



CAPITAL CITY FIRE/RESCUE

*820 Glacier Ave
Juneau, Alaska 99801*

Date: December 30, 2014

To: Kimberly Kiefer, City Manager

From: Rich Etheridge, Fire Chief

Re: Marine Passenger Fee Funding Request

Capital City Fire Rescue respectfully requests FY-16 Marine Passenger Fee Funding for two programs.

Seasonal BLS/Firefighter Program

Project Description:

This funding pays for four seasonal EMTs from May 1 to September 30. Last summer staff responded to 386 incidents and transported 267 patients. This budget also provides for training, testing, fuel costs, the replacement of consumable medical supplies, and safety equipment for the seasonal employees.

This is an increase of \$27,900 from last year's request. This is due to having to replace all 4 EMT's this year. All new EMT's are going to need to go through their field training as well as being equipped with safety equipment and uniforms. Two of the EMT's promoted into year round permanent positions and the other two temps that were used last year have accepted other year round employment.

TOTAL REQUEST \$251,500.00

Capital City Fire/Rescue (CCFR) Air Medevac Support

Project Description:

The CCFR Medevac Team response to medical incidents in the upper half of Southeast Alaska by way of helicopter. The need for this service is decreasing over the year, last year they responded to 7 cruise ship medevac requests down from the average of 30 in past years. Recently when the contractor is not able to recover funds for the medevac flights, CCFR has been required to absorb the actual cost of flight times on top of department personnel costs. In years past the helicopter companies have absorbed the expenses of flights that were not paid for. With contractor operating expenses on the rise, this is not a viable option for the helicopter companies to continue providing this service without compensation.

Based on the reduction in responses this year's request is matches FY 15's request which is \$10,000 less than FY-14's request.

TOTAL REQUEST \$15,000