

Position Sought: House District 34 Representative

Name and Political Affiliation: Joy E. Cottle "Joy Beth", Nonpartisan

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Biographical Information

Age: 45
Place of Birth: Nome
Occupation: Firefighter
Length of Residency in Alaska: 45 years

Alaskan Communities Lived in:

Nome, Delta Junction, Fairbanks, Two Rivers, Fox

Education:

High School Diploma
AAS Municipal Fire Suppression
BS Biology
AAS Emergency Medical Services (Paramedic)
IAFF Executive Leadership Program Graduate

Political and Government Positions:

Alaska Council for EMS (ACEMS)

Business and Professional Positions:

IAFF Local 1324 Vice President; Battalion Chief; Paramedic; ER Technician;
Medevac Attendant

Service Organizations Membership:

Muscular Dystrophy Association; Midnight Sun Fly Casters; AK Trappers Association; UAF Alumni; NRA, Backcountry Hunters and Anglers;, IAFF Motorcycle Group; Women in Fire

Special Interests:

Literacy, SA and DV Prevention, Animal Welfare

Other (Additional Information):

Joy Beth Cottle grew up bottle-feeding calves, throwing hay bales, and working for the family firewood business in Delta Junction. Her subsistence-based childhood prepared her for the challenges of being hired as the first female firefighter at Fairbanks Fire Department in 2003.

Today, she serves as a Captain and Paramedic at the University Fire Department supervising student firefighters learning the job. She's active in her union leadership team and spends her free time fishing, exploring Alaska with her pups, hunting, riding motorcycles, and strength training.

Position Statement

I believe government should work FOR the people and be focused on practical solutions to improve Alaskan's daily lives.

As a firefighter, paramedic, and union leader, I've spent my career solving problems under pressure, bringing teams together, and putting service over politics. I will take that same approach in Juneau. I believe in listening, making decisions based on evidence, and collaborating to reach solutions.

Alaska's children deserve accessible and quality education. We need to invest in workforce development with emphasis on the training pipeline from high school to college and the trades. And we must invest in energy projects that lower costs of heating our homes and keeping the lights on while increasing Alaska's energy independence.

Above all, I believe elected representatives should be accountable, transparent, and accessible. I'm committed to lead with respect, serve with integrity, and always put Alaskans ahead of partisan politics.

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