

## Chapter 30 - Crews

Crews will be ordered by standard type. There are Type 1, Type 2IA and Type 2 crews in Alaska.

### Minimum Crew Standards for National Mobilization

For a detailed description of minimum crew standards, refer to the *Interagency Standards for Fire and Aviation Operations*, Chapter 13 at

<http://www.nifc.gov/PUBLICATIONS/redbook/2016/Chapter13.pdf>

### Type 1 Interagency Hotshot Crews (IHC)

There are currently three designated Type 1 IHCs in Alaska. These crews are certified annually to insure they meet the specifications found in the Standards for Interagency Hotshot Crew Operations. Two IHCs are managed by AFS, and one is managed by DOF. Alaska IHC crews dispatched to incidents within Alaska come equipped with: personal gear, fire equipment (which includes chainsaws, hand tools and radios), and food and water for 24 hours. Chainsaws may accompany crews traveling on the NIFC contract jet. Crews traveling by any other method will arrange to send their chainsaws via air freight.

Current Type 1 crew status information is provided on the AICC website at

<http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/crews/agencycrews.pdf>.

*Table 1 Alaska IHCs*

<b>Crew Name</b>	<b>Dispatch</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Home Unit</b>	<b>Airport</b>
Midnight Sun IHC	ACC	BLM	AK-AKD	FBK/FAI
Chena IHC	ACC	BLM	AK-AKD	FBK/FAI
Pioneer Peak IHC	MSSC	DOF	AK-MSS	ANC/PAQ

A complete list of all national Type 1 Interagency Hotshot Crews is available at

[http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/people/hotshots/IHC\\_index.html](http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/people/hotshots/IHC_index.html).

### Type 2IA Crews

There are currently five designated agency Type 2IA crews in Alaska. Four crews are sponsored by the State of Alaska (DOF), and one crew is sponsored by USFS. These crews are not included in the Alaska Type 2 EFF/AD crew rotation list. All Type 2IA crews may be utilized within their host area and for initial attack response. The DOF sponsored Type 2IA crews are statewide resources and may be reassigned to higher priority fires by the DOF Fire Operations Forester or AICC.

The USFS sponsored Type 2IA crew is a statewide resource and may be reassigned to a higher priority fire by AICC. The USFS may have the capacity of mobilizing additional T2IA crews.

Current Type 2IA crew status information is provided on the AICC website at

<http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/crews/agencycrews.pdf>.

Table 2 Alaska Type 2 IA Crews

<b>Crew Name</b>	<b>Dispatch</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Home Unit</b>	<b>Airport</b>
Gannet Glacier	MSSC	DOF	AK-MSS	ANC/PAQ
Yukon	KIDC	DOF	AK-KKS	ANC/ENA
White Mountain	FASC	DOF	AK-FAS	FAI
USFS R10	CGFC	USFS	AK-R10	ANC
Tanana Chiefs	TASC	DOF	AK-TAS	FAI

## Type 2 Agency Crews

Type 2 crews composed of personnel from one or more agencies may be assembled for dispatch within or outside of Alaska. The host agency for the interagency crew and the dispatch center for coordinating the mobilization, rostering and dispatching will be identified at the time of dispatch processing. Type 2 interagency crews are not included in the Alaska Type 2 crew rotation.

AFS sponsors the North Star Type 2 crew. The crew is available from approximately the first week of June to the middle of August. The crewmembers (excluding the Crew Boss and Squad Bosses) are BLM volunteers until dispatched to an incident. They are paid AD wages when assigned to an incident.

DOF sponsors the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) Type 2 crew which is available from approximately the first week of June to the middle of August. The UAF Nanook Wildland Fire Crew is composed predominately of UAF students in the Wildland Fire Science program. They are based out of the Interior Alaska Campus in Fairbanks. The crew members are on volunteer status until dispatched to an incident when they are paid EFF wages.

Table 3 Alaska Type 2 Agency Crews

<b>Crew Name</b>	<b>Dispatch</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Home Unit</b>	<b>Airport</b>
North Star	ACC	BLM	AK-AKD	FBK/FAI
UAF	LCSC	DOF	AK-DFS	FAI

## Type 2 EFF/AD Crews

General guidance for both State of Alaska and BLM administered Type 2 Crews in Alaska can be found in the *Alaska Type 2 EFF Crew Management Guide* <https://fire.ak.blm.gov/logdisp/crews.php>. The Guide establishes standard operating procedures and guidelines to be used by fire protection organizations in Alaska. Each agency may have additional specific internal operating procedures. Appendix A of the *Crew Management Guide (Interagency Type 2 EFF Crew Source List)* designates the villages/communities that supply the personnel to staff crews on the Statewide EFF Crew Rotation. Crews may be rostered under the name of the individual village, or in cases with personnel from multiple villages, a regional name. By June 15, only designated crews that meet roster requirements as detailed in the *Alaska Emergency Firefighter Type 2 Crew Management Guide* will be listed on the Alaska Type 2 Crew Rotation List. Undesignated Type 2 EFF/AD crews are not considered shared statewide resources, and can only be mobilized within their local area; they cannot be mobilized out of

state. AFS zones and DOF areas can hire and release designated and undesignated Type 2 crews within their units as needed. Designated crews will be requested through normal dispatch channels if local resources are not available. When a request is received by AICC, the next available crew from the Alaska Type 2 Crew Rotation List will be mobilized. Situations may arise that require deviation from the rotation list i.e. weather and timeframes.

The Alaska Type 2 Crew Rotation List , available on the AICC website at <https://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/crews/type2crews.pdf>, is maintained by AICC Intelligence. AICC must be notified immediately via TTY of any crew hire, reassignment and release.

### **Assignments within Alaska**

For mobilization within Alaska, Type 2 EFF crews will consist of 16-20 personnel: one crew boss, 3 squad bosses, 0-4 sawyers and 8-16 crew members and/or trainees. Crews consisting of less than 18 personnel may be acceptable in some cases with receiving unit approval.

### **EFF Crew Gear**

Crew kits for EFF/AD Type 2 crews should be ordered in accordance with established agency dispatch procedures. Method of transportation and the ordering unit's ability to provide crew gear are considered. The Crew Kit is comprised of: nomex clothing, EFF packs, and other camp supplies. A complete listing of contents is available in the Alaska Interagency Catalog of Fire Supplies and Equipment. Crew kits do not include food and water.

### **Assignments Outside of Alaska**

Type 2 EFF crews are typically mobilized to the Lower 48 in groups of five using large transport aircraft arranged through NICC. Crews mobilized to assignments outside of Alaska consist of 20 personnel: 1 crew representative (CREP), 1 crew boss, 3 squad bosses, 0-4 sawyers, 9-15 crew members and/or trainees. Additionally, an interagency resource representative (IARR) and a crew administrative representative (CAR) will be assigned by AICC to each group of crews travelling together to facilitate the interaction with incident management teams and dispatch centers in all matters pertaining to the crews. The IARR and the CAR are all ordered and remain on a support Overhead order by AICC for the duration of the assignment. The IARR reports to the AICC Center Manager. The standard L-48 Type 2 crew length of assignment is 14 days, exclusive of travel from and to the home unit. Assignment extensions, based on necessitating circumstances or transportation requirements, may be approved by the AICC Manager in conjunction with the FMO(s) from the crew's respective unit(s). Crews will be rostered in ROSS for assignments outside of Alaska.