. Although the Group still provides some rescue services in Denali National Park, it no longer acts as a registration or information service. The Group is now centered in Anchorage, and it provides technical rescue and mission overhead services throughout southcentral Alaska. In 1990, the name of the group was changed to Alaska Mountain Rescue Group to better reflect the technical nature of its services. In 1999, the Group was certified in all areas of mountain rescue by the national Mountain Rescue Association.



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The AMRG membership contains a diverse group of volunteers from all walks of life that bring a variety of skills and lots of personal involvement to the following tasks:

- Assisting injured and lost members of the general public in wilderness areas of the State of Alaska where specialized skills are required to operate, travel, and cope with weather and altitude conditions.
- Educating the public about safety issues related to travel and recreation in the great Alaska outdoors.
- Educating themselves about individual search and rescue techniques that can be applied to their own recreational or professional activities.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Interested in Joining? Please read our [Frequently asked Questions](#) page.

See also the AMRG Member Handbook Chapter on Membership

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES & SKILLS CHECKLISTS:

Operational Member
 Technical Rescue
 Avalanche
 Search Manager
 Agency Representative
 Swiftwater
 Helicopter
 Transportation

INDIVIDUAL SKILLS

AMRG members bring a variety of skills to group operations. It is not necessary that every member be a fully-competent mountaineer or climber. We are looking for individuals who are experienced backcountry travelers with solid navigation and survival skills, and some familiarity with Alaska's backcountry, who are willing to train extensively in one or more SAR specialties. Persons with previous experience in technical snow, rock, and ice climbing, mountaineering, avalanche hazard evaluation/rescue, wilderness medical care, helicopter operation, snowmachining/ATV riding, search management, incident command, or swiftwater rescue are highly preferred, but we are in need of assistance of all types and have an auxiliary membership for those who want to help AMRG but not in field operations.

Individuals with time to volunteer are needed to work in all of the following skill areas:

- Technical rock, snow and ice climbing;
- Search operations;
- Search and Rescue Incident Command (search management);
- Communications Dispatch
- Communications Maintenance
- Unit Management (Officers and Committee Chairs)
- Training;
- Legal;
- Wilderness Medicine;
- Publishing (unit newsletter);
- Information Services (WEB site development/maintenance);
- Fund Raising;

MEMBER TRAINING

AMRG generally trains three days per month, September through May. The monthly training cycle generally consists of classroom training sessions for 60 minutes after each monthly general membership meeting, a team training session for 120 minutes in the evening of each second Thursday of the month, and one full day field training session each month (occasionally a full weekend). Additional training classes and scenarios are often scheduled by the various AMRG SAR certification groups or are made available through the Alaska Search and Rescue Association (e.g., SAR Tech II courses). AMRG is not in a position to provide basic skills training in backcountry skills, climbing/mountaineering or wilderness medical care to individuals not already experienced in these areas.

Approximately 12-18 months of regular training participation is required by new members to become fully familiar with group standards, procedures, and personnel. New members are involved in all practice sessions, and in actual

missions to the greatest extent possible while remaining consistent with group safety requirements.

Typical training topics include:

- Litter operations (hoisting, lowering, travel, victim loading, etc.);
- Rescue specific rope work and knots;
- River rescue techniques;
- Helicopter operations and airborne search techniques;
- Ground search techniques and search management;
- Group specific radio operations;
- Group specific equipment inventory, maintenance, and deployment;
- Wilderness EMT training as it applies to victim assessment, stabilization and transport;
- Group procedures (callouts, reporting, safety standards, interagency protocols, etc.);

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

Prospective Member

Requirements: To become a Prospective Member, you must be at least 18 years old, meet any State of Alaska requirements for SAR volunteers, self-certify that you have no medical or physical condition that would prevent participation at the membership level you choose.

Operational Member

Operational members are AMRG's core field personnel for SAR missions and may be deployed for up to 72 hours. All Operational Members will be considered field resources for ground search missions and avalanche missions, and may serve as team leaders for trained or untrained searchers. Each Operational Member may also have one or more Advanced Proficiency Certifications.

Technical Advisor

A Technical Advisor is a person who has significant experience and skills in a key SAR discipline whose affiliation with AMRG shall be as an advisor, instructor, consultant or provider of specialized technical skills. Technical Advisor status can only be conferred by a majority vote of the Board following a written request to the Board to consider an individual as an AMRG Technical Advisor. Technical Advisors shall be required to pay dues, will be entitled to vote in AMRG elections, and are eligible for pro-deals through AMRG. Status as Technical Advisor shall be reviewed by the Board on an annual basis and can be revoked at the discretion of the Board.

Auxiliary Member

An Auxiliary Member is a member who wishes to assist AMRG in ways other than field service, such as performing mission callouts, assisting with equipment/cache maintenance, communications, logistics, fundraising, etc. Auxiliary Members will be required to pay dues and can vote in AMRG elections, but they cannot assist in the field aspects of any mission or training. They are eligible for AMRG pro-deals after 12 months of service to AMRG at the Board's discretion. Auxiliary members must provide 10 hours of service to AMRG in a calendar year to remain in active status. Hours of service can be documented in a simple written log a copy of which must be submitted to the AMRG Board by May 1 of each year.

Inactive Member

An Operational Member, Technical Advisor, or Auxiliary Member who does not meet the minimum required proficiency requirements may be placed by the Board on the Inactive Member list. Members can remain on the inactive list for up to 3 years, and at any time during those three years may petition the Board to regain their former membership status by meeting the basic proficiency requirements. Inactive members will not pay dues and will not be eligible to vote in the annual AMRG elections. Inactive members will not be eligible to participate in AMRG pro-deals. After three years on the Inactive list, membership status will be terminated.



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Membership in AMRG

Goals of the Alaska Mountain Rescue Group

- 1) AMRG is committed to ensuring that all members of AMRG and all persons who are involved in AMRG-operated search and rescue missions or training events return home safely and are not injured during these operations.
- 2) AMRG will be available 24 hrs a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year to conduct backcountry search and rescue operations and will take all reasonable steps to safely locate and assist any person who becomes lost, stranded, or injured in the Alaska backcountry and return them home to their family members.
- 3) AMRG will assist in the recovery of the bodies of deceased victims of accidents in the Alaska backcountry if such recovery can be safely done without unduly endangering the lives of our members.
- 4) AMRG will promote backcountry safety awareness through local efforts to educate the public about backcountry hazards and safe backcountry travel techniques.

Section 1. Membership in the Alaska Mountain Rescue Group

The categories of AMRG membership shall be:

- 1) Prospective Member
- 2) Operational Member
- 3) Technical Advisor
- 4) Auxiliary Member
- 5) Inactive Member

Section 1.1 Membership Category Descriptions & Requirements

1. Prospective Member

A. Requirements: To become a Prospective Member, you must:

- 1) be at least 18 years old.
- 2) meet any State of Alaska requirements for SAR volunteers.
- 3) self-certify that you have no medical or physical condition that would prevent participation at the membership level you choose.

B. Application Process – In order to be considered for Prospective membership, you must submit to the AMRG Board a completed AMRG Application packet. (Attachment A) The AMRG Board will promptly review all pending Applications for membership. A

person will become a Prospective Member only upon approval of a majority vote of the AMRG Board.

C. Position Description - Prospective members may:

- 1) attend AMRG meetings and training classes.
- 2) respond to AMRG missions and assist at the Incident Command Post
- 3) be deployed on AMRG missions in non-technical terrain at the discretion of the Incident Commander.

2. Operational Member

A. Position Description: Operational members are AMRG's core field personnel for SAR missions and may be deployed for up to 72 hours. All Operational Members will be considered field resources for ground search missions and avalanche missions, and may serve as team leaders for trained or untrained searchers. Each Operational Member may also have one or more Advanced Proficiency Certifications noted on the AMRG callout sheet as described in Section 2.

B. Prerequisite Qualifications – To become an Operational Member, you must:

- 1) Complete at least 6 consecutive months as a Prospective Member; and
- 2) Complete the AMRG "Basic Training" course¹
- 3) Participate in at least 6 AMRG field or classroom training events including one of the following:
 - i) an AMRG interagency avalanche field training
 - ii) an AMRG interagency ground search field training.
- 4) Complete all training requirements on the Operational Member Certification Checklist (Attachment B)

C. Application Process – To apply to become an Operational Member, you must submit to the Board of Directors a completed AMRG Operational Member Certification Checklist (Attachment B) and all necessary attachments. The Board shall promptly consider each application. Advancement of a Prospective Member to Operational Member requires approval by a majority of the Board.

D. Time limits - Prospective Members who do not meet all of the requirements to move to Operational Member Status within 16 months of joining AMRG must submit to the Board a written request for an extension of time, not to exceed 12 months. Failure to do so may result in loss of Prospective member status. Approval of a time extension is discretionary for the Board.

¹ Previous SAR training and experience can be used to substitute for some modules of the Basic Training Course and waiver of individual modules will be approved on a case-by-case basis by the Board or Training Coordinator

E. Continued Proficiency:

- 1) An Operational Member must maintain all skill proficiencies and all required equipment as listed in the Membership Handbook and the Operational Membership Certification Checklist (Attachment B).

F. Other Attributes of Operational Membership

- 1) Operational Members must pay annual membership dues as set by the Board of Directors. Failure to do so can result in suspension of membership status.
- 2) Operational Members are eligible to vote in AMRG elections, hold officer and committee chair positions.
- 3) Operational Members are eligible for pro-deals through AMRG and MRA.

3. Technical Advisor

A Technical Advisor is a person who has significant experience and skills in a key SAR discipline whose affiliation with AMRG shall be as an advisor, instructor, consultant or provider of specialized technical skills. Technical Advisor status can only be conferred by a majority vote of the Board following a written request to the Board to consider an individual as an AMRG Technical Advisor. Technical Advisors shall be required to pay dues, will be entitled to vote in AMRG elections, and are eligible for pro-deals through AMRG. Status as Technical Advisor shall be reviewed by the Board on an annual basis and can be revoked at the discretion of the Board.

4. Auxiliary Member

An Auxiliary Member is a member who wishes to assist AMRG in ways other than field service, such as performing mission callouts, assisting with equipment/cache maintenance, communications, logistics, fundraising, etc. Auxiliary Members will be required to pay dues and can vote in AMRG elections, but they cannot assist in the field aspects of any mission or training. They are eligible for AMRG pro-deals after 12 months of service to AMRG at the Board's discretion. Auxiliary members must provide 10 hours of service to AMRG in a calendar year to remain in active status. Hours of service can be documented in a simple written log a copy of which must be submitted to the AMRG Board by May 1 of each year.

5. Inactive Member

An Operational Member, Technical Advisor, or Auxiliary Member who does not meet the minimum required proficiency requirements may be placed by the Board on the Inactive Member list. Members can remain on the inactive list for up to 3 years, and at any time during those three years may petition the Board to regain their former membership status by meeting the basic proficiency requirements. Inactive members will not pay dues and will not be eligible to vote in the annual AMRG elections. Inactive members will not be eligible to participate in AMRG pro-deals. After three years on the Inactive list, membership status will be terminated.

Section 1.2. Advanced Proficiency Certifications

Operational Members may be recognized as having advanced skill proficiencies as described below. The purpose of maintaining these certifications is to provide Command staff with information with which to assign field personnel with maximum safety and efficiency. To achieve certification, the member shall submit to the Board the pertinent Advanced Proficiency Checklist (Attachments C-K). Certifications shall be awarded for a term as described below. Upon expiration, any member wishing to renew certification shall submit the pertinent Advanced Proficiency Renewal Checklist to the Board. Approval of certifications and renewals thereof shall be discretionary for the Board.

1. Technical Rescue Certification (TR or TR-L)

A. Position Description: Operational Members who have achieved a level of training and experience to safely perform rescue and recovery operations in technical terrain (steep ice, rock, snow, and glacier environments). Operational members with technical rescue certification (TR) will be called upon to participate as a team member in the technical aspects of rescue and recovery missions. Operational members who have achieved a level of training and experience to lead teams in rescue and recovery operations in technical terrain will be designated as TR-L. This certification requires a high level of knowledge, skills, and abilities in technical environments, and has a higher number of proficiency requirements due to the high-risk/low frequency nature of such missions.

B. Prerequisite Qualifications

- 1) Minimum of 1 year as an AMRG Operational Member; and
- 2) Experience in alpine mountaineering, including technical rock, snow and ice terrain. (Experience may be demonstrated by a climbing resume or through written recommendations by no fewer than 2 AMRG members with Technical Rescue certification); and
- 3) Submission of a completed Technical Rescue Certification & Renewal Checklist (TR or TR-L option (Attachment C)).

C. Expiration/Renewal – All Technical Terrain Certifications shall expire on January 31 of even numbered years. In order for a Technical Rescue Certification to be renewed, the member must submit to the Board a Technical Rescue Certification & Renewal Checklist (Attachment C) no later than the date of expiration of the prior certification.

2. Medical Certification (M)

A. Position Description: Operational Members with advanced training in wilderness medical care. Medics will be called upon to perform medical assessments in the field and direct the care, packaging, and transport of injured subjects consistent with their medical certification(s), and standing medical protocols approved and reviewed by the AMRG Medical Director and Board of Directors.

B. Prerequisite Qualifications:

- 1) Minimum of 1 year as an AMRG Operational Member, and
- 2) submission of documentation showing current Alaska or National Registry certification as a
 - a) WEMT-B* or
 - b) EMT I, II or III + WFR or
 - c) M.D./D.O./R.N./P.A + WFR (under an Alaska license) or
 - d) Equivalent certification and licenses as determined by the Board. Expiration or other loss of the required underlying certification shall result in concurrent loss of AMRG Medical Certification.

C. Expiration/Renewal— All Medical Certifications shall run concurrent with the required underlying certification. Photocopies of the current, required certifications must be submitted to the Board to obtain Medical Certification. Operational Members with Medical Certification will be required to submit copies of their current WEMT-B or (EMT I,II, or III + WFR) certification card in January of even years to demonstrate continued certification(s).

3. Avalanche Certification (A)

A. Position Description: Operational Members who have a high level of training and experience in avalanche hazard assessment, mitigation, and rescue/recovery. AMRG will rely on avalanche certified operational members to assess current avalanche conditions and whether it is safe to perform rescue and/or recovery of avalanche victims. They will also serve as avalanche site commanders—directing field teams and search efforts on scene. Persons with this certification will have considerable experience as a professional ski patroller, mountain guide, avalanche instructor, or SAR responder with a solid background in avalanche hazard assessment/forecasting, rescue, and control/mitigation measures.

B. Prerequisite Qualifications:

- 1) Minimum of 1 year as an AMRG Operational Member, and
- 2) Submission of written documentation showing completion of a Level II (or higher²) Backcountry Avalanche Hazard Evaluation course (or AAA equivalent 30+ hr course), and
- 3) Minimum 5 years of experience in winter backcountry travel (skiing, snowboarding, climbing, snowmachining,) or as a professional ski patroller, avalanche educator, r. Experience may be shown by resume or the written recommendations of at least 2 AMRG members with Avalanche certification.
- 4) Submission of a completed Avalanche Certification & Renewal Checklist (Attachment D).

C. Expiration/Renewal — All Avalanche Certifications shall expire on January 31 of odd numbered years. In order for an Avalanche Certification to be renewed, the member must

²(e.g.,) AAA—Level III avalanche course, CAA—Level II Avalanche Modules 1, 2, or 3, AAA Professional Avalanche Worker Seminar (PAWS)

submit to the Board an Avalanche Certification & Renewal Checklist (Attachment D) no later than the date of expiration of the prior certification.

4. Search Manager Certification (SM)

A. Position Description: Operational members who have sufficient training and experience to fulfill key ICS Command and General roles such as: Incident Commander, Planning Section Chief, or Operations Chief, for AMRG SAR missions, particularly wilderness search missions.

B. Prerequisite Qualifications:

- 1) Minimum 1 year as an AMRG Operational Member, and
- 2) Submission of a completed Search Manager Certification Checklist (Attachment F).

C. Expiration/Renewal – All Search Manager certifications shall expire on January 1 of every third year, beginning in 2008. In order for a Search Manager Certification to be renewed, the member must submit to the Board a Search Manager Certification & Renewal Checklist (Attachment E) no later than the date of expiration of the prior certification.

5. Agency Representative (AR)

A. Position Description: An AMRG Operational member who shall serve as initial point of contact by an agency requesting AMRG's services and shall act as initial coordinator of AMRG's response until such time as an Incident Commander has been appointed. Agency Representatives will be required to share the responsibility of carrying the AST notification pagers for periods of time throughout the year. Agency Representatives have the necessary SAR experience and judgment to commit the group to a mission, direct field resources, but can be exempt from the field proficiency requirement of Operational Members due to physical limitations.

B. Prerequisite Qualifications:

- 1) Minimum of five (5) years of experience with organized search and rescue, and
- 2) Minimum of one (1) year of experience as a member of AMRG, and
- 3) Current or previous AMRG certification in Search Management, Technical Rescue, or Avalanche.
- 4) Submission to the Board of an Agency Representative Certification & Renewal Checklist (Attachment F)

B. Duty time – An Agency Representative must be willing and able to carry the AST notification pager for 3-4 weeks at a time, and respond 24-7 during that period to AST requests for assistance.

C. Expiration/Renewal – All Agency Representative Certifications shall expire on Oct 30 of every third year beginning in 2007. In order for an Agency Representative Certification to be

renewed, the member must submit to the Board an Agency Representative Certification & Renewal Checklist (Attachment F) no later than the date of expiration of the prior certification.

6. Swiftwater Certification (SW)

A. Position Description: An Operational Member who has the ability to assess whitewater hazards and lead/direct searches and rescues in water environments. They are expected to have a significant background in whitewater rafting or kayaking and some training in swiftwater rescue as noted below.

B. Prerequisite Qualifications:

- 1) Minimum one (1) year as an AMRG Operational Member, and
- 2) Minimum five (5) years experience in whitewater rafting, whitewater kayaking or 2 years of experience as an active member of a Swiftwater Rescue Team, including experience with glacial rivers, rapids to class IV and night swift water rescue operations.
- 3) Successful completion of a nationally certified 5-day advanced swiftwater rescue course with training in river search management, rope systems and night operations. *(Note: AMRG does not require three-year renewal for this certification.)*
- 4) Submission to the Board of a Swiftwater Certification & Renewal Checklist (Attachment G)

C. Expiration/Renewal – All Swiftwater Certifications shall expire on Jan 1 of even-numbered years. In order for an Swiftwater certification to be renewed, the member must submit to the Board a Swiftwater Certification & Renewal Checklist (Attachment G) no later than the date of expiration of the prior certification.

7. Helicopter Certification (H)

A. Position Description: An Operational Member who has sufficient training and experience to manage helicopter operations, both at a helibase, or remote helispots. A member with Helicopter certification has extensive knowledge of helicopter flight operations, including communications, helicopter systems and aerial observation techniques.

B. Prerequisite Qualifications:

- 1) Minimum one (1) year as an AMRG Operational Member, and
- 2) Successful completion of any Alaska Department of Public Safety helicopter safety and observer training program(s).
- 3) Successful completion of the Dept. of Interior (DOI) Interagency Aviation Training B-3 module, or equivalent.
- 4) Submission to the Board of a Helicopter Certification & Renewal Checklist (Attachment H)

C. Expiration/Renewal – All Helicopter Certifications shall expire on Jan 1 of even-numbered years. In order for a Helicopter certification to be renewed, the member must submit to the Board a Helicopter Certification & Renewal Checklist (Attachment II) no later than the date of expiration of the prior certification.

8. Transportation Certification (TN)

A. Position Description: An Operational Member who own and operate snowmachines and ATVs, and have sufficient training and experience to coordinate the transportation efforts associated with AMRG missions. Transportation Specialists will also be called upon to direct the transportation efforts associated with AMRG missions when needed, particularly participation of untrained or spontaneous transportation resources that assist with missions. They will also assist with maintenance of AMRG transportation equipment (Equipment trailer, sleds, etc.).

B. Prerequisite Qualifications:

- 1) Minimum one (1) year as an AMRG Operational Member, and
- 2) Minimum 3 years of experience in backcountry mechanized travel (snowmachining, ATVs, etc). Experience may be shown by resume or the written recommendations of at least 2 AMRG members with Transportation certification.
- 4) Submission of a completed Transportation Certification & Renewal Checklist (Attachment I).

C. Expiration/Renewal – All Transportation Certifications shall expire on Oct 30 every third year beginning in 2008. In order for a Transportation certification to be renewed, the member must submit to the Board a Transportation Certification & Renewal Checklist (Attachment I) no later than the date of expiration of the prior certification.

Section 1.3 Participation of minors within the group

Participation in training (only) by a member's family (minors more than 16 years old) must be approved on a case-by-case basis by the Board. The member must supervise and accept responsibility and liability for the minor during the training exercise.

Attachment A

Alaska Mountain Rescue Group Application for Membership - Introduction

Thank you for your interest in the Alaska Mountain Rescue Group! We are a volunteer organization that performs search and rescue services in backcountry areas of southcentral Alaska. Before submitting this application, please give a moment to consider participation in the Group.

Time – Participation in the Group means attending meetings and field training events. We hold two evening meetings and one training day each month from September through June. While no one can attend every meeting and training, there are minimum attendance and training proficiency standards for active members. Also, missions tend to happen around weekends and late at night, 365 days a year. Missions may last hours or days. Think about whether this will work with your family and job before you apply.

Work – The Group can use some help with town chores, such as office work. However, the vast majority of our work is done in the backcountry. This could mean anything from a city park to a glacier in the Alaska Range. Our work is often done in the cold, in the rain or snow and in hazardous places. Active members must be able to carry heavy packs and/or a litter in steep, rough terrain and through thick brush for hours at a time. Members must be able to survive AND function efficiently in any Alaskan weather at any time of year. You need not be a climber, but you need to have strong backcountry skills before you join the Group. If you are new to the Alaska backcountry, you might look into membership in the Mountaineering Club of Alaska or other outdoor organizations and/or training to hone your backcountry skills before joining AMRG. If backcountry field work isn't your thing, but you want to help AMRG in other ways, consider joining AMRG as an Auxiliary member which has less stringent participation and physical requirements.

Expense – As people become more involved with AMRG, they find that they need a considerable amount of backcountry gear. This is expensive stuff. Since your life may depend on it, members tend to try to obtain the best equipment available. Gear is often lost or used up on missions, some of which may be replaced by the Department of Public Safety. Gas, food and other consumables, as well as wear and tear on personal vehicles are also a cost to the member.

Still interested? If we haven't scared you off, fill out the attached application, noting whether you wish to join as an auxiliary member or operational member, and mail it to our mailbox (P.O. Box 241102, Anchorage, AK 99524), or hand it to one of our Board members. The Board will want to look over your application and maybe talk with you before responding. In the meantime, feel free to attend our meetings and get to know folks.

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Application for Membership

Membership Type Applying For:

- Operational Member
 Auxiliary Member

Date of Application:

Name:
Address:
Home / Work / cell telephone numbers
e-mail address:
Tell us about your backcountry skills and experience, especially any search and rescue training or experience (you can also attach a letter with this information):

Medical training – list any first aid, emergency medical training or experience you may have, including any current or expired certifications

Medical background – Many of AMRG’s missions are hazardous. The following is intended to give us some medical background should you be injured. If you prefer, you may provide this information after the Board has considered your application.

Age/Birthdate:

Sex:

Height/weight:

Bloodtype:

Emergency contact(s):

Regular physician (name and phone):

Relevant Medical Conditions / Allergies (If you are on any regular medication or have a condition that an emergency physician should know about before initiating treatment, such as diabetes, hypertension, asthma, etc., please describe here. Please list if you are allergic to any medications or if you have a severe allergic reaction to any substance.

I certify that I do not have an medical, physical, or mental conditions that would prevent me from assisting AMRG in the membership capacity I am seeking:

Signature _____

Date _____

*(PLEASE ALSO FILL OUT AMRG MEDICAL INFO CARD AND SUBMIT**

Please read carefully and sign the Release and Assumption of Risk and Ethics forms below, then submit your membership application to any Board member, or mail it to Membership Coordinator, AMRG, P.O. Box 241102, Anchorage, AK 99524, e-mail: wromberg@aesalaska.net

AMRG Release and Assumption of Risk

I am aware that there are certain risks involved in participating on a mountain rescue team. I am aware that these risks can include, but are not limited to, bodily or mental injury, disability or even death. I am aware that hazards include, but are not limited to, travel in remote and/or mountainous terrain, exposure to weather, system or equipment failures, human error, rock, snow and ice fall, including avalanches, and travel by air, automobile, snow machine or other conveyance. I am aware that I may be exposed to these risks both in training and on actual missions.

After considering these risks, I desire to receive training and to participate in missions with the Alaska Mountain Rescue Group. I ASSUME ALL RISK AND AGREE TO HOLD THE ALASKA MOUNTAIN RESCUE GROUP AND ANY OF ITS MEMBERS HARMLESS FROM ANY LIABILITY, ACTIONS, CAUSES OF ACTION, DEBTS, CLAIMS OR DEMANDS OF ANY KIND WHICH MAY ARISE IN CONNECTION WITH MY PARTICIPATION IN ANY TRAINING ACTIVITY OR MISSION. The terms of this agreement shall serve as a release and assumption of risk for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, guardians, or any member of my family. The effect of this release and assumption of risk shall continue despite the cessation, if any, of my participation with the Group.

I understand that the Alaska Mountain Rescue Group is a non-profit organization operated solely by volunteers. I am aware that it has no liability, medical, workers compensation or similar insurance.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND I UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS AND IMPACT. I AGREE TO ITS TERMS.

Date:

_____ (signature)

_____ (print name)

AMRG Principles of Ethical Conduct

Membership in AMRG entails a commitment to provide assistance to those in need, and as such, engenders a public trust that requires the highest level of personal and professional conduct. The ability of AMRG to serve those in need depends on being recognized as a professional volunteer organization with the highest level of skills and standards. It is the duty of each member to reflect the values of the Group. To the extent possible, the following are the principles of conduct that every member shall adhere to.

1. Every member shall consider the welfare of themselves and the welfare of their fellow team members, their primary concern, and shall not place another person in a position of known jeopardy.
2. The welfare of a living subject of a search and/or rescue shall be considered the next highest priority after the safety of the team.
3. Each member shall strive to preserve the dignity and privacy of living or deceased subjects that are the focus of AMRG missions.
4. AMRG and individual members shall not solicit contributions of money, goods, or services in connection with any mission, nor shall any member solicit or accept fees or remuneration for personal benefit, without approval of the Board.
5. No member may use their association with AMRG for political, financial, or business purposes without Board approval.
6. Each member is obligated by membership in AMRG to maintain the standards of their membership level, and to improve upon their ability and capacity to serve.
7. As an individual, a member shall not act on behalf of AMRG, or presume to represent AMRG, in instances of an emergency nature, or in matters of public relations, without Board approval.
8. AMRG shall not be utilized as an adjunct resource for matters relating to the pursuit of fugitives from justice, or other law enforcement missions unless a clear humanitarian issue has been identified, and only upon the concurrence of the Board.
9. Ethical conduct by members requires that their actions and words reflect a policy of nondiscrimination. AMRG and its members will not tolerate discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, disability, social or economic circumstance, or national origin.
10. AMRG conducts itself within the public trust, and will not tolerate or retain any member that has been identified as drug and/or alcohol dependent.

I HAVE READ THESE PRINCIPLES OF ETHICAL CONDUCT, AND I AGREE TO ABIDE BY THESE PRINCIPLES.

Date: _____ (signature)



Alaska Mountain Rescue Group Medical Profile Information Sheet

Please fill out this information to the best of your ability. The medical information form you provide will be housed in the AMRG ICS kit kept in the AMRG trailer for ready access during field training and missions. Should you develop a serious medical condition (i.e., heart attack) or sustain traumatic injuries during a mission or training, this information will be made available to ER personnel upon your arrival should you be unconscious or have an altered mental status. It is the intent of the Board that this information be kept as confidential as possible—only being available to the Board and Drs. Ellemberger, Zafren, and Mike Moxness, R.N.

Please list all medical problems and past surgeries. On your medical form only those conditions that are significant enough to require a physician's attention in an emergency will be written on your card.

For allergies, please include reaction to drug (i.e., rash, anaphylaxis)

Your insurance company name and social security are put on the form to allow for smoother hospital registration. If you are against listing your SSN, then you can omit it. These sheets will be kept in an AMRG binder, if they are ever discarded, they will be shredded.

You can put more than one phone number for the Emergency Contact listing (i.e., cell and home number)

For medicines, please write down name, dosage and how often. For men, while a private matter, I ask that if you take a medication for erectile dysfunction, like Viagra, that you list that please. Nitrate medications like nitroglycerin are contraindicated if you take these medicines and can cause complications/death by dropping your blood pressure if given. For women please list any birth control pills, Depo shots, etc. Also please list herbal supplements you may take. There are some that can cause "blood thinning".

If this profile changes in any way, please let Dr. Herman Ellemberger know by submitting a new medical information form showing the updated information. These cards are being made to ensure the best possible care for our AMRG members. Thank you!

PLEASE TYPE OR WRITE AS LEGIBLY AS POSSIBLE

Name:

Date of Birth:

Social Security No:

Medical Problems:

Past Surgeries:

Medicines: (please include daily baby aspirin if taken)

Allergies to Medicines (including iodine or shellfish):

Blood Type (please include + or – if known):

Do you smoke ?

Emergency Contact Name:

Emergency Contact Phone Number(s):

Emergency Contact Relation to You:

Insurance Company:

Extra space for additional listing of important medical conditions:

Attachment B -- Operational Member Certification & Renewal Checklist Alaska Mountain Rescue Group

Name: _____

Date became a Prospective Member: _____

First certification of Operational Member status: *date* *instructor*

Completed AMRG Basic Training class _____ _____

AMRG cache orientation* _____ _____

Radio communications* _____ _____

Personal equipment* _____ _____

Helicopter orientation* _____ _____

Six AMRG training events* 1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

5 _____

6 _____

Current Wilderness First Aid (or higher) certification (attach copy)*

Current Basic CPR certification (attach copy)

NIMS IS-100 course certificate (attach copy)*

NASAR SAR TECH III (or higher) exam passed (attach copy)*

Date submitted to AMRG board: _____

Within 18 months of attaining Operational Member status:

NIMS IS-200 certificate (attach copy)*

NIMS IS-700 certificate (attach copy)*

NASAR SAR Tech II certification (attach copy)*

Level 1 Avalanche course certificate (attach copy)*

Date submitted to AMRG board: _____

Annual proficiency checklist:

Participated in minimum of five scheduled AMRG training events
(including at least two field training events)

Lead or assisted with at least one AMRG training event

Passed avalanche transceiver test*

Date submitted to AMRG board: _____

* See descriptions, next page.

Descriptions for Attachment B:

First certification:

AMRG Cache Orientation - Demonstrates familiarity with layout and inventory of AMRG Cache, trailer, and checkout procedures

Radio Communications - Demonstrates ability to operate AMRG portable radios, assemble and operate Base stations; assemble and operate repeater stations.

Personal Equipment - Confirms all mandatory equipment of Operational Member Equipment List, including appropriate pack.

Training - Confirms participation in at least six AMRG training events including at least one of the following:

AMRG interagency avalanche field training

AMRG interagency ground search field training.

Helicopter Orientation - Attend helicopter (AST Helo 1) orientation session

Current Wilderness First Aid - Attach copy of current Wilderness First Aid (or higher) certification with Basic CPR. (Note: persons who have completed a WFR or WFA course within the last 10 yrs but who may not have current certification can provide copy of most recent certification card)

NIMS IS-100 is a free online self-study course.

NASAR SAR Tech Certification - Attach documentation of completion of NASAR SAR Tech III (or II, or I) course (Note: SAR Tech III certification available online as a self-study course—course completion certificate from NASAR sufficient).

Within 18 months:

NIMS IS-200 is a free online self-study course.

NIMS IS-700 is a free online self-study course.

Level 1 Avalanche is a 24-hour nationally certified course.

NASAR SAR Tech II is a 43-hour nationally certified course. The course may be challenged by taking 1 written test and 6 field tests.

Annual proficiency checklist:

Passed avalanche transceiver test - Demonstrated the ability to locate at least two avalanche transceivers buried in a 30m x 30m area within six minutes.

Attachment C -- Technical Rescue Certification & Renewal Checklist

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Experience

Date & Initials of Trainer

- Minimum of 1 year as an AMRG Operational Member
- Experience in alpine mountaineering, including technical rock, snow and ice terrain as demonstrated by:
 - a climbing resume (attach copy), OR
 - written recommendation by no fewer than 2 AMRG members with Technical Rescue certification (attach copy)

Training

- Completion of AMRG Technical Training Program (attach copy:
 - Technical Training Program attendance sheet
 - Technical Rescue Proficiency Checklist (below)

- Participation in two (2) AMRG Rope Rodeo field trainings

Advancement to Technical Rescue Leader (TR-L)

- Completion of a formal, multi-day rescue rigging course (e.g. Rigging for Rescue 7-day seminar), containing at least 25 hrs of field training (attach copy), OR
- Technical rescue leader certification with another mountain rescue unit, the military, or mountain guide operation verified in writing by the unit (attach copy)

Biennial Proficiency Checklist (submit by Jan 31 of even years)

- Continued active involvement in technical climbing (rock, snow, and ice) as well as glacier travel/mountaineering (as verified by other AMRG Technical Rescue members or review by the Board).

- Demonstrated proficiency in current AMRG technical standards by completing two or more of the following requirements during the renewal period:
 - Participation in a minimum of five (5) scheduled AMRG technical field training events

 - Successful demonstration of skills at all stations of annual AMRG Rope Rodeo.

 - Serve as an instructor/co-instructor for at least three (3) AMRG technical training events in the renewal period

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Technical Climbing Proficiency Checklist

(To be completed through a combination of review of climbing resume and demonstration at AMRG training events while completing Technical Rescue Training Program.)

Date & Initials of Trainer

Rock

- free climb 5.7 or better
- safely place protection-
 - Bolts, pitons, chocks, cams
- rig protection, belays
- belay leader/follower

Snow / Ice

- Climb steep snow / ice (Grade III)
- Safely place anchors –
 - Ice screws, pickets, bollards
- Self arrest on snow

Glacier

- Glacier travel
- Crevasse extrication, patient and
 - Rope partner

Technical Rescue

- AMRG knots
- Rig harness / pickoff
- Anchor systems
- Belay / rappelling
- Raising systems
- Lowering systems
- Litter handling / tending

Attachment D -- Avalanche Certification & Renewal Checklist

Alaska Mountain Rescue Group

Experience

Date & Initials of Trainer

- Minimum of 1 year as an AMRG Operational Member.
- Minimum 5 years of experience in winter backcountry travel (skiing, snowboarding, climbing, snowmachining,) or professional ski patrol as demonstrated by any two of the following:
 - a outdoor resume (attach copy)
 - written recommendation by no fewer than 2 AMRG members with avalanche certification (attach copy)
 - a letter of recommendation from ski patrol director or another mountain rescue unit. (attach copy)

Training

- Has completed a Level II (or higher¹) Backcountry Avalanche Hazard Evaluation course (or AAA equivalent 30+ hr course) (attach copy).
- Participation in at least two (2) AMRG interagency mock avalanche response training events to demonstrate knowledge and skills in avalanche hazard assessment and response, preferably as avalanche site commander. _____
- Field participation in at least three (3) avalanche response missions with AMRG or another MRA-accredited team. _____

Biennial Proficiency Checklist (submit by Jan 31 of odd years)

- Active involvement in winter backcountry activities (as a skier, snowboarder, snowmachiner, climber, or professional ski-patroller) that regularly involves traveling in avalanche terrain, evaluating avalanche hazard, and practicing safe travel techniques (as verified by an AMRG member with avalanche certification)
- Assisted with coordination or instruction at the AMRG interagency avalanche training at least once during the renewal period.
- Involved in professional ski patrolling, avalanche education, or avalanche hazard assessment and mitigation efforts within Alaska during the renewal period (attach summary of work)
- Continues to pursue additional avalanche hazard evaluation, mitigation and rescue training and experience during the renewal period.¹

¹ (e.g.) AAA Level Avalanche course, AAA Professional Avalanche Worker train

A Level Avalanche Modules 1, 2, or 3
or AAA Attendance at Mc...

Attachment E -- Search Manager Certification & Renewal Checklist

Alaska Mountain Rescue Group

Initials of Reviewer

Experience

- Minimum 1 year as an AMRG Operational Member.
- Experience in key ICS positions (IC, Planning, Operations) during at least two (2) mock ground search scenarios with AMRG.¹
- Experience in at least two (2) actual search events within the past 3 years.

Training (attach copy of certificates)

- Completion of NSAR Managing the best Person Incident (MPI) (or equiv: 'ent) search management course
- Completion of:
 - NMS IS-300 (classroom)
 - NMS IS-800 (online course)
- Completion of at least one (1) of the following advance ICS courses:
 - NSAR Planning Section Chief (PSCSAR)
 - NSAR Incident Commander Emergency Response (ICER)
 - NMS IS-400 (Advanced ICS)
 - ERI I-400 (Advanced ICS) (Modules 12-14)

Triennial Proficiency Checklist

(submit by Jan 1 of every third year beginning in 2008)

- Served as the coordinator, mentor, and/or trainer for at least two (2) AMRG mock search scenario event during the renewal period
- ~~Was~~ involved in managing (as IC, OSC, PSC) at least 2 mock or actual search events during the renewal period.
- Conducted or assisted with at least two (2) AMRG classroom training events on ground search topics (ICS, search techniques/strategies, table top scenarios)

¹ Persons with extensive search management experience with another search and rescue unit will only be required to manage 1 mock search scenario with AMRG.

Attachment F -- Agency Representative Certification & Renewal Checklist

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Date & Initials of Reviewer

Experience

- Minimum of five (5) years of experience with organized search and rescue, and
- Minimum of one (1) year of experience as a member of AMRG
- Has served as Incident Commander, Planning Section Chief, or Operations Chief in at least (4) AMRG mock scenario exercises, specifically, the annual interagency avalanche and/or ground search training exercises.

Training (attach copy of certificates)

- Completion of AMRG Agency Representative Mentoring Program which may include one or more of the following:
 - Review and familiarization with AMRG Mission Pre-plan packet _____
 - Completion of an IS-300 or IS-800 course

Triennial Proficiency Checklist

(submit by Oct 30 of every third year beginning in 2007)

- Participated in at least 3 AMRG field training events during the renewal period _____
- Carried an AST notification pager for at least 4 weeks annually during the renewal period.¹ _____
- Participated in the command structure of at least one (1) actual AMRG mission (or mission with another agency/organization) during the renewal period (IC, PSC, OSC, Administrative or "in-town" contact). _____

Attachment G -- Swiftwater Certification & Renewal Checklist

Alaska Mountain Rescue Group

Date & Initials of Reviewer

Experience

- Minimum 1 year as an AMRG Operational Member.
- Minimum 5 years experience in whitewater rafting, whitewater kayaking or 2 years of experience as an active member of a Swiftwater Rescue Team, including experience with glacial rivers, rapids to class IV and night swift water rescue operations.

Training (attach copy of certificates)

- Successful completion of a nationally certified 5-day advanced swiftwater rescue course with training in river search management, rope systems and night operations.¹
- Possession of personal protective equipment for swiftwater operations: dry suit, PFD, water helmet, throw rope.
- Demonstrated understanding of AMRG technical rope rescue standards and equipment by participation in at least (1) AMRG Rope Rodeo field training.

Biennial Proficiency Checklist (submit by Jan 31 of even years)

- Continued active involvement in whitewater boating and/or swiftwater rescue (as verified by another AMRG Swiftwater Certified member or review by the Board).
- Participate in at least one (1) AMRG "swiftwater refresher training" during the renewal period, during which they must demonstrate proficiency in:
 - Throw-rope rescue
 - Tethered swimmer rescue
 - Rigging for tethered boat rescue
 - Strainer swim
 - Night river search (may be a tabletop exercise)
- Instruct/co-instruct at least 1 AMRG swiftwater refresher training during the renewal period

¹ AMRG does not require three-year renewal for this certification.)

Attachment H -- Helicopter Certification & Renewal Checklist

Alaska Mountain Rescue Group

Date & Initials of Reviewer

Experience

- Minimum 1 year as an AMRG Operational Member.
- Successful completion of any Alaska Department of Public Safety helicopter safety and observer training program(s).

Training (attach copy of certificates)

- Successful completion of the Dept. of Interior (DOI) Interagency Aviation Training B-3 module, or equivalent.
- Has completed AMRG Helicopter Training Program, that includes familiarity and proficiency in:
 - aviation communications
 - landing zone (LZ) management
 - helicopter loading and unloading
 - hand signals
 - night helicopter operations
 - external load operations
 - helicopter hoisting and litter management.
 - aerial search/spotter, including night vision equipment procedures.

Optional:

- Completion of a forward looking infrared (FLIR) training course and a Night Vision Goggle (NVG) training course is recommended, but not required. _____

Biennial Proficiency Checklist (submit by Jan 31 of even years)

- Completed at least two (2) of the following during renewal period:
 - Attended biennial refresher training on helicopter operations with other AMRG helicopter certified members.
 - Attend refresher training of DOI B-3 module, or equivalent, every 2 years
 - Served as an instructor of an AMRG helicopter operations training module.
- Performed helicopter operations management or in aerial search capacity in at least two (2) AMRG mock training events or missions during renewal period. _____

Attachment I -- Transportation Certification & Renewal Checklist

Alaska Mountain Rescue Group

Date & Initials of Reviewer

Experience

- Minimum one (1) year as an AMRG Operational Member, and
- Minimum three (3) years of experience in backcountry mechanized travel (snowmachining or ATV/ORV). Experience may be demonstrated by resume or the written recommendation of at least two (2) AMRG members.

Training

- Complete AMRG transportation orientation program to become familiar with AMRG transport protocols. _____
- Complete an initial checkout drive/ride with another transportation certified member of AMRG. _____
- Complete AMRG equipment trailer orientation and towing check-drive. _____
- Serve as "Transportation Chief" (head of motorpool) or Staging Area Manager for at least one (1) of the following: _____
 - AMRG interagency avalanche training
 - AMRG interagency ground search training

Required Equipment

- Own a personal trailer for transporting motorized equipment to scene of a mission.
- Must own 4-wheeler and/or snowmachine that:
 - Is properly maintained and ready to go at all times.
 - Has repair kit for flats, belts, and other basic repairs
 - Is equipped with winch or come-along, and a tow strap.
 - Is capable of carrying driver with his overnight pack and repair kit.
 - Is of appropriate size for our missions (i.e., carry 2 people) and can tow a sled/toboggan, OR a trailer into the field as needed.
- Must own a personal helmet(s) appropriate to the equipment driven (e.g., snowmachine) that is available at all times with eye protection.

Optional

- Own a vehicle capable of towing 5000 pounds, a trailer hitch and a 2" ball for towing AMRG equipment trailer(s)

Triennial Proficiency Checklist (submit by Oct 30 of every three years beginning in 2008)

- Participate in at least two (2) AMRG interagency field training events during the renewal period _____
- Complete at least two (2) of following during the renewal period:
 - Conduct AMRG equipment trailer orientation and towing check-drive training _____
 - Teach/assist with teaching AMRG transportation orientation program _____
 - Conduct a check-drive with another AMRG transport member _____