Title and brief description:
Bachelor Degree in Emergency Management: (BEM) degree.

The UAF-TVC Emergency Services Program (ESP) is seeking approval for the UAF School of Management (SOM) to initiate a new Baccalaureate Degree in Emergency Management. This will enable students to combine the technical expertise derived from the Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Emergency Services with a curriculum in Business Administration to become the future fire chiefs or equivalent emergency services administrators within fire departments and other related fields of emergency services throughout Alaska, Canada and the Lower 48. There is an ever increasing demand for fire department and emergency services administrators that are educated in fire science, emergency medical services (EMS) and business management practices.

Target Admission Date: Fall 2006

How does the program relate to the Education Mission of the University of Alaska?
The proposed BEM degree is aligned with the University of Alaska mission to meet state and local needs for fire department and emergency services administrators and to provide opportunities to those who can benefit from educational programs of high quality.

Describe the State Needs being met by this program.
There is an ever increasing demand for fire department and emergency services administrators that are educated in fire science, EMS and business management practices. Many fire departments throughout Alaska have searched for fire chiefs and found few Alaskan candidates with adequate business administration education and experience except those who have gone to school and worked in the Lower 48. The intent of this proposed BEM degree is to retain our AAS degree graduates at UAF by offering them an opportunity to complete a baccalaureate degree while obtaining additional vocational experience through numerous local fire departments.

What are the Student opportunities and outcomes? The enrollment projections?
The proposed BEM degree will enable students to obtain higher education and vocational experience to meet the demands of future fire chiefs and other
emergency services administrators throughout Alaska, the Lower 48 and Canada.

Describe the Research opportunities, if applicable. Internships and service to local fire departments will provide research opportunities that will contribute to the enhancement of operational efficiency and cost effectiveness of fire departments and other emergency services throughout Alaska, the Lower 48 and Canada.

Identify any additional Faculty and Staff requirements as well as any existing expertise and resources that will be applied.

**Business Administration Faculty:**
Joe Hines, Instructor
Jim Collins, Ph.D., Associate Professor
Jacob Joseph, Ph.D., Professor
Cory Borgeson, J.D., Term Instructor
Susan Herman, Ph.D., Term Professor
David Porter, Ph.D., Professor
Melissa Hill, Exempt staff

**Accounting Faculty:**
Ami Oppe, Adjunct faculty
Yijiang Zhao, Ph.D., Assistant Professor
Ken Abramowicz, Ph.D., Associate Professor
Mike Davis, Ph.D., Associate Professor

**Economics Faculty:**
Doug Reynolds, Ph.D., Associate Professor

**Staff:**
Faith Henry, SOM Undergraduate Advisor

**Executive Staff:**
Greg Goering, Ph.D., Associate Dean

No additional faculty or staff will be required for the implementation of the BEM degree.

Identify the impacts on existing Technology & Facilities as well as projected needs.

No additional impacts on UAF technology or facilities at the UAF School of Management are anticipated.
## RESOURCE COMMITMENT TO THE PROPOSED DEGREE PROGRAM

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