



Jim Kaletka Bio

Born and raised in central Wisconsin, Jim came to Alaska courtesy of the US Air Force in June of 1974. In June of 1978 he joined the private sector and went to work for Long's Drugs. For the last 25 years, Jim has been employed by Alaska Housewares, Inc., most recently as VP of sales for the company.

In late December of 2004, he saw an ad in the local newspaper, and not knowing what he was getting into, he applied for the 05-1 Citizen Academy, the first after a multi year hiatus. After going through the course, he fully embraced the Citizen Academy concept, and has been completely supportive since that time. After graduating, he became involved as a vice-president of the local Alumni Association, and was elected as President in January of 2007. Attending the National Conference in May of 2006, Jim became an accredited CPA Coordinator, with the approval of then Chief Walt Monegan. This certification was renewed in 2008 with the approval of current Chief Rob Heun. In August of 2008, Jim accepted an appointment to the National CPA Board to fill a vacant position. Jim was re-elected as President of the Anchorage Alumni Association in January of 2009.

Jim is fully supportive of the Citizen Academy concept of educating local citizens in how their local law enforcement agency works with their community.

Jim, his wife Linda, (another Anchorage CPA graduate), and their two Yellow Labs, Levi and Gabe, encourage you to support citizen academies and alumni associations throughout the country, and also encourage you to be active in your community.