

Village officers graduate from Anchorage training program

Seventeen Village Public Safety Officers and four Constables received certification and Rural Fire Fighter I in graduation ceremonies recently at the Regional Fire Training Center in Anchorage as they neared completion of an intensive 48-hour fire fighting program.

For the Village Public Safety Officers, this marked the completion of the third phase of a training program sponsored by the Alaska State Troopers in which they receive training in emergency medical treatment, law enforcement, fire fighting, boating and water safety, search and rescue operations, and development of village ordinances relating to public safety.

These residents of small, bush villages will then have the training and experience to meet the wide range of public safety problems experienced in their villages.

The fire fighting portion of this program was conducted jointly by the Fire Service Training Program of the Department of Education and the State Fire Marshal's office of the Department of Public Safety.

The Village Public Safety Officers graduation from the fire training course were: Howard Amos, Mekoryuk; Walter P. Brown and Ferdinand Carter, Eek; Ben Chagluak, Toksook Bay; Yako Crane, Sleetmute; Harry Gilila and John Jasper,

Aniak; Peter Minock, Sr., Pilot Station; William Morgan, Aniak; Fred Moore, Emmonak; Steven Paul, Sr., Napakiak; Tony Philip, Kwigillingok; Yago A. Pitka, Sr., Russian Mission; Ike Seton, Kotlik; Luke Tall, Hooper Bay; and Moses Vaska, Upper Kalskag.

The four Constables also completing the fire training program were: Kim Nay, Kotzebue; Pete Brown, Aniak; Steve Evans, Tyonek; and James Gallen, Northway.

The Village Public Safety Officers were all from the Lower Yukon-Kuskokwim area and their travel and subsistence costs were paid by the Manpower and Training Program of the AVCP Regional Non-Profit Corporation.