

Course Completed By Guardsmen

One hundred twelve Native members of the 1st and 2nd Scout Battalions of the Alaska National Guard completed the 16-hour Radiological Monitoring course at Camp Carroll, Alaska last month.

With these monitors, the Alaska Disaster Office has established fixed monitoring stations in 34 communities, ranging from Barrow to Dillingham and from Fort Yukon to Little Diomedes. Monitoring instrument kits were issued to each team upon completion of the training.

By agreement between the National Guard and the Disaster Office, members of the two Scout Battalions will become a part of the State's Radiological Monitoring Network. The Guard's organization and communications capability allows the monitoring in strategic locations which otherwise could not be covered.

The Guardsmen were possibly the largest group ever to complete such training at one time. They were divided into ten separate classes, each having group lectures and individual guidance.

Handling the class required mobilizing most of the available Radiological Monitor instructors in the Anchorage area.