



## ALASKA FIRE STANDARDS COUNCIL

# BENEFITS TO FIRE CERTIFICATION

### **Individual Certification Benefit**

1. Provides documentation of individual knowledge and skill referenced to industry recognized standards
2. Provides credibility to individual firefighters as meeting professional standards in their field
3. Produces portable certificate for individual mobility that can be applied to civilian and military employment opportunities
4. Acknowledges a firefighter's commitment to ongoing training and life-long learning
5. Provides a specific training path for career advancement
6. Provides firefighters with credibility and accountability in cases involving litigation
7. Enables presumptive legislation coverage in Alaska under AS 23.30.121 (1) [c]

### **Fire Department/Organization Certification Benefit:**

1. Enhances fire department credibility
2. Provides support from Alaska Fire Standards and Training and Education Bureau for fire department training program management
3. Demonstrates department commitment to meet or exceed industry recognized standards
4. Helps maintain structured training programs that meet established guidelines
5. Ensures continual improvement and refinement of department operations
6. Establishes minimum eligibility requirements to receive grants
7. Enables efficient hiring of experienced personnel through certification reciprocity
8. Provides department membership with incentives
9. Enhances member responsibility, commitment, and motivation
10. Enables structured career development steps
11. Establishes documentation for department accountability in cases involving litigation