



**ALASKA STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION
UNALASKA CHAPTER**

NEW YEARS EVE
2021/2022
1ST ANNUAL
FIREFIGHTERS FESTIVUS
IN MEMORY OF TREY HENNING
12/31/2021 @ 1900-0100

Arianna Morales, ASFA – Unalaska Chapter, President



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Introduction

The Alaska State Firefighters Association – Unalaska Chapter (ASFA) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that represents all past and present members of the Unalaska Fire Department. Our mission is to provide our members with financial support who seek specialized, job specific training and purchase of non-department funded items and equipment that will directly benefit the community of Unalaska by enhancing our level of services provided in conjunction with response by the City of Unalaska Fire Department. ASFA is a separate organization that is affiliated with the City of Unalaska Fire Department but operates independently. ASFA is overseen by an executive board of six active members in good standing.

Executive Board

- i. President – Arianna Morales
- ii. Vice President – Vacant
- iii. Secretary /Treasurer – Ben Knowles
- iv. Seat A – Dmitri Dela Cruz
- v. Seat B – Stacy Shipp
- vi. Staff Seat – David Gibson
- vii. Ex-officio – Patrick Shipp – City of Unalaska Fire Department, Chief

Background

In 2020, ASFA was generously given a donation of nearly 800 pounds class C fireworks by Wasilla Based Company, Gorilla Fireworks. This show was produced based on the current climate surrounding the global health pandemic at the time, which resulted in the cancellation of the annual City of Unalaska fireworks show. ASFA members spent several days choreographing and setting up the show. The NYE 2020/2021 show was shot off of a landing, the NUNYA, which is locally owned and operated by long-time Unalaskan, Mike Lloyd. This show gathered the attention of many, and nearly 65 vehicles lined the roadway on Front Beach. The show was approximately 27-minutes long. After the conclusion the response ASFA got was overwhelming. The show had been a great success and our members thoroughly enjoyed all aspects of it.



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Proposal

ASFA is attempting to hold a dinner event for New Year's Eve 2021/2022. This event would be held in memory of local Unalaskan, Trey Henning, who tragically passed away after being caught in an avalanche. Trey's event sparked a lot of emotions in all of us here in Unalaska, specifically those who responded remember this event quite vividly to this day. With a fundraiser in memory of Trey Henning, ASFA plans to use the proceeds to create "backcountry bags" that would be filled with equipment that one may not normally be able to finance personally but could make a significant impact should another tragic event occur. Items such as avalanche backpacks, mono-suits, location beacons and locators, hand held GPS units, and two-way radios are all items that come with a significant cost. The bags would be available for check out at no cost to the renter other than a photo ID or some other type of collateral to ensure the items are returned.

The event would be held at UniSea, Inc. Grand Aleutian Hotel. ASFA would like to also offer our guests who attend the fundraising event "premium viewing" of the community fireworks show from their seats located in the Chart Room. We feel that having "premium viewing" will allow us to draw more folks in to help honor Trey's Memory but those who cannot join us, may still view the fireworks at no charge. The show is tentatively set to be shot over Margaret's Bay pending approval of the necessary parties.

Experience

1. Arianna Morales – ASFA President
 - a. Has assisted with one commercial fireworks show and one Class C fireworks show
2. Ben Knowles – ASFA Secretary/Treasurer
 - a. Has assisted with six commercial fireworks show, this includes coordination of two shows and one Class C Fireworks show
3. Stacy Shipp – Seat B
 - a. Has assisted with one commercial fireworks show in Alaska and several commercial fireworks show in her previous home state of Texas
4. David Gibson – ASFA Staff Seat
 - a. Has assisted with one commercial fireworks show and one Class C Fireworks show
5. Thomas Roufos – ASFA General Member
 - a. Has assisted with five commercial fireworks shows and one Class C fireworks show
6. Patrick Shipp – Ex-Officio
 - a. Is a licensed pyro-technician in the state of Alaska and Texas



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Cost Analysis

ASFA is seeking a donation of \$10,000 from the City of Unalaska/City Council. This amount is calculated based on the donation amount received last year and after conversations with Gorilla Fireworks. This would be a tax deductible donation.

All other associated costs related to the fundraising event will be self-sustained by ASFA along with donations from other various local and non-local businesses.

Fireworks show information

The fireworks show would consist of all Class C fireworks with a variety of cakes, roman candles, and mortar rounds that are tentatively scheduled to be ignited electronically. The amount of fireworks will not require a permit from the State of Alaska. The show is scheduled to be a minimum of 25 minutes long.

The show would be shot over Margaret's Bay, pending approval. Proposed shoot time would be 01/01/2022 @0000

City Needs

1. ASFA would need city approval to set-up and store the fireworks in the public works wash bay until the proposed shoot time.
2. The potential use of a flatbed trailer(s) – not the low-boy (trailer used for commercial shows)
3. A fire engine and paramedic stand-by crew on the night of the show

Insurance

ASFA members are covered AD&D when operating during an ASFA sanctioned event. ASFA is also awaiting a quote for specific event insurance that would be general liability, property liability. This policy quote would be for a 1 million dollar umbrella.

******This is a tentative proposal. The health and well-being of our community is a priority and this event is subject to change. As we move forward, we will continue to be transparent and make information known as it become available. We look forward to your response and appreciate your consideration******