

On Patrol



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In Brief:

A total of ten domestic calls were handled over the past two weeks as officers continue to act as counselors. One particular call resulted in one arrest as one party was alleging child abuse and neglect. The party arrested was also found in possession of drugs in which arraignment is now pending.

On a call of concern regarding a tow truck on the reservation, officers found that it's operator was attempting to repossess a vehicle without going through the proper procedures. The operator was escorted off the reservation.

Ten local warrants were cleared by arrest while juveniles still cause parents concern. Runaways, juvenile in possession of intoxicants, juvenile beyond parental control, and the overall level of violence.

Council Member visits with Police:

Vice-Chairperson of the Warm Springs Tribal Council, Irene Wells spent part of the afternoon recently visiting with several members of the police department to get a better understanding of what is or isn't happening with regards to services being provided for the membership of the tribes.

Wells was quite taken back when she was shown a copy of the 1997 Police Department Budget proposal who said that she had never saw the document. Usually in Council, they are dealing with total numbers of a specific area or departmental budgets. The document which is about two

inches thick, gives a complete run down of the police department services including specific statistical data, goals, objectives, and justifications.

In other areas of concern was the recent learning that the police department took quite a hit in the overtime line item which was reported to be at about \$22,000 for the entire department. What this means is that come mid-year if not sooner, the department will have completely expended the overtime line item.

Several years of explanation and statistical data apparently went unheeded as department personnel now try and deal with what has normally been in the red for the last five years.

An example, the patrol division overtime line item on average was about 32,000 - 35,000 a year. This was to cover cases that went beyond the normal tour of duty, court time, and other officer down time.

From a business stand point, the department analysis on this issue would show that every year has proven to be even more challenging in meeting the needs of the community.

Several years ago, an analysis was done to show the Tribal Council the expenditure breakdown of overtime which for the most part, due to the number of cases being presented to the Tribal Prosecutor. This overtime issue was presented to show the need for more personnel to handle demand. Trade-off of overtime dollars for additional personnel. Not that police personnel like working overtime all hours of the day, but that the demand is there to have to be in place for the protection of life and property in order to get the job done.

With the system already overloaded, officers usually spend on average in a case of having to appear in court two times before disposition. Based on the annual average cases presented, the cost to the tribes was running about \$40,000 a year just in overtime costs for the officers to appear in court.

Add to this figure about thirteen annual events that take place where police services are required and the overtime cost is through the roof.

Pi-ume-sha Treaty Days alone usually costs the department and tribes about \$6,000 a year in added overtime costs due to the demand for police services.

Other smaller powwows and holidays run on average about \$2,000 to 3,000 dollars per event or holiday coverage.

In the last two years along with the major flood and the Simnasho fire, Police demand for services again

was in the red. How will this impact the department? The investigative division which spent \$17,000 in overtime last year is already seeing a lower case closure rate due to the overtime limits placed on the department. No dollars were appropriated for overtime in this year's budget.

Statistical data in this area showed that several year ago, the division was averaging about a 30% closure rate. Year ending 1996, the division closure rate was at about 75%.

The division several years ago was also staffed with six investigators. This broke down to two BIA 638 contract investigators and four tribal investigators.

Somewhere along the way, the division lost a position in process which put a heavier burden on those handling cases.

Citizens and community members must now be aware and understand that their case might take longer to solve because of the overtime constraints placed on the department.

An example of an investigators day might be this: A report for follow-up is received by the division. Three people are interviewed throughout the day which on average might take about 1.5 hours per interview. The investigator then at some point in time has to type up what is called an interview report. This task might take about an hour per interview report. There is your eight hour day.

One other example as to this impact can be related to the recent arrest and conviction of the two adults who are currently serving a year in jail for their acts. If the same rules or limitation on overtime now in effect were in place then, consider the following:

This incident started as a drinking episode which led to a car being broken into, a drive-by shooting incident, and a search for a party. Later, a chase by police results in one suspect firing shots at the pursuing officer, and a car chase. Further follow-up leads to a second pursuit of over 50 miles, and a foot chase.

Had the off duty officers, assisting police agencies, supervisor's, and investigator not responded on the night in question at 9:00 pm, there would have been no evidence to secure, no capture of the suspects, no interview, no follow-up to the alibi's presented, and no confession. These two individuals who took responsibility for their acts would still be jeopardizing our community.

Vice-Chairperson Wells recommended that more individual tribal members need to voice their concerns to the Council and administra-

tion. Issues like these if more people knew about them are critical in nature when it comes to Public Safety having the overall responsibility to protect our lives and property.

Fire & Safety is also in the same boat as overtime issues cause more concern as this year unfolds.

Dog Program set: With the police department having the lead responsibility in handling dog complaints, consider the following headlines:

* Dogs chasing cattle in the Simnasho area, inflicted wounds on several head.

* On County line, a dog chewed the nose off of a cow which created a serious injury. This injury caused the cow to go down and die.

* Dog owner while trying to treat his own dog who had been mauled and injured by a pack of dogs was in turn attacked and bitten severely by his dog. The dog owner was transported to Mountain View Hospital for emergency treatment.

* Several residents of the Simnasho area have reported a pack of dogs coming into their yards, acting very aggressive and chasing after them (residents).

* Jogger out doing her workout was chased by two vicious dogs for a distance of roughly two miles up above the Fish Hatchery road.

These are just some of the incidents involving reports of dog problems here on the Warm Springs Reservation. The above given examples are from some of the complaints made over the last three years. These are just a few of the incidents involving dogs which were acting in a predatory manner in regards to both people and livestock. There are a good many more such incidents which have been reported.

For a number of years now, there has not been a program done to take care of these types of problems. Dogs have been allowed to run at large, chase livestock, people, small children, other domestic pets, and in general create havoc for our residents. This problem has developed fears in some of our residents, with good reason.

It is a very scary experience to have a growling, snapping dog come after oneself. Especially when the dog is an unknown animal, you have no idea of where it came from or if it is possibly sick. And then to have this strange ferocious dog start biting at you, this is very un-nerving to say the least.

This has taken place not only here in Warm Springs, but also in the Simnasho area. Seekseequa,

Sidwalter Flats, County line, and other areas. Our years of letting these issues with dogs go unaddressed have started to catch up with us.

Captain Stoney Miller has been working on this issue in conjunction with the Tribal Sanitarian Officer, Nancy Collins, and the Fire & Safety Chief, Daniel Martinez. Part of this project has been planning for the institution of a full animal Control Program to include Animal Control Officer(s). While this is an undertaking of some what large magnitude, it is something that is very seriously needed. While there are several portions of this program that will take some time to put together, there are other aspects which are going into place this spring. One of the first items to be addressed is to identify dog owners, license dogs, and do required vaccinations.

On April 5, 1997, there will be a

clinic held at the Fire & Safety department in Warm Springs. This clinic will be for the purpose of giving rabies shots and providing dog owners with tags for their dogs.

The clinic will start at 2:00 pm in the afternoon and run through until 6:00 pm. There will be a fee of \$5.00 for the shot and \$5.00 for the license, a total of \$10.00 per dog.

This first clinic will be followed by a second clinic which will be held on April 12, 1997. The times will be the same as will be the fees.

On the date of May 1, 1997 there will be an operation started to round up any and all unlicensed, stray dogs. These dogs which are captured will be taken to a prearranged area to be dealt with. This operation will be continued as long as necessary to make an effort to deal with the over population of dogs we have here on the Reservation.



Warm Springs Elementary students took their turns at the Potato Walk during the Health Fair March 5.

April 1997 Computer Center Classes

Description of Intr-1st level of subject, Intern-second level of subject.

Topic..... Times Date Cost

Intro to Computers ... 8:30-12 Mar 31, Apr 2, 7, 9 \$75
This is where you start computer training

Intern Windows 1-4:30 Mar 31, Apr 2, 7, 9 \$75

Intro Microsoft 8:30-12 Apr 1, 3, 8, 10 \$75
Access this is the database for Microsoft

Intro to DOS 1-4:30 Apr 1, 3, 8, 10 \$75

Intro to Windows 8:30-12 Apr 4, 16, 21, 23 \$75
Required class before Microsoft classes

Intern WP 5.1 1-4:30 Apr 14, 16, 21, 23 \$75

Intro to Microsoft 8:30-12 April 15, 17, 22, 24 \$75
WORD

Intro to WP 6.0 1-4:30 April 15, 17, 22, 24 \$75

Introduction to 1-4:30 Apr 28, 30 May 5, 7 \$75
Microsoft Excel

Intro to Lotus 8:30-12 Apr 29, May 1, 6, 8 \$75

Intro WP 5.1 1-4:30 Apr 29, May 1, 6, 8 \$75

Yes, WordPerfect 5.1 and 6.0 are still available because a lot of machines in the organization still have these programs and a lot of employees still need this training. Remember to call at least 2 days before class if you are unable to attend otherwise you will be charged. Call 553-1428 and get your name on the waiting list.

Certain risk factors can attribute to crime

What Risk Factor are identified with juvenile crime? A relatively small number of juveniles commit crime. Furthermore, of those juveniles who do commit crimes, the majority of them will only commit one or two offenses. For these individuals, the experience of the juvenile justice system-being arrested by a law enforcement officer, facing their parents, having to spend a night in juvenile hall, interacting with a probation officer or a judge, is enough to keep them from offending again.

Nevertheless, a small number of individuals who are chronic recidivists are responsible for a large proportion of juvenile crime. Much re-

search has shown that these juveniles commit their first offense at an early age (usually age 11), and even at this early age, these juveniles display a variety of serious problems indicative of an "at-risk" juvenile:

*Failure in school. This factor manifests itself at an early age. Failure at school includes poor academic performance, poor attendance, or more likely, expulsion or dropping out of school. This is an important factor for predicting future criminal behavior. Leaving school early reduces the chances that juveniles will develop the "social" skills that are gained in school, such as learning to meet deadlines, following directions,

and being able to deal constructively with their peers.

*Family problems. This factor includes a history of criminal activity in the family. It also includes juveniles who have been subject to sexual or physical abuse, neglect abuse, neglect or abandonment. It is also manifested by a lack of parental control over the child.

*Substance abuse. This risk factor includes not just arrests for drug or alcohol possession or sale, but also the effect of substance abuse on juvenile behavior. For example, using alcohol or drugs lowers a person's inhibitions, making it easier to engage in criminal activity. Also, drug

abuse can lead to a variety of property offenses to pay for drug habits.

*Pattern behavior and "conduct" problems. Pattern behavior include chronic stealing or running away. Juveniles with "conduct" problems can be characterized as those individuals who have not outgrown aggressiveness by early adolescence.

*Gang membership and gun possession. Gang membership and gang-related crime is primarily a juvenile problem. Gang membership, especially at an early age is strongly associated with future criminal activity. Juvenile gun possession is a factor that "magnifies" juvenile crime by making offenses more likely to result in injury and death.



Jaylen Suppah, left, and Ashley Davis, right, were presented bikes by Prevention Officer Karla Tias after completing their Firebusters entries.

Bikes awarded to local Firebusters

Congratulations to Jaylen Suppah and Ashley Davis. These are the two lucky winners of one bike each for this year's Firebusters 1997. Firebusters is a program that teaches young people fire safety. Worksheets were handed out to all the students of Warm Springs Elementary and the Simnasho School and all the students were instructed to watch KTVZ or listen to KWSF for the answers. All the students who turned in their

worksheets were put in a drawing and one winner was drawn from each school. Jaylen Suppah won for the Simnasho School and Ashley Davis won for the Warm Springs school. There are many schools that participate in this program.

Each school that has a better than 50% return on the worksheets goes into an even bigger drawing for \$500 dollars for their school. The Simnasho School turned in all their worksheets so they will have a

chance at the \$500 dollar prize. Karla Tias, Fire Prevention Officer for the Warm Springs Fire and Safety department would like to thank the following: Kah-Nee-Ta Resort, for being an active participant and sponsor for the Fire Busters program and also for donating a bike each year. Thank you also this year to the Rescue and Search Volunteer Program Association who donated the other bike to the Simnasho School.

Kalamas begin Tom and Jan's Food Service

Warm Springs residents will be seeing a new food service owned and operated by Tommy and Jeanine Kalama of Warm Springs. Tom and Jan's Food Service plan to set up in Warm Springs as many week-days as possible.

"We offer popcorn, snow cones, Pepsi products, pink lemonade, regular lemonade, fried bread and Indian Tacos," says Tommy. On weekend Powwows we will add dill pickles on a stick, Steam-Demon hot dogs, gum, candy bars, sour worms and lolly-pops.

"Our workplace is a 31 foot trailer," says Tommy. "It's where the Spilyay cats. Our growing daily customers have stated that we have the best tasting popcorn they have ever eaten. We enjoy traveling the northwest powwows and setting up and meeting new faces," says Tom. "Sometimes we get back from an event early Monday morning, and just rest and set up the next day."

Besides setting up in the community, the trailer will be set up at Kah-Nee-Ta Resort, and local County fairs. "We also plan to set up at the Warm Springs Forest Products area during their lunch break," says Tom. "My wife Jeanine is the president of Tom and Jan's Food Service," says Tom. "Besides helping here, I still run Kalama Construction" says Tom. "I'm certified to do house inspections. I've worked for local realty companies for the buying and selling of homes. This year I'm getting licensed by the state of Oregon so that I can be insured and bonded. We would like to thank all our regular



Tom and Jeanine Kalama have begun Tom and Jan's Food Service.

customers for doing business with us. We invite everyone to stop by Tom and Jan's Food Service and try some delicious tasting popcorn and other treats we have," concludes Tommy