

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs 1995 and 1996 Annual Report

Information Systems

Systems when it was a department in the Finance Branch. Secretary-Treasurer Raymond Calica moved the department out of finance, and Director Lloyd Phillips now reports directly to the Secretary-Treasurer. Phillips oversees the branch that is divided into three areas: Operations, Technical Support and Systems, and Consulting

With the Tribal organization striving to stay abreast of rapidly changing electronic technology, Information Systems has become more and more impor-

Information Systems was tant to the smooth operation of the known as Office of Information Tribal Organization. The Tribal organization has over 490 microcomputers (PCs) with a combined investment value of over \$1,500,000. In 1996, Information Systems developed a PC and peripheral inventory system to track each piece of equipment, its configuration, and major software packages running on it.

The Information Systems branch responded to over 2,500 service requests for PC support, network administration, consulting, and central computer programming. This included instal-

> lation of 222 new microcomputers and three new networks in Computer Learning Center, Managed Care and Gam-

The branch developed a number of systems that have made information gathering easier within the organization. These include an attorney

> billing system that tracks, reports, and allocates Tribal attorney penses, an aut o -

mated lottery system that merges enrolled member and employee records for a random selection of Rose Garden tickets, and an electronic re-

porting system within the Administration Building, allowing authorized persons to directly access financial and personnel reports on their computers.

The branch provided consulting services to Construction, Human Resources, Managed Care, Early Childhood, Court Administration, and others. The end result was improved efficiency and a better operating operation organization-wide.

Information Systems has a full docket in the future as their agenda includes many areas. Plans call for rewriting and modernizing the current vital statistics enrollment systems to run on PCs, continuing to promote and strengthen computer standards, phasing out the central computer in the Administration Building, implementing Electronic Document Management in the Administration Building. Plans also call for developing an Information Locator to find data stored on computer systems throughout the organization. When completed, these changes should reduce paper usage and improve the exchange of information.

Several Information Systems staff members earned computer industry certification in Network Administration, Network Engineering and Microcomputer Servicing in 1996.

Branch of Public Safety-

The Public Safety Branch must provide for the welfare and safety of the people on the Reservation. It is the mission of the Branch to protect life and property on the Reservation and to ensure members of the community are given due protection and consideration.

The branch developed crime prevention and safety programs, including neighborhood watch and anti-gang activities; during 1995 and 1996. As for future community needs, the Branch developed long-term forecasting through improved data retrieval and sharing. Drug trafficking continued to be a concern during 1995 and 1996. To help deal with that concern, a cooperative agreement among the US Department of Justice, US District Court, Tribal Court judges and Tribal Council established a Federal Magistrate Court on the Reservation to assist with prosecuting non-Indian drug-related cases and federal misdemeanor crimes.

With new enterprises on the Reservation came new law enforcement concerns in 1995. The Warm Springs Police Department,

Kah-Nee-Ta Security and Indian Head Casino Security struck a deal that facilitates cooperative enforcement services.

Falling under the umbrella of Public Safety are seven departments, including the Women's and Children's Shelter. The Shelter was established with \$89,000 from the Edward Byrne Grant Program. A shelter, located on Campus, was opened in 1996 for women and children who are victims of domestic violence.

A cooperative safety effort was required during the Flood of 1996. Public Safety worked with the tribal Natural Resources Branch, BIA and other agencies in implementing the Emergency Incident Command System. Through this effort, no lives were lost and personal property damage was held to a minimum. Public Safety also was able to assist the community in rebuilding after the flood.

When tribal member RaNeva Dowty resigned her position as Fire and Safety Chief, another tribal member, Dan Martinez, was promoted into that position.



Following the Flood of 1996, Kah-Nee-Ta Village was completely razed and reconstructed.



Grass dancer participates in Lincoln's Birthday Powwow.



Sunmiet Minnick was Miss Warm Springs 1996



Korean Veterans were honored in July 1995.