

Alaska Smokejumper

2014 Annual Report



2014 Alaska Smokejumper Stats

Total number of Smokejumpers used in State = 87				Alaska SMJ Age	
				21-30	11
FBX	63	MSO	2	31-40	30
BOI	20	MYL	0	41-49	16
		WYS	1	50+	6
		RAC	0	36 Jumpers	
		GAC	1	have over 200 jumps	
		RDD	0	19 jumpers	
Boosters	20	NCSB	0	Have over 300 jumps	

Total number of Jumpers out the door: 962				Jumpers Used	
				Agency and Area	
Fire Jumps	170	FEDs	103	State	67
Practice Jumps	788			KKS	16
Ground Crew	17	UYD	24	SWS	36
Single Resource	23	TAD	16	FAS	0
Project	4	GAD	51	DAS	0
Test Jumps	0	MIL Zone	12	MSS	8
		DEP (NPS)	0	CRA	0
				TAS	7

Total number of Missions =205			Alaska Jumps in L48		
Fire Jumps	26		GeographicArea	Mode	# of SMJ
BLM = 17	State = 9		East Great Basin	Fire Jump	26
			East Great Basin	Proficiency	20
Practice Jumps	92		Northern California	Fire Jump	21
False Alarms	5		Northern California	Proficiency	11
Single Resource	8		Northern Rockies	Fire Jump	37
Ground Crew	3		Northern Rockies	Proficiency	12
Recon/Patrol	4		Northwest	Proficiency	4
Project	1		Northwest	Fire Jump	35
Demob/Perpo	20		Rocky Mountain	Fire Jump	10
Point to Point	22		Southern California	Fire Jump	2
Paracargo Refresher	21		Southern California	Proficiency	24
Paracargo Fire	3		West Great Basin	Fire Jump	3
			Total		205

Alaska Jumper Use in Lower 48

FIRE	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	AVERAGE
FIRE JUMPS	134	51	258	166	6	6	229	149	413	2	141.4

Alaska Historical Statistics

YEAR	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	AVERAGE
FIRE JUMPS	170	534	324	333	1090	791	193	535	187	729	488.6
TOTAL JUMPS	962	1249	1164	1133	1814	1834	1335	1179	878	1430	1297.8
FIRE MISSIONS	26	84	54	53	168	122	32	80	28	123	77
BOOSTERS	20	87	51	82	197	120	0**	36	16	99	70.8

** No Boosters Ordered. 11 USFS and 3 Boise Jumpers remained after New Man Ram-Air training.

Smokejumper Aircraft Number of Missions/Flight hour/Days

	Fire	Paracargo	Practice	False Alarm	Other	Totals
N112BH	3	8	43	2	8	65.2
N117BH	13	4	18	1	18	136.9
N107BH	5	9	12	2	16	68.6
N266MC	5	0	19	0	16	58.8
Total Missions	202			Total Flight Hours		329.5

AIR ATTACK

Name	ASM	ATGS	Total FLT HRS
Corley	0	31/90.5	90.5
Morton	0	20/70	70
O'Brien	0	0	0

Missions/Flight Hours

ParaCargo Delivered

AFS -	2,037	lbs
State-	4,017	lbs
Refresher/ R&D-	41,563	lbs
Project	450	lbs
Initial Attack-	23110	lbs
Total Pounds-	94,287	lbs

- Jared Weber was trained as a Spotter this season.

Crew Section

Jobs vacated and filled

- Jason Schroeder('08) took a position as Captain of Folsom Fire Vet Crew.
- Graham Worly-Hood('08) is now Squadleader on Tahoe Hotshots.
- Bob Schober('95) took the Galena Unit Aviation Manager position.
- Jeff Stark('03) took a Loft Specialist position.
- Gabe Lydic('99) moved into a Paracargo Specialist position.
- Oded Shalom('95) went back to Chena Hotshots as the Crew Superintendent.
- Jameson Kane('08) and Brian Kirkman('08) both received GS 07 positions.
- Robert Ordonez('12), James Mayor('14), Russell Kennedy('14), Kael Donley('14), Jake Wolff('14) all received GS 06 positions.
- Brian Pontes('03) also received a GS 06 as a transfer from RDD.

Details

- Doug Carroll('94) acting Paracargo Supervisor for Chris Silks, who unfortunately had to take extended leave to take care of family.
- Michael Obrien('98) and David Bloemker ('97) split the Crew Section Coordinator Position.
- Porter McQuery('06) and Gabe Lydic ('99) split the Crew Unit Supervisor Position.
- Marty Meierotto('94) detailed half of the season as a BLM pilot.
- John Dibert('96) took the Meierotto position as Paracargo Coordinator.
- Ben Dobrovolny('04) and John Freemont ('03) split the Paracargo Specialist detail.
- Jim Dibert('99) detailed as Foreman on Las Vegas Valley Vet Hand Crew.
- Aaron Schumacher('06) detailed as a squadboss on Las Vegas Valley Vet Hand Crew
- Chris Lord('08) took a detail to Northeast Region, National Park Service in Acadia National Park.
- Rob Allen('93) detailed to Rogue River-Siskiyou NF as Forest FMO for 120 days.
- Jeff McPhetridge('93) detailed into Operations Supervisor Position.
- Evan Karp ('05) detailed into the Operations Coordinator Position.
- Isiah Fischer('05) filled the Operations Specialist Position.

Instructors

- Randy Foland('01) traveled to RDD to certify as a Instructor for tree climbing.
- Greg Conaway('04) and Evan Adsit('09) organized and served as lead instructors for C-faller class.
- Kris Dudley('07) and Tamar Young('07) became certified fire arms instructor.

External Assistance

Prescribed Fire this year consisted of 2 modules in southeast with lots of C-faller prep-work for RX units. Participating for those were Joe Don Morton('95), Evan Karp('05), Jim Dibert('99), Kip Shields('04), and Wally Humphries('90).

Several bros worked for the Military zone burning grass in and around arms ranges.

Project Work

When the Alaska fire season came to a halt at the end of May some project work started up.2 loads of bros cut trees down and piled them for the Military Zone out at last years Stuart Creek fire on Eielson AFB.

Chena Lakes had some brush clearing and there is still funding for brush clearing out at McKay creek.

BLM Central Yukon Field Office jump in project to cut a helispot at an old gold mine.



Chris Silks('91) Paracargo Supervisor is set to retire at the end of the year. Thanks Chris

Training-2013

Fire Qualifications

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
IC Type 3	31%	32%	35%	40%	48%
Division/Group	43%	46%	50%	50%	45%
ATGS	7%	6%	5%	5%	5%
Crew Boss	100%	100%	98%	82%	92%
EMT	42%	45%	47%	48%	45%
Faller Class C	65%	57%	65%	63%	61%
ICT 4	74%	89%	90%	94%	81%
RXB2	7%	9%	18%	16%	11%
STCR	61%	60%	69%	81%	76%

Taskbooks (Completed):

DIVS: 2

STCR: 1

TFLD: 1

HEQB: 1

ICT4: 1

EMT Program

- We have 28 qualified EMTS
- A class for new EMTs was held in March of 2014
- 3 Jumpers successfully completed the course.
- This season there where 3 calls for EMTs
 - 2 lacerated hands /fingers
 - 1 dislocated shoulder

Loft

Parachutes rigged in the loft:

- DC 7s 1,169
- CR 360s 234
- MT1S 187
- Softies 10
- FS14 32

This does not include field rigging.

Projects completed 3013

- 10 Large jump jackets
- 10 Large jump pants
- 5 Medium jump jackets
- 5 Medium jump pants
- 20 Main D-bags
- Porosity testing (56 reserves, 24 DC-7s, and a handful of drogues for verification)
- 50 Cypress units serviced and reinstalled
- D-bag drawings proofed and changes sent to Walt Weime
- Rigging manual photos updated and manuals reprinted
- 12 Medium model 1302 harnesses
- 8 Medium model 8801 harnesses
- 4 Small model 8801 harnesses
- 25 Drogues in-service
- 10 CR-360s in-service
- 25 Jump helmets in-service
- 12 P.G. bags

- Modification for all jump pants drawstring
- Update of harness model 1302 instructions and cut list
- Drogue contract awarded
- 12 PG bags for fire specialist
- 15 parachute bags completed this year:

Other notes:

Robert Ordonez, Matt Oakleaf and Aaron Schumacher became new senior parachute riggers.