

June 18, 2007

Captain Steven Arlow  
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Captain Arlow:

On June 08, 2007 at approximately 0200 hours VPSO Roy Jones received a phone call from Joan Squartsoff stating that her house was on fire. When Officer Jones arrived at the Squartsoff residence he observed through a living room window that the interior of the house was engulfed in flames and thick, black, smoke was pouring out of a bedroom window. Unable to immediately locate Ms. Squartsoff, and at great risk to his personal safety, Officer Jones entered the house; low-crawling through the front door and into the living room. Despite his vision being impaired by the smoke, Officer Jones was able to locate Ms. Squartsoff who was lying on a sofa, wrapped in a blanket. Officer Jones grasped Ms. Squartsoff's ankle, pulled her from the couch to the floor, and out through the front door. After briefly assessing Ms. Squartsoff's condition, and finding her to be stable, Officer Jones re-entered the house and searched for other possible victims. Once satisfied that the residence was clear, Officer Jones successfully fought the fire, using several portable extinguishers.

It is clear that VPSO Roy Jones' actions on June 08, 2007 were instrumental in saving the life of Ms. Joan Squartsoff. His concerted firefighting efforts with portable extinguishers prevented the residence from becoming fully engulfed, and substantially reduced the threat of fire to the adjacent dwellings and the community at large. For these selfless acts of courage above and beyond the call of duty, I am recommending that VPSO Jones receive a commendation, and that his current application for promotion to Sergeant be approved without further delay.

Sincerely,  
KODIAK AREA NATIVE ASSOCIATION

Valent L. Maxwell  
VPSO Coordinator