

Stevens Announces Grant

Senator Ted Stevens has announced a \$3,000 grant to the Kodiak Area Community Development Corporation for the purpose of buying fire extinguishers for villages in that region. The grant was announced during the RurAL CAP Board of Directors meeting in Juneau in a personal letter from Senator Stevens to Elmer Armstrong, Chairman of the RurAL CAP Board.

Fire protection has been the number one priority for this corporation for the past two

years and many villagers have already received fire fighting training in a program coordinated through KACDC.

Senator Stevens said in his letter to Mr. Armstrong that he had personally been in touch with James L. Young, Regional Director of the Office of Economic Opportunity in Seattle and had arranged for the special grant.

Alan Panamaroff, Chairman of the KACDC regional board

and their representative to the state board, expressed appreciation to Senator Stevens for his help in the matter. Mr. Panamaroff cited many examples of loss of homes over the past two years due to fire and commented that there had been at least one death directly related to fire.

He said the fire extinguishers bought with the money obtained by Senator Stevens will make voluntary firemen out of all the men and women in the villages.