

Back Country Safety Progress Report
April 22, 2016

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

Report period: February 1, 2016 – April 12, 2016 – Alaska Avalanche Information Center

This is a progress report for the Alaska Avalanche Information Center under Public Safety contract RQS160005008 to provide backcountry safety training to the general public in Anchorage, Juneau, Skagway, Haines, Valdez, Thompson Pass, Hatcher Pass, Kenai, Summit Lake (Arctic Man) Alaska. Total courses completed to date: 45; Total individuals reached: 2,252+; Remaining Courses scheduled: 8

Date	Venue	Community	# Attend	Man Hours	Score
3-Feb	Juneau Snowmobile Club	Juneau	17	4	A
4-Feb	Juneau Douglas High School	Juneau	22	4	B+
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9-Feb	REI Anchorage	Anchorage	25	4	A
10-11Feb	Juneau Alpine Club	Juneau	15	8	B+
13-Feb	Hatcher Pass	Mat Su Valley	82	12	A
16-Feb	REI Fairbanks	Fairbanks/Interior	13	4	B+
17-Feb	Cabela's	Anchorage	50	4	B+
19-Feb	National Guard Armory	Fairbanks/Interior	33	8	A-
23-Feb	UAF Ice Climbing Class	Fairbanks/Interior	8	4	B+
23-Feb	Valdez High School	Copper River Basin/Valdez	70	16	A
24-Feb	Watershed Charter School	Fairbanks/Interior	42	16	B+
25-Feb	Haines Middle School	Haines	18	2	A



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26-Feb	Haines Elementary	Haines	24	2	B+
26-Feb	Ketchikan Lecture Night	Ketchikan	55	8	A+
26-Feb	Haines School	Haines	8	16	A+
27-Feb	Ketchikan Field Day	Ketchikan	25	16	A+
29-Feb	Haines School	Haines	13	4	A
29-Feb	Haines School	Haines	9	4	A
1-Mar	Cook Inlet Academy	Kenai	25	8	B+
3-Mar	Nenana School	Interior	40	16	A
5-Mar	Eaglecrest Field Day	Juneau	13	16	A training C Marketing
5-Mar	Arctic Valley	Anchorage	21	16	A
8-Mar	Tok School	Interior	90	8	A
8-Mar	Delta Powersports	Interior	20	4	A
10-Mar	Polaris K-12 School	Anchorage	50	8	A
12-Mar	Haines Borough Public Library	Haines	5	2	B+
13-Feb	Haines Borough Public Library	Haines	3	2	A
18-Mar	Skagway School	Skagway	43	8	A+
18-Mar	Skagway School	Skagway	26	8	A
19-Mar	Skagway Firehall	Skagway	3	8	A+
23-Mar	Houston Middle School	Houston	250	10	A
24-Mar	South Anchorage High School	Anchorage	58	16	A
26-Mar	Salmonberry Ski Hill	Valdez	76	16	A
30-Mar	Chugiak High School	Chugiak	262	16	A
31-Mar	Cook Inlet Academy	Soldotna	65	8	A
2-Apr	Eagle River Nature Center	Anchorage	23	16	A
4/4-4/9	Arctic Man	Summit Lake	250	200	B+
4/1-4/11	Tailgate Alaska	Thompson Pass	300	225	A
12-Apr	Klukwan School	Klukwan	11	4	A
12-Apr	Haines School	Haines	16	4	B+
TOTAL			2252	775	



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Media coverage provided by: Flyers, word-of mouth, 96.9 the Wolf, Movin 105.7, KMBQ 99.7, Country Legends Radio, KNLT Radio, Radio Free Palmer, KVAK Public Radio Valdez and KHNS Haines; KTUU, KTVA television, editorial stories and press releases written by Debra McGhan were submitted to Frontiersman, Coast Magazine, Snowrider Magazine, Make-A-Scene (magazine,) Fairbanks News Miner, Sitka Herald, Juneau Empire, the AAIC Website, Blog, Facebook and Twitter.

In addition to courses held, AAIC provided forecasting services and backcountry education and support information at international events held in the state including: Tailgate Alaska (estimated attendance 4,000); Arctic Man (estimated attendance 12,000.)

The AAIC provided weekly trail information reports on 10 radio stations (Anchorage, Mat-Su, Haines, Valdez) for a total of 22 weeks and support was also provided for avalanche forecast information and dissemination.

All of us affiliated with AAIC appreciate the opportunity to provide this training on behalf of the Alaska Dept. of Public Safety.

The AAIC has six additional courses scheduled between now and June 30th. We will provide a final update by July 5, 2016.

Please let us know if you have any questions or need further information. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Debra McGhan
AAIC Executive Director



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



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