

Village safety officers receive training in new Center

Nineteen Village Public Safety Officers and four Constables from western Alaska will receive six days of intensive training in fire fighting and fire prevention at the newly opened Regional Fire Training Center in Anchorage, Dec. 10 through 15.

This training will be conducted by the State Fire Service Training Program of the Department of Education and the Fire Marshal's office of the Department of Public Safety. It will be held at the Fire service training Program's new Regional Fire Training Center on Airport Heights Road near the Airport Heights

Fire Station. Graduates of the six-day program will receive certification by the Department of Education as Rural Fire Fighter I.

For the 19 Village Public Safety Officers this will be the third phase in an intensive training program begun last spring. It is part of the Village Public Safety Officer program established by the Alaska State Troopers this year to train village residents in emergency medical treatment, law enforcement, fire fighting, boating and water safety, and search and rescue operations. These 19 officers have comple-

ted a one week basic course in Bethel last April and a four-week advanced course in emergency medical care and law enforcement at the Department of Public Safety Academy in Sitka in September.

These officers are being supported in this program by the AVCP Manpower and Training Program in Bethel which is providing travel and subsistence for them through its administration of the CETA program in the Bethel area.

The 19 Village Public Safety Officers attending the fire training include: Paul Agnes, Night-

mute; Howard Amos, Mekoryuk; Walter P. Brown and Ferdinand Carter, Eek; Ben Chagluak, Toksook Bay; Yako Crane, Sleetmute; Harry Gilila and John Jasper, Akiak.

Leo Kanrilak, Tununak; Peter Minock Sr., Pilot Station; William Morgan, Aniak; Fred Moore, Emmonak; Steven Paul Sr., Napakiak; Tony Phillip, Kwigillingok; Yako A. Pitka Sr., Russian Mission; Ike Seton, Kotlik; Luke Tall, Hooper Bay; and Moses Vaska, Upper Kalskag.

They will be joined in the training by four Constables who include: Kim Nay, Kotzebue, Pe-

ter Brown, Aniak; Steve Evans, Tyonek; and James Galien, Northway.