

Nix Appointed Magistrate Supervisor

William Nix, former captain in the state troopers, has been appointed the new magistrate supervisor for the Alaska Court system.

Nix is a long-time Alaska resident and has extensive experience with the bush. He has worked out of Ketchikan, Fairbanks, Kotzebue, Juneau, Sitka, and most recently, Anchorage.

In his duties as a state trooper, he has long been a supporter of improved bush justice in outlying areas.

"It may seem strange," he said, "for a trooper to become a magistrate supervisor, but I feel we have a valid opportunity to upgrade the justice in those areas."

Nix has been implemental in developing several federal programs for training of village policemen.

The policy on appointing magistrates continues to be following the recommendations of the village councils whenever possible.

In one of his first official acts, he traveled to Barrow with Chief Justice Boney to discuss with the local council the magistrate vacancy there.

"It was the council's recommendation that Sadie Neakok be asked to resume her duties, with the help of a full-time clerk to assist her."

Happily for Barrow, Sadie, who has done an excellent job in the past, was persuaded to continue as magistrate for the Barrow area.