



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

Address reply to:

Commanding Officer
USCG LORSTA Ocean Cape
Yakutat, Alaska 99689

5726

13 November 1968

Serial: 152/68

From: K. D. CHENEY 42955, USCGR
To: Commander, Seventeenth Coast Guard District (o)

Subj: Volunteer Fire Department in Yakutat

Ref: (a) Our telephone conversation of 7 November 1968

1. Together with the local U.S. Forest Service representative, a National Fire Prevention Week campaign was arranged and carried out in Yakutat the week of October 6-12. As with any program of this type, it was felt that it would be more effective if it had the support of local government.

2. When the program was being discussed with the Yakutat City Council, the subject of starting a volunteer fire department came up and was discussed at some length. Presently, the only fire protection in the area is provided by the F.A.A. fire truck which is kept at the airport eight miles from town.

3. Several people in Yakutat have continued to show interest in starting a fire department and they have written to Civil Defense inquiring about possible sources of equipment. At my suggestion the water main has been repaired so that it may be depended upon as a source of water for firefighting operations.

4. I have been requested to assist in setting up the fire department in town. It is anticipated that this would involve one meeting a week for a period of ten to twelve weeks. These meetings would take place in a building where I could be promptly reached by telephone if problems come up at the station.

5. My capacity would be strictly advisory with the goals of helping the townspeople properly establish their department; assist them in contacting the proper safety agencies and organizations; and initiate a basic training program. The Coast Guard would not be committed in any way but the community could possibly benefit from my membership in the National Fire Protection Assn. and the International Assn. of Fire Chiefs. In addition, I have had four years experience on a volunteer fire department including two and one-half years as chief.

6. A matter of concern to the Coast Guard has been and continues to be getting local government to accept more responsibilities, especially with reference to stretcher cases. While it is unrealistic to expect the situation to correct itself overnight, it is

felt that assisting in the establishment of a volunteer fire department could be an important and constructive step in developing local civilian resources for coping with local problems.

7. It is therefore requested that I be authorized to assist in the establishment of a volunteer fire department in Yakutat during non-working hours between 1 December 1968 and 1 March 1969 just prior to the anticipated arrival of my relief.

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		PER CONVERSATION SEE ME			
4	REMARKS	<p>1. You are authorized to assist in the establishment of a volunteer fire department in Yakutat as outlined in reference (a). You will conduct training programs at the station, however in exceptional circumstances you are authorized to conduct training periods in Yakutat.</p> <p>2. It is expected that absences from your command will be held to a minimum. This authority is limited and is not to be construed as policy applying to commanding officers subsequent to your detachment.</p> <p>3. Your interest in assisting the community is commendable.</p> <p><i>initially 1 day</i></p> <p>J. NATWIG By direction</p>			
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