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### **38 Rural Officers Graduate in Bethel**

(BETHEL, Alaska) – This past Thursday, 38 Village Police Officers (VPOs), Tribal Police Officers (TPOs) and Village Public Safety Officers (VPSOs) graduated from the Village Police Officer Academy #22 at the Yuut Elitnaurviat/People’s Learning Center in Bethel Alaska.

The class spent 115.5 hours training prior to graduating. They underwent a curriculum for medic/first aid/CPR, firefighting, basic law enforcement, criminal codes, crime scene investigation, interview techniques, defensive tactics, domestic violence intervention, drug and alcohol interdictions, juvenile procedures, search and rescue, report writing, Miranda Rights, evidence procedures, search and seizures, use of force and Title 47/protective custody.

All cadets that started the academy completed graduation. The Valedictorian for the VPO/TPOs was VPO Nayamin Kelly of Chevak, Alaska. The class VPSO Valedictorian was VPSO Patrick Morrison Jr. of Kake, Alaska. Please join the Department of Public Safety in wishing the graduates well in their career in law enforcement.

For further information regarding the Academy, please contact Sgt. Michael Dekreon at 543-0954 or VPSO Sgt. James Hoelscher at 758-2201.