

Maj. Gen. Torrence Saxe
Commissioner & Adjutant General

www.DMVA.Alaska.Gov



Alaska National Guard
*Department of Military
and Veterans Affairs*

Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska

STATE OF ALASKA

PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 14, 2021

By Jeremy Zidek

Contact: 907-441-2337

Three Alaskans selected for FEMA Region 10 Youth Preparedness Council

JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska – The 2021-2022 Youth Preparedness Council (YPC) members for FEMA Region 10 have been announced with three young Alaskans named to the YPC. The new YPC members were selected from youth in Alaska, Oregon, Washington, and Idaho based on their interest, preparedness experience, and motivation to serve their communities. Their biographies and more details about the [FEMA Region 10 Youth Preparedness Council](#) are attached.

Aiden Freeman, Ethan McNulty and Lane Christenson were selected as this year's FEMA Region 10 Alaska YPC members.

“We could not be prouder of these amazing young people. Not only are they active in the YPC, they are regular volunteers, leaders in their community and schools, and are actively engaged in emergency preparedness education,” said Director Bryan Fisher, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

The YPC supports FEMA's commitment to build a culture of preparedness in the United States and provides an avenue to engage young people by considering their perspectives, feedback, and opinions. Council members meet with FEMA staff and their state YPC lead throughout the year to create sustainable and impactful preparedness projects. In the past, YPC members have spoken at emergency management conferences, created targeted social media content for teens, and hosted workshops to teach basic disaster medical operations. During the 2020-2021 program year, council members contributed over 550 service hours creating social media messaging and products, hosting virtual youth preparedness workshops, and building Region 10's culture of preparedness. The Council's social media products received over 100,000 views over the last year.

Each year, teens are selected to serve on the Regional Council from the national application process. The council is comprised of students from Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. The next application cycle will open in early 2022.

Young people in 8th through 11th grade can apply to participate in the Youth Preparedness Council by going to <https://www.ready.gov/kids/youth-preparedness-council>.

###