

Back Country Safety Progress Report
May 29, 2018

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Alaska Dept. of Public Safety
Alaska State Troopers
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Re: Backcountry Safety Education Contract RQS #137003

Report period: January 1, 2018 – May 19, 2018 – Alaska Avalanche Information Center

This is the final progress report for the Alaska Avalanche Information Center under Public Safety contract RQS137003 providing backcountry safety training to the general public in Anchorage, Mat-Su, Copper River Basin, Fairbanks, Juneau, Sitka, Ketchikan, Mt. Edgecomb, Skagway, Haines, Valdez, Thompson Pass, Kenai, Summit Lake (Arctic Man) Alaska. Total courses completed this period: 35; Total Man Hours – 406; Total individuals reached: 3,810.

Total for full season: Courses: 53, Man hours: 590; Individuals served: 7,290

Date	Man Hours	Type	Location	Attendance
1/6/2018	16	Community	Valdez	30
1/10/2018	8	Community	Wasilla	56
1/13/2018	16	Community	Hatcher Pass	115
1/15/2018	16	School	JUNEAU	110
1/15/2018	30	Community	Fairbanks	35
1/17/2018	4	Community	Valdez	25
1/20/2018	4	School	Haines	24
1/27/2018	16	Community	Petersville	6
1/28/2018	16	Community	Petersville	6
2/7/2018	8	School	Seward	18
2/8/2018	8	School	Kenai	35
2/11/2018	8	Community	Haines	42
2/13/2018	4	School	Eagle River	15
2/14/2018	6	School	Haines	18
2/15/2018	6	School	Haines	30
2/16/2018	6	School	Haines	20
2/22/2018	16	Community	Haines	50
2/24/2018	8	Community	Ketchikan	30
2/25/2018	8	Community	Ketchikan	25
3/2/2018	4	Community	Sitka	65
3/7/2018	2	School	Sitka	30



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3/15/2018	4	School	Valdez	60
3/19/2018	2	School	Mt. Edgecumbe	10
3/31/2018	8	Community	Valdez	125
3/31/2018	4	Community	HPAC	60
4/3/2018	4	Community	Anchorage	57
4/11/2018	96	Community	Arctic Man	1,250
4/19/2018	4	School	Ninilchik	42
4/20/2018	8	Community	Hill Climb	200
5/12/2018	8	School	Cordova	25
5/15/2018	12	School	Anchorage	90
5/16/2018	12	School	Anchorage	120
5/17/2018	12	School	Anchorage	156
5/18/2018	12	School	Anchorage	80
5/19/2018	10	Community	Anchorage	750
	406			3,810

Media coverage provided by: Flyers, word-of mouth, 96.9 the Wolf, Movin 105.7, KOAN 95.1, KZND 94.7, KMBQ 99.7, the Breeze 87.7, 97.3 KEAG; KBRJ 104.1; KFQD 750, KWHL 106.5, KHAR 96.7; 100.9 Country Legends Radio, KNLT Radio, Radio Free Palmer, KVAK Public Radio Valdez and KHNS Haines; KTUU, KTVA, KYUR television, editorial stories and press releases were submitted to Alaska Dispatch, Anchorage Press, Frontiersman, Coast Magazine, Snowrider Magazine, Make-A-Scene (magazine,) Fairbanks News Miner, Sitka Herald, Juneau Empire, the AAIC Website, Blog, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram.

The AAIC team of instructors had a great season of training across Alaska under this contract. Having the opportunity to begin the contract in July rather than waiting until January gave our team a full season to work with scheduling and delivering the programs in dozens of communities throughout the state. This made for a much broader reach and allowed the team to be well planned and prepared. Everyone on our team thanks you for providing this opportunity.

As word about this program continues to spread, requests for scheduling keeps growing. It's exciting to see this progress and that has energized our team to continue investing new and developing curriculum for the future. We've had a super busy season and are now working to prepare for the next year of programing. We look forward to working with the Department of Public Safety, Division of Alaska State Troopers as we spread this training program even further across Alaska to reduce unintentional injuries and deaths and the number of resulting Search and Rescue missions.

Please let us know if you have any questions or need further information. Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,



Debra McGhan, AAIC Executive Director



Photos examples from programs delivered around the state. View more at alaskasnow.org



The AAIC team of instructors delivered the ‘Live to Ride Another Day’ backcountry safety program to youth and adults across Alaska. These photos are a small representation of the big impact made thanks to the Alaska Department of Public Safety, Division Alaska State Troopers.

