

Smoke detection Devices needed

Alaska Fire Marshal, Ron Hendrie, of the Department of Public Safety announced Tuesday that approved smoke detection devices must be installed in all living units, built, manufactured or sold in the state as of January 1, 1976.

This action is in compliance with a statute passed by the 1975 legislature.

"Experience has shown that homes with smoke detection experience fewer fire fatalities because of the early warning nature of such instruments," Hendrie said.

The Fire Marshal emphasized that this law applies to any dwelling unit sold after January 1, 1976 as well as to those built and/or manufactured.

According to Hendrie, the smoke sensing devices must be approved by the State Fire Marshal as to type and deployment. "The sensors must be approved by the State Fire Marshal as to type and deployment. "The sensors must be approved by Underwriters Laboratories or Factory Mutual," Hendrie commented.

For further information contact the State Fire Marshal at Pouch N, Juneau 99811 — phone 456-4331; P.O. Box 6188 Annex, Anchorage 99502 — phone 272-1586; or 1514 Cushman St. Rm. 201, Fairbanks 99701 — phone 456-4002.