INTERIOR ALASKA WILDFIRE TRAINING ACADEMY
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- Provide Comprehensive Wildfire Training For Rural Alaskans
- Intensive 3 Week Program Aimed Towards Getting Students The Foundation For A Career In Fire
- Academy Would Provide A Step In The Path Towards A Fire Career
- Give Alaskans The Training To Advance Their Qualifications In Fire, While Sustaining A Subsistence Lifestyle
- Provide Opportunity For Rural Alaskans To Receive College Credits Toward A Certificate or a Degree
PRESENT CONDITIONS

- Present Emergency Fire Fighters Are Trapped at the Lowest Levels due to the Lack of Training
- 2 to 3 weeks of work firefighting each year.
- Most Village Firefighters are unable to be dispatched as Single Resources
- Lack of Training = Limited Income
- There is no Training Program or Facility for Emergency Firefighters (EFF) in Alaska
- No state annual EFF training budget in Alaska
Goals

- 3 – 6 Weeks Intensive, comprehensive, Wildfire Training Program
- Successful candidates qualified for immediate employment
- Build a Solid Foundation In Wildfire Fighting for wide variety of positions
- To develop future leaders
- Elevate the Level of Training for the Existing Village Crewmember.
- Enable Them to Perform Tasks and Accept Assignments of a Higher Level
- Enable the Individuals to accept Lower 48 Fire Assignments
- Train Individuals for Possible Employment in State and Federal Jobs
- 2 to 3 months of work each year
- High completion, low attrition rates
- 1 to 3 annual beginning level academies with 50 students per academy
- Second and Third year advanced academies will also be offered which will take the students to a high level of operational qualifications
ConCEPTS

- Target audience but not limited to people coming out of high school
- Selection Process Application, Nomination, Screening, and Acceptance
- No previous experience required
- Condense Time Frame
- Intense Training, Classroom, Field Application
- Team Work
- Rural Alaska setting
- Closed Campus, and strict controlled environment, Alcohol and Drug Free
- Honor to Attend, Pride in Accomplishment
- Full Time Dedicated Staff
- Immediate Job Assignments upon completion.
Facilities

- Existing bunkhouse located at Tanacross BLM firefighting location
- Needed Facilities Kitchen \ Shower, bathroom in one building
LIST OF COURSES

- S-110 Basic Fire Suppression
- S-130 Firefighter Training
- S-131 Firefighter Type 1
- S-133 Look Up-Look Down-Look Around
- L-180 Human Factors in the Wildland Fire Service
- S-190 Introduction to Wild Fire Behavior
- S-211 Portable Pumps and Water Use
- S-212 Wildland Fire Chainsaws
LIST OF COURSES Continued

- L-280 Followership to Leadership
- S-270 Basic Air Operations
- S-271 Helicopter Crew Member
- OSHA and Bloodborne Pathogens
- C. P. R. and First Aid
- Maps, Compass, GPS and Orienteering
Tentative Cooperators and Partners

- Tanana Chiefs Council
- State Of Alaska DNR Forestry
- University of Alaska
- US Fish and Wildlife
- Doyon Corporation
- Ahtna
What is Needed to Make this Happen

- Annual Dedicated State Funding
- A joint effort with Partners and Cooperators
- Facilities and Equipment
- Determination by the State and Federal Agencies that this is essential component to the long term sustainable of rural Alaska and the State Firefighting Program.