



# Morning Highlights

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Highlights will next be updated Friday, June 1.

## Emergency Preparedness



Residents in the Becker Ridge area of Fairbanks may have encountered over a dozen structure and wildland fire trucks and other emergency vehicles on Tuesday night. However, personnel were not there in response to an actual emergency. Instead, the Chena-Goldstream and Ester fire departments, Fairbanks North Star Borough Emergency Services, and DOF participated in a training exercise to simulate a fire situation. In addition to fire and medical operations, firefighters set up structure protection measures, such as laying hose out, around participating residents' homes and other structures. While there were no actual aircraft involved, the exercise included mock wildland fire

retardant drops, and many other scenarios that are common in that sort of wildland fire situation. The majority of the participants from Chena and Ester were volunteers who understand the importance of helping neighbors out.

Through interagency agreements with the Division of Forestry (DOF), cooperating fire departments also provide wildland fire response to their communities and surrounding areas. Preparedness is one of the most important aspects of emergency responders' duties. Training helps ensure that firefighters are in a state of readiness to safely respond to and manage wildland fires and emergency situations. Another example of a routine training exercise is the Incident Commander simulation: <http://youtu.be/MRkvVsByynI>.

### **Fire Information**

Two new human-caused fires, both .1 acres or less, were reported to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center on Tuesday. According to AICC, this year a total of 109 fires have burned nearly 199 acres statewide. Refer to AICC Situation Report for additional information: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf>.

### **Information Gathering/Additional References**

#### **[www.twitter.com](http://www.twitter.com)**

Alaska Division of Forestry account: **@AK\_Forestry**  
Bureau of Land Management account: **@BLMAlaska**  
National Park Service account: **@AlaskaNPS**  
US Fish and Wildlife Service account: **@USFWSAlaska**  
Bureau of Indian Affairs: **@BIA\_DFWFM**  
Alaska Fire Consortium: **@AKfirescience**

#### **[www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)**

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National Park Service account: **AlaskaNPS**  
US Fish and Wildlife Service account: **USFWSAlaska**  
Bureau of Indian Affairs account: **BIA-Forestry-and-Wildland-Fire-Management**

#### **[www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)**

Alaska Division of Forestry account: **AlaskaDNRDOF**  
National Park Service account: **AlaskaNPS**

- Alaska Interagency Coordination Center: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/>
  - Map of Current Fires: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php>
  - Alaska Situation Report: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf>
  - National Fire Situation Report: <http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf>
  - Interagency Newsroom (Media Guide): <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/newsroom.php>
- Alaska Wildland Fire Coordinating Group - Education and Reference Materials: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/administration/awfcg.php>
- Alaska Fire Consortium: <http://akfireconsortium.uaf.edu>

- Protect your home and property!: <http://firewise.org/> and
- <http://forestry.alaska.gov/pdfs/firewise09.pdf>
- Department of Environmental Conservation (Smoke Concerns):  
<http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm>
- Department of Transportation (Road Closure Info):  
(907) 451-2240, <http://511.alaska.gov/>
- BLM Alaska Fire Service: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/afs/>
- Alaska Division of Forestry: <http://forestry.alaska.gov>
  - Alaska Division of Forestry (Burn Permit Info): <http://forestry.alaska.gov/burn/>
- National Parks Service: <http://www.nps.gov/akso/nature/fire/>
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife: <http://www.fws.gov/fire/>
- USDA Forest Service: <http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/>
- Bureau of Indian Affairs: [www.bia.gov/nifc/](http://www.bia.gov/nifc/)
- Anchorage Fire Department: [www.muni.org/fire](http://www.muni.org/fire)
- National Weather Service: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/>
- Temporary Flight Restriction Information: <http://tfr.faa.gov/tfr2/list.html>
- Federal Aviation Administration: <http://www.faa.gov/>

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