



Resolution 2009 - 04

A resolution recognizing the preeminent duty of the fire service by protecting human life and supporting the Ready Set Go Program which encourages fire prevention and early resident evacuation from wildfire.

WHEREAS, the Alaska Fire Chief's Association represents the interests of the fire service of the State of Alaska and is an organization dedicated to public safety and support of its members; and

WHEREAS, the Ready, Set, Go program is a collaborative process that is effective in improving coordination and communication between emergency response agencies and the community. Spending an adequate amount of time developing the Ready, Set, Go program in each community can help clarify and refine priorities to protect life, property, infrastructure, and valued resources.

WHEREAS, the Alaska Fire Chief's Association supports the Ready Set Go program that focuses on building defensible space around homes and structures, and recognizes that early evacuation in the face of life-threatening wildfire is the single most important thing any homeowner can do to protect lives. Prepare your property, leave early, and follow all evacuation orders.

WHEREAS, the Alaska Fire Chief's Association is aware of the ever-present risk of catastrophic wildfire and that any fire protection plan must include a determined and forceful commitment to all available fire prevention strategies. In particular, it must recognize the value of building with ignition-resistant materials, maintaining a defensible space around structures, and preparing a home for the arrival of firefighters who have the experience of working under extreme conditions.

WHEREAS, the Alaska Fire Chief's Association recognizes the importance of Fire Adaptive Communities, and the need to renew efforts to provide the resources necessary to insure that emergency responders will be able to continue to protect the lives and property of its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alaska Fire Chief's Association is proud to support the Ready Set Go program.

Adopted this _____ day of _____ 2009 at the
_____ Conference in _____, Alaska.

Attested by: _____
Douglas R. Schrage, President –Alaska Fire Chief’s Association