

Condolences Expressed-

For Slain Bethel Police Chief Dillon

Commissioner of Public Safety, Emery W. Chapple, expressed his condolences to the family of Tom Dillon, who died from wounds received while performing his duties as Chief of Police of the town of Bethel.

"Dillon loyally served the cause of law enforcement," said the Commissioner. "He was a man who could live on the trail much in the way of old law men.

"He had a tremendous interest in the bush justice program,

lining up training programs for policemen in smaller communities, and traveling many miles in his own area in administering a sensible and fair application of the law."

Chapple noted that Dillon was well known for being an excellent public servant in every sense of the word. He never hesitated to answer a rescue call or to help people in need and saved a number of peoples' lives during his years as Chief of Police.

"The loss of such a dedicated, personable man is a sore blow to the Alaska law enforcement community," the Commissioner concluded.

Dillon has served as Chief in Bethel since 1969. Previous to this he served as Corrections Officer in the United States and Canada. He also had police experience while serving in the U.S. Army.

Dillon is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, and a six-months-old son. His mother lives in the State of Maryland.