

Fire Protection in Bush Areas

Twenty-two outlying villages will be the target of a fire protection program which is coordinated with State fire personnel the Department of Community and Regional Affairs, and RurAL

CAP.

Dave Bliss, a former VISTA volunteer who worked with the Southeast Alaska Community Action Program (SEACAP), listed objectives of the program as follows: To make contact with personnel in state and federal agencies who travel in rural areas -- Public Health and the Extension Service offered their services; to develop workshops regarding fire protection and related subjects; and community instruction in the use of portable fire extinguishers.

Also, prior to closing the six-months program, an evaluation will be conducted, and recommendations made to participating agencies; data will be collected as requested by the agencies, and consulting services provided to the villages and agencies as required.

Mr. Bliss said that he felt it important that workshops be held in the regions so that selected personnel from Native corporations and villagers may be instructed in fire protection and revenue sharing.