

# VPSOs graduate 5 in southeast

Five Southeast Village Public Safety Officers graduated Friday, March 12, from a six-week training course at the Department of Public Safety Academy in Sitka.

The 27 graduating officers from all over Alaska represent the fifth academy class to graduate since the inception of the Village Public Safety Officers Program (VPSOP) in 1979.

During their six weeks at the academy, the VPSOs received two weeks training in emergency medical treatment leading to certification as 'Emergency Medical Technicians' (EMTs). Four of the six weeks were spent training in rural law enforcement, search and rescue, boating and water safety and local government procedure. The training

qualified the VPSOs to receive certification as Rural Law Enforcement Officers.

As part of their on-going training program, the VPSOs will take a two-week course in rural firefighting at the Regional Fire Training Center in Anchorage and continued on-site training in their respective villages under the guidance of Alaska State Troopers. In addition, the VPSOs will attend specialized

quarterly training sessions one week in length in emergency medical care, firefighting, law enforcement and local government.

The five graduating officers from Southeast include: Donald Bremner, Yakutat; Helen Jackson, Klawock; Glen Lockhart, Tenakee Springs; Gerald



The Tlingit and Haida Indians of Anchorage have elected the following officers for the local community council board. Pictured from left to right are (standing) Paul White, President; three Council Board members, Fred Harris, Matt Lee and Ruth Willard. Seated are Ramona Haman, Treasurer and Mary Lekanof, Recording Secretary. Not pictured are John Harris, Sgt. at Arms, and Gary Bader, Corresponding Secretary.

Mayeda, Hoonah; and Rick Wright, Kasaan. Yakutat's VPSO Donald Bremner emerged from the six-week course with two of three top awards, as class salutatorian and as an outstanding Emergency Medical Technician (EMT).