

## Fatalities High in Bush—

# Steps for Fire Protection

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“I would like to ask residents of wilderness communities to note the following steps which can be taken to obtain revenue funds for the purpose of fire prevention and protection,” State Fire Marshal, Ron Hendrie advised.

“Fire fatalities have been high in the small communities and we are doing everything possible to bring down this death toll. A community is eligible for funds even if it does not have a local

government. Only two forms have to be filled out.”

Steps to be taken are as follows:

1. Organize a volunteer fire department.

2. Request a certificate of existence form from the Alaska Dept. of Public Safety, Fire Marshal's Office, Pouch N, Juneau, Alaska, 99801.

3. When received, fill out the above form. Questions which do not apply leave blank.

4. Mail back to the State Fire

Marshal.

5. If the Fire Marshal approves he will issue a certificate recognizing the fire department.

6. The Fire Marshal sends a copy of the approval to the Division of Community and Regional Affairs.

7. Community and Regional Affairs then mails a simple revenue form to the volunteer fire chief.

8. The fire chief fills out the form and sends it back to Com-

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munity and Regional Affairs, who sends it to the Fire Marshal for his okay.

9. Community and Regional Affairs then mails a check for the amount (which is based on the total number of community residents times five dollars), to the fire department.

10. Revenue funds may be applied for every year. Funds must be spent on fire protection to qualify for additional funds the next year.

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