

Village officers continue special training

About 40 men and women from Native villages and other communities throughout the state are attending a four-week Village Public Safety Office advanced course at the Department of Public Safety Academy in Sitka, beginning this week.

Their training includes two weeks intensive training for emergency medical treatment, and two weeks in law enforcement, search and rescue operations, boating and water safety, and preparation of village ordinances.

It is part of a training program begun this year by the Alaska State Troopers to train village members in the broad range of public safety skills needed in the villages including law enforcement, fire fighting, boating and water safety, search

and rescue and village ordinances.

Participating in the training in a cooperative effort are: the Alaska State Troopers, the Department of Public Safety Academy, the U.S. Coast Guard, the Fire Service Training Program of the Department of Education, and the Department of Community and Regional Affairs.

On completion of the training the Village Public Safety Officers will receive certification as Emergency Medical Technicians, Village Police Officers, and Rural Fire Fighters I.

The 40 Village Public Safety Officers entering the academy this month are members of the second class to receive training in this program. Most have received one-week's basic training last November and will receive an additional one-week's training in fire fighting later this year.

Members of the class include: Frank Kavairlook, Koyuk; Jack Fagerstrom, Golovin; Grant Susook, Unalakleet; John Kowchee, White Mountain; Thomas Abowaluk, Teller; Jacob K. Olanna, Brevig Mission; James Sinnok and Jacob A. Olanna, Shishmaref.

Doris Davis, William Ticket, Charley Ticket and Laren Snyder, Selawik; Conrad Douglas and Sidney Cleveland, Ambler; Joe Swan, Kivalina; Jesse Percy Ballot, and Lester Kirk, Buckland; Calvin Westlake, William Gooden and Charley Aporuk, Kiana; Charley Boyer and Peter Luther, Noatak; Charles Henry and Thomas Apungaluk, Noorvik.

William Kelley and Gene Napkong, Hydaburg; John Marvin, Leroy Williams and Herb Sheakley, Hoonah; Smith Katzeek, Klukwan; Oscar Demeret and Ronald Grant, Kake; Betty Buller, Yakutat; Charlene James and Guy Garrety, Craig; George Nelson and Wally Frank Sr., Angoon; and Mitch Simeonoff and Robert Simeonoff, Akhiok on Kodiak Island.