

Alaska Fire Chiefs Association
Resolution 2008-01

A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE GOVERNOR AND ALASKA'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO SEEK A SOLUTION FOR PROVIDING THE CRITICAL SERVICE THAT THE MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO SAFETY AND TRAFFIC SERVICE, KNOWN AS MAST, PROVIDES FOR THE INTERIOR REGION UPON THEIR SCHEDULED DEPLOYMENT IN JULY 2008;

WHEREAS: The MAST program exists because the Army needs to provide helicopter medivac for soldiers training and serving in remote areas in Interior Alaska, and

WHEREAS: The MAST program utilizes aircraft and personnel that are on hand to provide necessary medical support to troops in Alaska, especially those training in remote locations, and

WHEREAS: The entire medical helicopter capability is being removed from Ft. Wainwright and therefore the MAST program with it, and

WHEREAS: The Army intends to replace the MAST program with a private medical helicopter contractor, but for military support only, and

WHEREAS: There currently exists no civilian helicopter contractor that can provide comparable rescue services, and

WHEREAS: The current MAST program provides critical civilian rescue support for the Interior at no additional expense to the citizens of Alaska,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Alaska Fire Chiefs Association urges the Governor and Alaska's Congressional Delegation to find a solution to replace the critical services provided by MAST upon their deployment in 2008.

Adopted this 21st day of February 2008 at the annual spring conference in Juneau, Alaska.

Attested by:

Doug Schrage, Alaska Fire Chief's Association President