

## **Administrative Services Bulletin: Monday, August 2, 2010**

By Jim Styers, Acting Fire Chief

### **What's New?**

Fire Chief Edith Curry retired on June 30, and Fire Marshal Theresa Ross left the department on July 9 to move to the Lower 48 with her family. We are currently recruiting for both positions. We are also currently working with the State Fire Marshal's office to keep the plan reviews up to date.

Our ISO (Insurance Services Organization) rating will be conducted this week. This rating is updated every 10 years and helps determine fire insurance rates for properties in our service district. Our goal is to maintain our rating of a 2 in our area with hydrants and to improve our rating in the non-hydrant area.

Our new fire engine is in service and working great for the crews. All the equipment has been installed and there have been very few issues to work out. By comparison, we're still working on issues with our last new engine, which we've had for two years now.

We started our summer academy on July 7 with 15 recruits. The academy is a five-week program focusing on Fire Fighter I skills, with the state exam at the end.

### **What's Next?**

We are working with the John George, director of the fire science program at UAF's Community and Technical College, to have UAF CTC teach our academy next summer.

Follow up with ISO to respond to any questions that arise from the review.

### **Reminder**

It's Tanana Valley Fair time and we would like to remind everyone to be very careful while driving in the area of the fairgrounds. College Road is not suited for this type of foot traffic. Please keep an open eye for families coming and going from the fair.