

Driver Education Program for Village of Noorvik

ANCHORAGE — In a few week's time, a four-wheel drive pick-up truck will be making its way down the river from Kiana to Noorvik. The vehicle, which is to be flown from Anchorage to Kiana, will be Noorvik's first, and will be a part of the Noorvik School's new Driver Education program.

The new program being implemented in Noorvik, like all other State-Operated Schools Driver Ed. programs, will include classroom instruction and behind-the-wheel training for students and adults alike.

Vehicles being used in Driver Education at the 15 State-Operated Schools program sites are furnished to the state by General Motors Corporation, through Alaska Sales and Service of Anchorage.

State-Operated Schools arranges for transportation of vehicles to each village, often through cooperative arrangements with other government agencies.

State-Operated Schools began its Driver Education programs three years ago. Three new programs are being initiated this year in Aniak, Fort Yukon and Noorvik, resulting in a combined Driver Ed. enrollment of 550 students within the State-Operated system.

Planning is under way for

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ABNER CLARK (left), general sales manager at Alaska Sales and Service of Anchorage, presents the keys to a new driver education vehicle to State-Operated Schools Superintendent, Stanley Friese. At right is Tony Dizon, director of Career Education for ASSOSS.

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three additional programs next year through the Career Education Department of ASOSS. Programs are now under way in the following locations: Thorne Bay, Metlakatla, Glennallen, Tok, Tri-Valley, Anderson Village, Eielson AFB, Tanana, Fort Yukon, Bethel, Aniak, Noorvik, Sand Point and Adak.

All students receive 60 hours of classroom instruction with an additional 12 hours of behind-the-wheel instruction. Upon completion of the program, students receive a Drivers Education Certificate issued either by the Alaska Department of Education or the American Automobile Association.

Instructors for the program have an opportunity to attend a Summer Institute to receive training in the techniques of Driver Education instruction. The first such institute was held last summer under the joint sponsorship of State-Operated Schools and the Department of Education.