

# Aviation accidents down 11%

Aviation accidents in Alaska were down 11 percent in 1986 from the previous year, according to the Federal Aviation Administration.

The FAA in Alaska reports that there were 177 aviation accidents in Alaska in 1986, compared to 201 accidents in 1985. There was also a 32 percent drop in the number of fatalities due to aviation in Alaska when compared to 1985.

Air taxi and commuter air carriers have reduced the number of their accidents by a dramatic 61 percent, FAA officials said.

Fatalities resulting from air taxi accidents dropped from an all-time high of 13 in 1985 to an all-time low of two in 1986.



Unfortunately, the general aviation pilots increased their accident rate by 7 percent in 1986 when compared to 1985. There were 155 general aviation accidents in 1986 and 144 ac-

cidents in 1985. Fatalities as a result of general aviation accidents went up one for a total of 19 in 1986.

The FAA, Alaska Aviation Safety Foundation, Civil Air Patrol, National Transportation Safety Board and many other aviation organizations in Alaska have been disappointed by the cooperative effort to provide free advice, training and inspections to pilots and companies.

The decrease in air taxi accidents is attributed to closer FAA inspections, alert pilot and company personnel and fewer flights due to economic conditions.