

Remote village safety officers trained

Thirty-five Village Public Safety Officers from remote villages thruout Alaska will be finishing five weeks of training this week at the Dept. Public Safety Academy in Sitka.

This session, to run from Jan. 5 to Feb. 6, will be the beginning of more than a year of training these officers will receive in law enforcement, emergency medical treatment, fire fighting and fire prevention, search and rescue procedures, boating safety, and local government.

During the five week course at the Academy, the Officers will receive two weeks' training in emergency medical treatment, one week's training in substantive and procedural law, one week's training in the Alaskan Justice System, domestic violence, boating safety, search & rescue procedures, and local government. The concluding week will include practical exercises in investigation, report writing, and court procedures.

These village Officers will later receive two weeks of training in rural firefighting and fire prevention at the regional fire training center in Anchorage. They will receive further training in emergency medical treatment at regional locations thruout the state, four times yearly.

The Officers will receive continuing supervision from senior Officers in the regions where they will be serving.

The village officers attending the Academy are:

Pat Aloysius, Aleknagik
Carl Gamechik, Manokotak
Edward Trefon, Nonalton
Evan Chunak, New Stuyahok
and Stanley Active, Jr. Togiak
all from Bristol Bay Native Assoc.

Michael Nelson, Angoon
Jerry Mackie, Craig
Herb Sheakly, Hoonah
Freddie Davis, Jr. Kake
Joseph Alexander, Klawock
from the Tkingit—Haida Central Council

Lewis Nevziroff, Atka
Ted Lekanof, St. George
from the Aleutian—Pribiloff Island Assoc.

Robert Simeonoff, Akhiok
Victor Peterson, Old Harbor
from Kodiak Area Native Assoc.
Reggie Sage, Kivalina
George Hasaway, Kiana
Sidney Cleveland, Ambler
Louie Parrish, Buckland

and Lawrence Snyder, Selawick,
from Mauneluk Assoc.

Elvin Noongwook, Savoonga
James Kiksik, St. Michaels
Frank Oxerok, Jr., Wales
from Kawerak Native Assoc.
George Stronghart, Alakanuk
George Gregory, Upper Kalskag
Fred Rivera, Hooper Bay
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Thomas Brink, Akolmiut
and Willie Ayojiak, Goodnews Bay, from the Assoc. Village Council Presidents.

Simon Francis Jr., Chalkyistik
Allen John Sr., Shageluk
Darrel David, Tetlin
Lee Edwards, Beaver
Marvin Deacon Grayling, and officers from Huslia, Minto, and

Allakaket, from the Tanana Chiefs Council.

These officers will be responsible not only for law enforcement in their respective villages, but for providing the full

range of public safety services. Following the year's training program, these officers will receive certification as police officers, fire fighters, and emergency medical technicians.