

**Administrative Services Bulletin: (Thursday, May 27, 2010)**  
**By Edith Curry, Fire Chief, University Fire Department**

**What's New?**

As you can see by the news there are wildfires throughout the Interior of Alaska. The University Fire Department has responded to a number of them already this year. State Forestry has activated a local area task force from all the area departments and they will be deploying them to one of the interior fires today, 5/27/10.

I would also ask that everyone exercise due caution this holiday week end. Please check with State Forestry before doing any burning. It may be calm when you start to burn but State Forestry may know that there are high winds coming. Also do not leave any type of burn unattended. The few minutes you take to run inside and answer the phone may be the difference between you having a controlled burn and an uncontrolled wildland fire. Home owners will be billed for the cost of all the resources that respond to the fire as well as having criminal charges filed against them. These costs can range upwards of one million dollars or more. Have fun, enjoy the weather but stay safe!

**What's Next?**

On a final note, this will be my last news bulletin. I will be retiring from the University Fire Department July 1, 2010. I have been in the emergency services for over 30 years and I have really enjoyed meeting and working with so many wonderful people, here and throughout the State of Alaska.

If you ever have any questions about emergency responses or other similar questions, please feel free to contact the University Fire Department and we will try and answer your questions.