Pass the Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT).

University Fire Department uses the Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT) to make sure you are physically capable of doing the job of a firefighter. You must pass the test before you can be hired. You may take the CPAT test during the academy or anytime testing is offered if you have a conditional offer of employment at no cost, we waive the testing fee. If you are not on our conditional hire list, the fee is applied.

You can see a video of the CPAT test being performed here. You can take the CPAT at any licensed CPAT test site, visit http://www.iaff.org/HS/Well/statelist.htm for a list of test sites. The University Fire Department is a licensed testing facility.

Cost: It is $20 per attempt for UAF firefighter applicants, which is non-refundable. The $20 is a donation that supports our UAF Student Firefighters Association.

CPAT testing fees may be paid with cash or check, bring your payment to the testing site the same day of your practice and/or test. If a receipt is needed, you can contact the Office Manager at krmiddleton@alaska.edu.

CPAT testing will be conducted on the following dates, weather permitting: May 12th, June 9th, July 14th & 28th, August 4th, 11th & 25th, September 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th. Call 907-474-5770 to schedule your test or practice today!

Cancellations: All CPAT fees are non-refundable. Candidates may cancel their test, but fees will be forfeited.

Unfortunately, our testing is conducted outside, and inclement weather can force a cancellation. We strive to maintain consistency with ALL of our candidates, we encourage you to contact the Battalion Chief at 907-455-3473 to confirm if testing will still be conducted on your scheduled test day.

New Hires: If you pass your CPAT at a different licensed testing site, be sure to provide us with a copy of your CPAT card or certificate by faxing a copy to 907-474-5999. For more information about the CPAT, you can review the CPAT Preparation Guide.