



# AWFCG INTERAGENCY DISPATCH COMMITTEE

## 2024 FALL FIRE REVIEW REPORT

AMBER SUNDERLAND - CHAIRPERSON



# WHO WE ARE

## 2024 AWFCG ALASKA DISPATCH COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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- ▶ AWFCG LIAISON – TBD
- ▶ CHAIR – AMBER SUNDERLAND – AK-YFDC (ALT. MEGAN PENNINGTON-BRANSON)
- ▶ VICE-CHAIR – JAQUELINE AMAN – AK-ACDC
- ▶ KELLY JACOBS – AK-CGFC (ALT. TBD)
- ▶ MICHAEL STACY – AK-TNFC (ALT. AMANDA SWAB)
- ▶ KARIS COLLET – AK-ACDC (ALT. TED BRADLEY)
- ▶ TERESA ROSE – AK-NFDC (ALT. TBD)
- ▶ TBD – AK-AICC (ALT. TBD)
- ▶ JERRID PALMATIER – AK-AIDC (ALT. TBD)
- ▶ SME NON-VOTING MEMBERS:
  - ▶ REPRESENTATIVE FROM DENALI COMM CENTER (TBD)
  - ▶ DIANE CAMPBELL (SOA) – FORESTER
  - ▶ KELLY GISOLO (SOA) – TRAINING
  - ▶ TODD ARCHER (BLM) – RAMP
  - ▶ FREDDIE DIERENFIELD (BLM)– CACHE
  - ▶ MICHAEL BRADLEY (SOA) -FORESTER
  - ▶ SEASONAL DISPATCHERS



## WHAT DO WE DO?

**Provide an interagency forum to address Alaska dispatch concerns.**



**The Committee will work toward the following goals:**

Increase and improve communication among dispatch centers

Improve recruitment and retention of wildland fire dispatchers

Provide cross-training opportunities to improve regional dispatch capacity

Provide committee members for national committees

Integrate with other fire support functions as appropriate

# 2024 SUCCESSES

- D-312 AIRCRAFT DISPATCH COURSE APRIL 2024
- D-110 EXPANDED DISPATCH RECORDER MAY 2024
- THIS IS THE 3<sup>RD</sup> YEAR THE COMMITTEE FACILITATED THE ANNUAL DISPATCHER OF THE YEAR AWARD
- ALL CENTERS IN AK TRANSITIONED TO WILDCAD E SUCCESSFULLY
- CONTINUED WORK TOWARD DISPATCH EFFICIENCY WITH CONSOLIDATION AND RECRUITMENT EFFORTS.
- JOINT TRAINING WITH INCIDENT BUSINESS IN THE SPRING.
- THE SUPPORT OF ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERS IN ALASKA FOR UPDATED JOB SERIES, PAY, MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT, WORK LIFE BALANCE, AND THEIR APPRECIATION FOR THE ROLE WE PLAY IN THE FIRE COMMUNITY!

# 2024 SUCCESSES

## • OPPORTUNITIES TO TRAIN DISPATCHERS AND SUPPORT AK AND L48 CENTERS

State	Total
AK	66
OR	46
ID	26
MT	10
CO	9
CA	7
WA	7
WY	4
NM	3
NV	3
TN	3
AZ	2
GA	2
MN	1
SD	1
TX	1
UT	1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>192</b>

	Alaska Coastal Dispatch Center		Alaska Interagency Coordination Center		Chugach National Forest Dispatch		Northern Forestry Dispatch Center		Tongass National Forest Dispatch		Yukon Fire Dispatch Center		Totals		
Qualification	Alaska	L-48	Alaska	L-48	Alaska	L-48	Alaska	L-48	Alaska	L-48	Alaska	L-48	Alaska	L-48	Grand Total
ACDP - Aircraft Dispatcher	5	8	1	4		2	3	3	1	2	1	12	11	31	42
CORD - Expanded Dispatch Coordinator	4	1		3			2	3				1	6	8	14
EDRC - Expanded Dispatch Recorder	5	1	2			1					4	1	11	3	14
EDSD - Expanded Dispatch Support Dispatcher	2	15	4	5			1	12		8	8	7	15	47	62
EDSP - Expanded Dispatch Supervisory Dispatcher	4			2			1	4		2		3	5	11	16
IADP - Initial Attack Dispatcher	10	5	2	5	1		5	5		4		7	18	26	44
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>192</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>60</b>		<b>28</b>		<b>4</b>		<b>39</b>		<b>17</b>		<b>44</b>		<b>192</b>		



# 2024 CHALLENGES

- NATIONWIDE DISPATCH STAFFING SHORTAGES
- MONTHLY COMMITTEE MEETINGS DURING THE PEAK OF FIRE SEASON
- FEWER CENTERS TO TAP FOR COMMITTEE ROLES
- LONGER SEASONS REQUIRE MORE WORK MONTHS TO STAFF THE SHOULDER SEASONS
- ANNUAL REVISION AND UPDATE TO THE ALASKA MOBILIZATION GUIDE

# WHAT WE ARE WORKING TOWARD IN 2025

## Communication

Encourage broader involvement across the dispatch community

## Recruitment/Retention

Advocate for adequate pay, appropriate job series classification, and work/life balance

Encourage centers to provide developmental career tracks with opportunities for advancement.

## Integration

Collaborate with various support functions.

Continue work to improve data management as new technology emerges and is adopted.

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