An expanded facility is urgently needed to meet the demands placed on the department due to an increasing call volume and population.
The fire department is part of the area-wide mutual aid pact with other area fire departments, and is a major player when there is a borough-wide disaster of any kind. The department is also active with the Pipeline Training Center and has provided support to that project for six years.

### Serving Alaska

Alumni of the UFD can be found in fire departments around the entire state. Some examples include:

- Mike Tilley, fire chief, Kenai Fire Department
- Brian Long, fire chief, Unalaska Fire Department
- Mike Murphy, Anchorage battalion chief
- Dave Halbrooks, assistant fire chief, Fort Wainwright
- Randy Sourada, assistant fire chief, Fort Richardson
- Tom Covington, fire chief, Red Dog Mine

A large group of former UAF firefighters have gone into wildland firefighting with both the state and federal government. Additionally, half of the current UAF career staff are former UAF student firefighters.

### Facility Needs

UAF is proposing construction of a new University Fire Station and Student Firefighter Training Center. The facility will be constructed at a new location near lower campus, which will provide better access for emergency service response to the campus and the community, as well as greater access by other emergency service providers.

The facility will provide space for administrative offices, classroom space, apparatus bays with fire and EMS support rooms and firefighter/medic living quarters for both on- and off-duty members.

In addition, the new station will be versatile enough to provide various alternate functions during major incidents such as earthquakes and wildfires.