

Sitka Youth deter crime, work with law enforcement

Seven Sitka young people are involved with a new program for the summer. Sitka Youth Corps. represents the ethnic diversity of Sitka's population. Interviews were held by the Law Enforce-

ment Cooperative Board and the qualifications included: youth who could communicate well, that showed poise with the public, had impeccable records with the law, are sound of character and have

the ability to think on their feet.

Russell Cameron, son of Sheldon Jackson College President, Ken Cameron, is one of the youth chosen to participate. He has just graduated from Mt. Edgecumbe High School and will attend Sheldon Jackson in the fall.

The aim of the group is to help keep order in the downtown district and to help the tourists enjoy a safe visit while in Sitka. It also teaches these young people about the nature of law enforcement, thereby nurturing respect for the law enforcement agencies. The program is made possible by a grant from the State of Alaska

Economic Development Administration. State troopers, Sitka police officers and the Fire Department personnel conducted the training sessions.

Classes covering a large variety of issues on city history, geography, downtown stores and services, tour ships and tourist, reporting and handling emergencies, first aid, law enforcement ethics, public relations, personal safety, radio use, harbor and parking laws, court procedures and state parks were on their schedule. They earned high school credit in America Government for their efforts.

The group has finished their classwork and are at work doing their part in helping to prevent crime in Sitka.

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