

Western Emergency Services

FY2027 Proposed Budget

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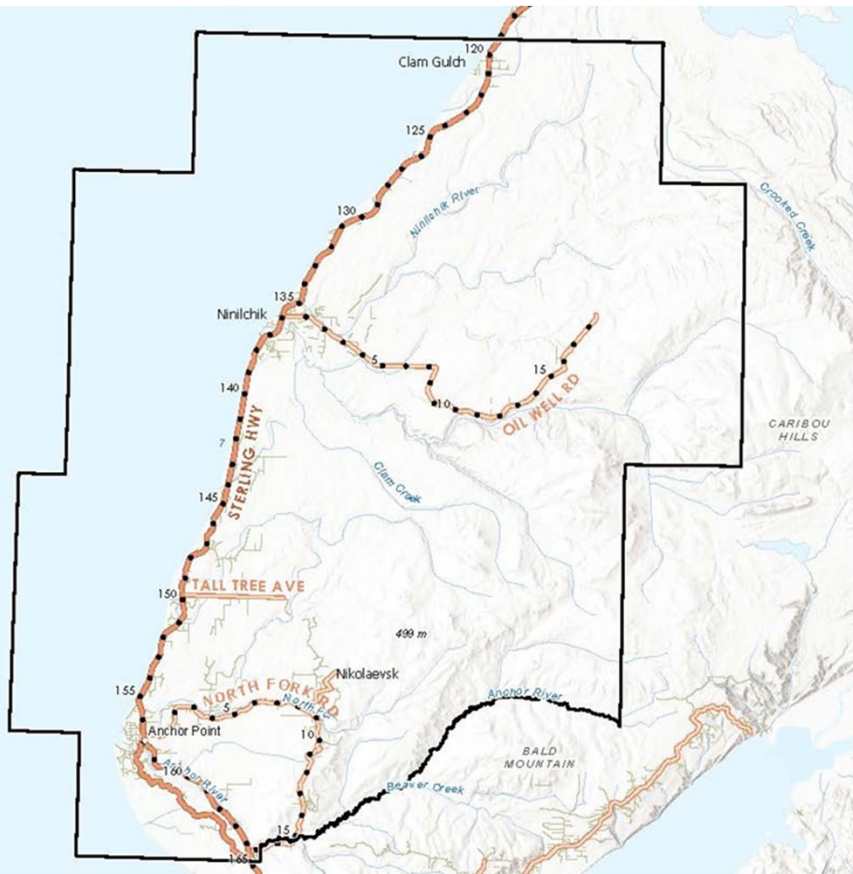


Background Information

826 Square Miles

Anchor Point
Ninilchik
Happy Valley
Ninilchik
Clam Gulch
Caribou Hills

Population 4,704



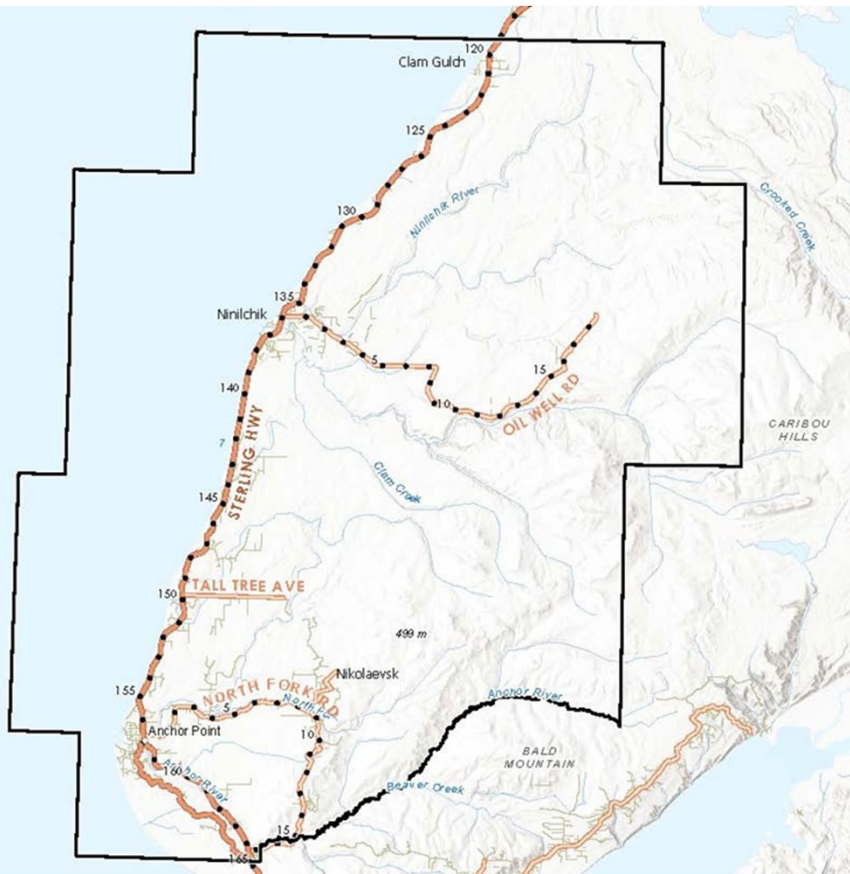


Background Information

MP 119 to MP 165 Sterling Highway
Old Sterling Highway
North Fork Road
Oil Well Road

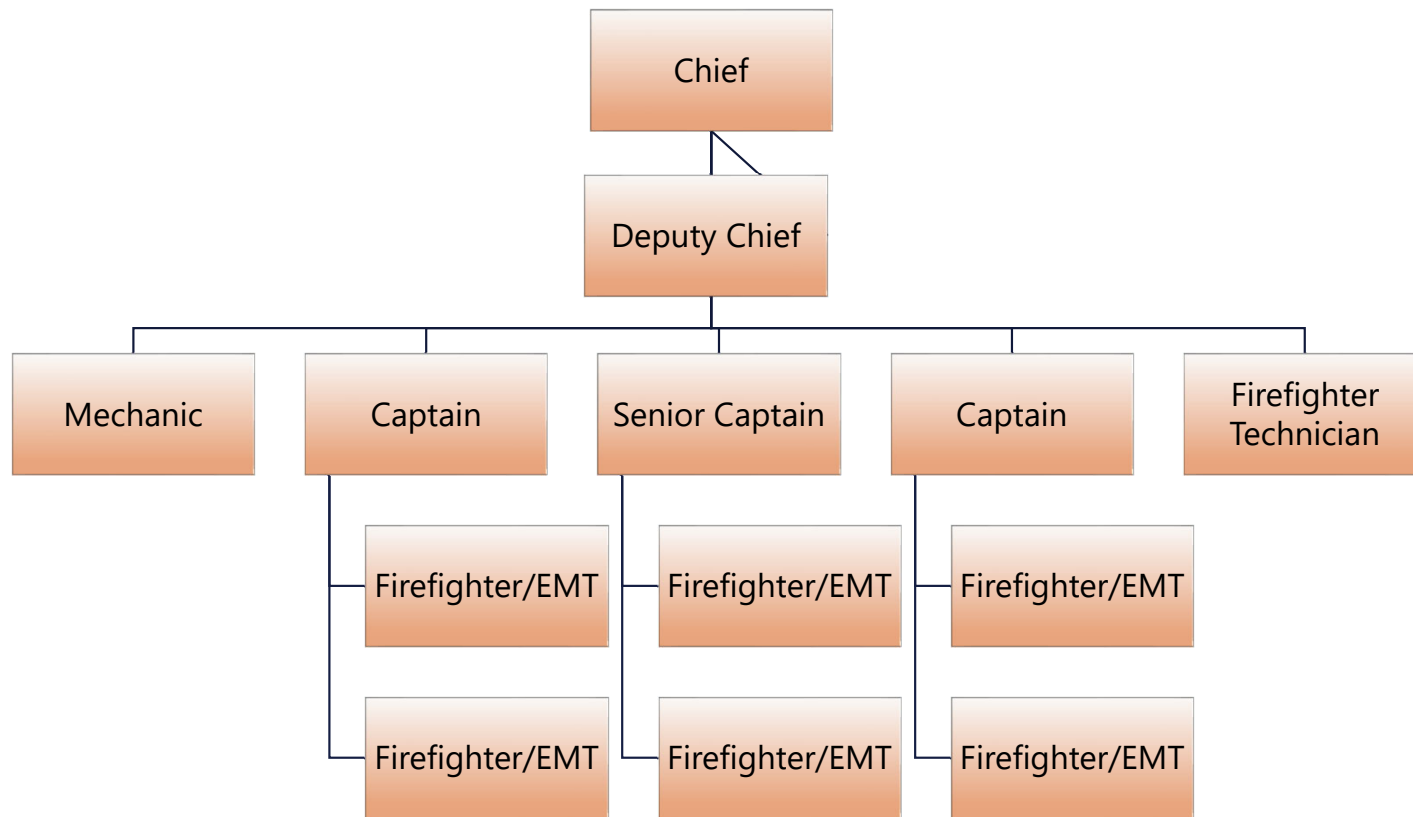
3 Fire Stations

Ninilchik – Station 1
Anchor Point – Station 3
Nikolaevsk – Station 4
Emergency Water Fill Site in Happy Valley at
Resch Road (MP 147 Sterling Highway).
Future site for Station 2.





Organizational Chart





FY2026 Key Accomplishments

- Purchased drones for search and rescue and fire reconnaissance.
- Replaced all apparatus bay lighting with more efficient LED fixtures in Station 1
- Painted the interior living areas of both stations & the exterior of Station 3 with substantial savings to the service area by hiring volunteers to complete the project.





FY2026 Key Accomplishments

- Purchased new command vehicle and 2 new emergency response pickups with snow plows to provide access for apparatus on unplowed properties.
- Received grant funding for purchase of 3 wildland firefighting skid units, tool boxes and wildland tools, to increase wildland firefighting capabilities.





FY2027 New Initiatives

- Complete FAA pilot training for unmanned aircraft to fully implement search and rescue and fire reconnaissance drone program.
- Implement engineer training program for qualified career staff to promote to Engineer position.





Expenditure Summary

	FY2026 Original Budget	FY2027 Proposed Budget	Change
Personnel	\$2,240,151	\$2,420,659	\$180,508
Supplies	\$191,000	\$171,000	\$(20,000)
Services	\$438,778	\$475,626	\$36,848
Capital Outlay	\$61,500	\$91,770	\$30,270
Transfers	\$277,766	\$263,035	\$(14,371)
Interdepartmental Charges	\$73,286	\$78,976	\$5,690
Total	\$3,282,481	\$3,501,066	\$218,585
			6.7%



Major Long Term Issues and Concerns

- Meeting minimum staffing requirement of 2 per station, to continue decreased response times.
- Continued volunteer recruitment and retention.
- Obtaining funds to replace aging apparatus and utility vehicles.
- Obtaining funding for the renovation and expansion of Station 3 in Anchor Point.
- Secure funding for live-fire training facility within the service area.
- Construction of a new station in Happy Valley to address a 10-mile stretch along the Sterling Highway between Ninilchik and Anchor Point that are not within 5 miles of a station.



Questions?

