

# 16 Men Pass Police Training

Sixteen men were presented certificates by Deputy Commissioner J. P. Wellington on their completion of the five week Village Police Training course December 1, at the Department of Public Safety Academy in Sitka.

Joseph Henri, Department of Administration Commissioner, was the guest speaker at the graduation of the trainees. Henri congratulated the men on their satisfactory completion of the course, and went on to say that application of justice in many cases would be more than just law enforcement.

"Those of you who live in isolated villages will probably be involved in as much social service work as law enforcement," Henri said.

"This will include such a wide range of items as youth counseling, counseling the village councils in respect to justice, handling difficulties involving liquor, first aid work, rescues, and the many problems which arise of a similar nature."

The Commissioner of Administration pointed out that the state was happy to partake in programs where the people of the villages learn to administer their own problems.

Subjects studied by the trainees included: Police terminology, police patrolling, criminal law, searching and handcuffing of prisoners, identification of drugs, safety, swimming, handling of misdemeanor and felony complaints, fingerprinting, courtroom testimony, interviews, and first aid.

Graduates were: Joseph Afcan, Sheldon Point; David Bill, Sr., Tooksook Bay; Nicholai Japhet, Tuluksak; Mike Joe, Nightmute; Burt Jones, Selawik; Fred Katchatag, Jr., Unalakleet; William Manumik, Emmonak; Steve Niksik, Gambell; Leonard Olanna, Brevig Mission; Paul Paul, Kipnuk; Thomas Sigley, Upper Kalstag; Ephram Thompson, Mountain Village; Peter Tunuchuk, Chefornak; and Sayers Tuxroyluke, Point Hope.

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