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Harriet Colwell, left and Corlis Taylor represented Bethel Fire Department and won fourth place at the EMS symposium in Anchorage recently.

Bethel Fire Department wins 4th place in EMS competition

The Bethel Fire Department was awarded fourth place at a recent Emergency Medical Service skills competition in Anchorage.

Corlis Taylor and Harriet Colwell worked together to compete against 17 other teams from throughout the state in assessing and treating staged injuries in three different scenarios.

The Bethel team raced the clock in treating a simulated accident where an individual was supposedly hit by a car, sustaining a fractured pelvis and ruptured spleen. The second "accident" was set up as a victim of a fight where the person sustained head and neck in-

juries. The third staged event was treating an individual who had fallen down a stairway, hitting the railing and tearing an eye from its socket.

The skills competition was sponsored by Alaska Professional Volunteers with plaques provided by Alaska EMS Educators Association. The Brady Company, a division of Prentice-Hall Publishing, awarded the third place winner with a \$75.00 prize.

The event was part of a three-day EMS Symposium offering workshops to emergency medical personnel throughout the state and recognizing outstanding service in EMS.