

KPC Firefighter 1

A Collaborative Vision Between
the Kenai Peninsula Borough &
Kenai Peninsula College



Firefighter Training - History

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- Since 2015 NFD/CES/KFD has partnered with Kenai Peninsula College (KPC) to offer several Firefighter-1 (FF1) SOA Certification classes.
- KPC used TVEP funds (\$250K) to purchase new fire training equipment.
- KPC hired off-duty NFD/CES/KFD personnel as instructors. Lab aids were also hired to support course delivery.
- Program has not been offered for several years due to low enrollment.



Working Proposal

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- Kenai Peninsula Borough
 - Provide additional monies each year to annual funding request to support instruction of State of Alaska Firefighter 1 (FF1) course.
- Kenai Peninsula College
 - Offer FF1 course each Fall and Spring supported by KPB funding
 - Recruit and hire instructors
 - Develop advisory board

Benefits to Borough

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- Continuous supply of locally trained and certified firefighter candidates
- Training in coordination with area fire departments
- Advisory Board made up of members of local fire departments, KPC, and a non-fire/EMS community member to focus on workforce needs

Course Outline

One Cohort per Semester

- 4 four-week sessions (FIRE 131, 133, 135, & 137)
- Stacked format each semester (16 weeks)
- Two evenings per week. All day Saturday.
- Total of 256 Training Hours
- State of Alaska FF1 Exam
- Hazmat Awareness Certification



Fire Department Collaboration

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- Fire department host must be accredited by State of Alaska Fire Standards Council to offer FF1 courses.
- KPC students and faculty must be able to use fire department facilities, apparatus, and other firefighting equipment during class and while under direct supervision of the instructor.



Project Timeline

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- KPB approval of funding
- MOA defining training site hosting of a FF1 class and training at KPB Fire Departments
- KPC recruitment & hiring of Fire Coordinator, Lead Instructor and Lab Aid
- Development of a Fire Program Advisory Board
- Establish tuition and lab fees for students
- Marketing and student enrollment
- Start Date: August 26, 2022



Questions?

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