

# VPSO's, fire chiefs graduate from fire fighting program

Nineteen Village Public Safety Officers graduated from a two-week, 90-hour fire training program at the Regional Fire Training Center in Anchorage Friday, April 12. Also graduating were two fire chiefs from two other rural communities.

The two-week fire training program is part of the overall training requirements for Village Public Safety Officers which includes emergency medical treatment, fire fighting and fire prevention, law enforcement, search and rescue, water safety and village ordinance development.

The fire training was conducted

by the Fire Training Program of the Department of Education and graduates received certification as Rural Firefighters I. Training included: fire department organization, fire behavior, use of portable fire extinguishers, fire rescue and other subjects.

The Village Public Safety Officers will be responsible for developing fire prevention and fire fighting programs in their respective communities.

The two fire chiefs graduating with the Village Public Safety Officers were: Norman M. Madros, Sr., fire chief in Kaltag; and Henry Matson Jr., Port Heiden.

The Village Public Safety Of-

ficers graduating from the program were: Larry Ashenfelter, White Mountain; Evan Chocknok Sr., New Stuyahok; Gary Davidson, Haines; Larry Evanoff, Chenega Bay; Fred C. Holmers Jr., Aniak; Karla R. Jensen, Pedro Bay; Ben Kakoon, Brevig Mission; John King, Ekwok; Christover B. Masters, Unalakleet; Pamela Meyer, Saxamn; Nicky Myers, Pilot Station; Clyde E. Oxereok, Wales; Elias Pete Jr., Stebbins; James Pushruk, Teller; Wilbur Sharp, Togiak; Tim R. Thomas, Klawock; Terrel K. Tracy, Pilot Point; Reid Walker, Angoon; and Don Stevens, Stevens Village.