

On Patrol



Hello Everyone, Happy New Year

This will be the first write up for the New Year, with much more to come. **Christmas Drive for the needy:**

Community Policing along with the help of the Community Police Trinity Team did a drive for needy families and children. There were toys, clothing, household items, small appliances and miscellaneous things. This stuff came from the Redmond Opportunity Center and from local families who made donations to the pile. This was all being done to keep the spirit of Christmas and giving alive in our communities. All too often, people forget the meaning of Christmas, and of receiving, and of giving.

At one point there were attempts to obtain a damaged freight load from the Swift Transport Company which was loaded with Cosco merchandise. The insurance company had paid off the load, then the Cosco company had in turn bought the load back. This load then went to Cosco's damaged freight warehouse. This turn of events is why we went through Redmond to gain materials to do a drive for our people here.

For the most part all of our people whom we delivered items to or who had come in to get stuff appreciated what we had done. This was the first time Community Policing or the Trinity Team had gotten into such a huge project. The whole project was a lot of work, but was well worth it when we heard people say "Thank you".

The Community Oriented Policing Services, and the Trinity Team wish to express their thanks and appreciation to all those who took time to help in this operation, Warm Springs Police Department, Tribal Court, Probate Department, Fire & Safety, KWSO, Fire Management, Opportunity Center of Redmond, Business Development, Business Economics Development, the Senior Center, and the many individual families who took the time to donate items to be used for the people of our communities. To all of these folks, and probably some we forgot to name, **Thank You** very much for taking the time to get involved.

**Cold Weather Warnings**

The season is here for cold weather and with it the need to check on your children when they are out playing (many times they don't notice the cold) and also other members of the family. Children should have jackets or sweaters on when they are out in the cold. Head protection is very important also, a great deal of body heat can be lost through an

uncovered head. This applies to everyone, young and old alike.

In particular make sure your older folks are staying warm, they are especially susceptible to the cold. The rest of the family may be comfortable while an elder may be very uncomfortable, take a moment to check on this important part of your family. The threat of hypothermia can be aided by a decrease in body temperature, which in turn can be brought about by being in an area that is cool or of lower temperature. The problem is that a younger person may not notice this while an older person may be actually freezing. And this is not a condition which will only occur in a residence either.

When holiday traveling or winter traveling, make sure all of your passengers in the vehicle are warm and comfortable. Some vehicles are habitually cold in the rear passenger compartments, often the driver does not think of this or even realize it unless someone says something. Stay warm, stay safe, and enjoy yourself.

**Home Security Tips**

When leaving your home make sure you secure your windows and doors. For the newer sliding windows small wood strips may be used to prevent the window from opening. On the older style windows one can drill a small hole in the sill and using a nail the window can be pinned so that it won't open. Dead bolt locks are the best for securing doors but they will require some alterations to your door. Beware of small bargain security devices or cut rate systems for home security. Things like door chains are not reliable nor should they be depended on, nor are the little door bar locks that look so good in the store.

For the outside of your home a good addition to the home is motion detector/sensor outdoor lights. Two sets of these lights can do a very effective job of lighting up your yards, just by mounting the units on opposite corners of the residence (one light unit on the front and the other on the back of your place).

Yard appearance can do much to prevent home break ins as burglars like yards that have bushes, trees, old car bodies, or other types of debris that can be used to hide behind or move through. This is a good reason for you to do yard cleaning and keep such debris to a minimum. If the yard is clear and open it does give avenues to sneak through or hide in.

If you have any questions on things you can do to make it harder for a burglar to get into your home give us a call at the COPS office. Bob Medina at 553-2274, Chris Elliott at 553-2273, or Lt. Miller at 553-2283

**Citizens Police Academy**

January 23, 2001 is the tentative date for the next Citizens Police Academy session so if you

are interested please contact Lt. Stoney Miller at 553-2283 for further information.

The classes will last through February 22, 2001, and will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM. Location for the classes will be at the I.H.S. Atrium. The purpose of the Citizen's Police Academy is to provide insights into the operations, procedures and services of the Warm Springs Police Department. This will be the third session for this program.

**Neighborhood Watch**

Remember that if you want information on how to go about setting up a Neighborhood Watch program in your neighborhood, please contact Bob Medina at 553-2274. In the near future we are planning to hold a meeting in Simnasho for the residents to show how the program works. There are a couple of other prospects coming up soon also.

**From the Chief's desk**

Hello & happy New Year. I certainly hope that you all had a great holiday season. As you are all quite aware, the police business is always busier this time of year as officers scurry to change hats on a call by call basis. Whether it be acting as a counselor, crisis worker, social worker, psychologist, diplomat, first aid specialist, etc., being a cop is all this rolled up into one individual having to make decisions affecting an individual, a family, or a community. Be proud of your warriors, show them support when you can, and let them know you appreciate their efforts to make our community a little more safer.

As I mention in individual meetings with you or in public sessions, if there are issues that need to be improved on, just let me know. If you are having a particular problem with a particular officer, detective, or situation, again, I need to know. I can't fix it or address it, unless I know about it.

Annual statistics for the year 2000 show a total of 13, 677 incidents reported with 8,847 calls for service. Of these, there were a total of 4,830 incidents initiated by the officers, and a total of 2,098 traffic stops conducted for the year.

Response time was very good as we were on average, within 6 minutes responding to priority one calls. An average of 26 calls per day were responded to, there were an average of 39 incidents per day, with an average of 10-priority one calls per day.

There were 4-homicides, 2- rapes, 253 assaults, 68 burglaries, 176 incidents of theft, and 156 motor vehicle crashes. A total of 29 accidents were alcohol related. Of the wrecks, there were 7-fatalities.

As we looked to this year, we look forward in continuing to improve on our services being provided to you in our community. Here's to 2001.

**Abandoned Vehicles**

As we travel around our community, a number of vehicles have been noted that appear to not be in working condition. Those vehicles parked in the roadway pose several concerns: 1.) Are these vehicles a danger or a matter of public safety? 2.) Do these vehicles pose a danger or threat to the overall health, safety, and welfare of our community or specific members of our community? 3.) Are these vehicles in violation of any specific housing district codes, etc.? If the answer is yes to any of these questions, then your vehicle could face impoundment or removal.

I am aware that some residents have been given notice to remove broken down vehicles from their property, yards, roadways, etc., or face eviction. If you need assistance in removal, please contact the police department. You might want to have either the title accessible, or at the very least if you want us to remove it, please provide us with a statement or note stating that you no longer have an interest in the vehicle.

**Police impounds**

As we continue business, Chief Courtney has authorized Bob Warner - RW Towing to assist in maintaining the new improved secured portion of the police impound lot. All towing at the police request will contact RW Towing first. If a tribal member or nonmember wishes to utilize another tow company operator, please make sure the officer on scene knows this.

At the direction of the Tribal Council, the police impound lot was revamped to include a secured portion of the lot so tribal member vehicles do not have to go off reservation when impounded. (Thanks goes out to Herb Graybael and his crew).

It is important that members should try and properly register your vehicle so that it will not be taken off reservation. For vehicles in question, please make sure that the police department or RW Towing knows the vehicle belongs to a tribal member before it is towed. For more information, please contact the police department or RW Towing.

**McGruff Speaks**

Howdy, yes...I realize it's been a while since I made an appearance in the community. Be watching, I am sure I will be let out of the dog house soooooon. I must compliment our Community Policing Division for doing a great job out and about in our community. We are looking forward to another great year. Remember, do your part and take a bite out of crime. See it, hear it, report it. Want to remain anonymous, call 553-2202. Ruff.

**Winter Nites Culture Club  
Simnasho Longhouse**



Monday's from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.  
For more information call Char Herkshan at 553-3205

**INDIAN BUSINESS TALK**

By Bruce Engle

This is the first of a series of articles about personal & business finance issues.

Your author is Bruce Engle, Credit Support Officer with the CTWS Credit Enterprise and a member of the Klamath Tribes. My background includes starting, managing and eventually selling two businesses. I have been a BIA Loan Specialist for my own people, the Klamath Tribes, and also for the Northern Cheyenne Tribe. I have also previously been licensed in Oregon as a Real Estate Appraiser, a Real Estate Salesperson and a Building Contractor. I worked for IRS in the 60s; please don't hold it against me.

These articles will be drawn from experience—others' and mine. Topics will range from how not to get hooked when buying a car to the importance of having a professionally prepared will to what actions are helpful to being successful in business and what kinds of business decisions and actions can make a business fail. I am also open to suggestions about questions you would like answered. I'll end this today with a story that illustrates the kind of applicant every credit officer wants to work with. The story is true.

Years ago, Klamaths could not get bank loans in Klamath Falls. Many went to Doris and dealt with an enlightened banker just over the California border. One of our members got a loan to put in a cash crop—barley. Later, a frost got it.

When he made his payment, the banker asked him how he was able to pay when other clients were asking for extensions. His answer was that, when he saw he wouldn't have a crop, he went to work in the woods.

The banker had his money back with interest and the borrower was happily out of debt. They were both winners. They had established a good business relationship.

Later, our guy loaded up a team of horses and trucked them to Doris to ask the banker how much he would loan on them. The banker said he didn't make loans on horses—he loaned on the borrower. Then he asked, "How much do you need?"

**The lessons**

- (1) Good credit must be earned.
- (2) Once earned, it is a valuable asset. It needs to be protected.
- (3) Contrary to popular opinion, lenders don't lend to people who don't need the money; they lend to people who will use it wisely and pay it back as agreed.
- (4) Most businesses don't get just one loan in their lifetime; they need access to credit on a regular basis.
- (5) All of the above apply to people as well as businesses.

**Tribal member vents concerns regarding several issues concerning resources**

To the editor,

To our Warm Springs Tribal people & others that truly care about our home! Crook, thieves, liars, honorless, sleazy, crooks masquerading as leaders... Third world conditions in our homeland because we allow third rate so called leaders to continue to steal & funnel all our resources into their white bro's hick town Madras.

Are we going to continue to allow these slimy, selfish, greedy, arrogant sell-out Uncle Tomahawk so-called leaders to rape all our people, resources, as they have been for the past 50 years?

Look at the millionaire, greedy, selfish crooks that have been stealing our timber for the past five decades... They obviously don't care about anybody, ANYBODY, but themselves & their immediate family. Becoming rich, blood money, on the pain, suffering, dying of our, their own Warm Springs Tribal people.

Had we had a Vernon Jackson, Charley Jackson, Wesley, Smith, Olney Patt Sr., Raymond Johnson Sr., Chief Amos Simtustus, etc., honorable, loyal leaders, we would still have millions of dollars worth of timber standing instead of being sold out by these sleazy so called leaders.

I'm angry... We are the cleanest community in the year 2000!! Clean out of honest, honorable men for leaders. Don't you think about who has been stealing, becoming rich off our Warm Springs timber resources. Just look at our so-called leaders & other timber contractors, plus all their suck up white friends. Blood money. Been stealing our timber for decades. Now the same crooks are in the process of setting up their steal-

ing system to steal gravel, water, etc. etc. while the majority of our people continue to suffer, struggle, die. Too many whitebacks sucking the lifeblood out of our Warm Springs tribes.

There are more important issues besides money. As our elders taught us, the continual existence of our river inch-chee-wana people is the first priority. Our children & elders are Holy beings, gifts to be cherished. Blessings from our Creator.... All Native indigenous people are related, like it or not.

I have to agree with Mr. Bertson Simtustus; it is time to eliminate these crooks, rats, that are pretending to be leaders, sleazy little crooks, stealing all our timber, getting rich while the majority of our WS people continue to go jobless, homeless, poverty, violence, etc.... Are you thieves proud of stealing all our timber, becoming rich while our people go on living in poverty, violence, drugs, alcohol, many, too many social ills that are killing our WS Tribes just because of your sick greed!! Look in the mirror & ask that sleazy suck a—crook if all the riches are worth the killing of our WS people? It is time to put honorable, honest men & women with integrity that honestly care for our WS Tribal people into their rightful positions as our REAL LEADERS.

Our Warm Springs Confederated Tribes would not be in this dangerous, vulnerable fiscal position today had our sick greedy leaders not stolen all our timber resources; while the vast majority of our people live in poverty. Real smart leaders huh?? Toe Smart!! Its obvious that their criteria for smart are based on how many millions of

timber resources & other resources they can steal from their own people, our WS tribal peoples. We cannot afford to subsidize these thieves timber stealing any longer, millions & millions of resources stolen by our so-called leaders.

I remember a few years back when our so called leaders was bragging about being the only person from Warm Springs to ever shake hands with the president of the United States. Incidentally that President was Ragan, an actor that is appropriate because here we have one actor acting the part of president of the US and another actor acting as a leader of our Warm Springs tribes. Both are good actors but sleazy thieving leaders.

I've been trying to wake up our WS tribal people since the 1970's. I know there are a lot of you that attended the meetings that I sponsored, meals included, where we discussed what we could do about our so called leaders stealing millions upon millions of dollars worth of timber from our, their own Warm Springs people. My life would have been better if I had just swallowed their stealing and bought into their dog eat dog mentality. I'm not anti-government, but I will not stand by, say nothing, suck up for "success"...this is about protecting all our WS people from thieves, million dollar thieves, that are pretending to be leaders while stealing not only from the living members of our WS tribes but also stealing from the yet to be born. Stealing into generations of our WS tribes. Will we end up like our Klamath, Modoc, Wahooskin bros?? Sold out, scattered, lost, no land base...sold out by their sick selfish so called leaders...the only thing their dog eat dog leaders can offer

our people in the long run is sorrow, pain, poverty, death...I guess they think they're so smart by stealing from their own families blood, people. Sick sleazy rats. There are a lot of different ways to eliminate rats before its too late & the money hungry rats devour all of us. Wake up Rez! Sleazy sell out Red Rats & their suck up whiteback Rat friends who all go to Madras and hang out at their mangy Elk's club figuring out ways to rip our Warm Springs people off.

No, I take that back, my life would not be easier if I bought into the RAT PACK and started stealing from our own families, Warm Springs Tribes. I couldn't live with myself like some of our so-called leaders that steal timber, land etc. from their own families, friends, in-laws, etc. Go back to where these thieves drug you in. Go back to where you're from and steal from your own family, relatives, people...tramp...or maybe you can't go home, they know you & how you are, that's why you run to our Warm Springs Rez and steal, live off our Warm Springs Tribes, at our expense of course.

We, Warm Springs Tribes cannot continue to support every Tom, Dick, Harry, Ed, Bob, Doug that comes along, while they steal everything they can. RAT PACK. Our own tribal people need jobs too. Start training our own WS people to take over key positions & all other positions. Sent these tramps packing. Their own people don't want them around so why should we, Warm Springs Tribes support them!!!!?

Lets go back to dealing in TRUTH. TELL THE TRUTH. (Novel Idea Huh) Get Truthful leaders, Administration, managers,

etc. Our Warm Springs Tribal leadership is so corrupt it could probably work for the BIA, United States government, but I don't think the Mafia would put up with your kind. Our children are our future. At this point our children are killing each other because of our leader's sick greed. Our leaders don't care except for themselves. We will survive, as Indian people have, but we must eliminate the den of thieves families, the Rat Pack that has been stealing our Warm Springs tribal timber, water, gravel, etc. resources for decades. Sleazy little Hitler dog eat dog mentality has got to go, wishes he was a whiteboy anyway.

Mortgage the future of our Warm Springs tribal people for generations to come by stealing tribal people for generations to come by stealing all our timber, water, natural resources etc. You're greedy creeps. You make my skin crawl. Yuk! And send your sell out pets back to where you dragged them from. We, our Warm Springs Confederated tribes cannot continue to support every Tom Dick, Ed, Bob, Doug, etc. etc. that different ones drag into Warm Springs. Not only support them. Pay their salary, homes, cars, vacations, trips, meals, etc. give them training then when they are finished hustling us & stealing as much as they can, they turn around and leave us holding the bills. Slimy slugs should crawl back to the hole they crawled out of. Ripping us off just like our timber thieves crooks, acting like leaders. They got the nerve to bail themselves, subsidize their timber stealing by giving WS tribal people millions upon millions of dollars worth of bills. Mortgaging our children's future, grandchild-

dren, etc. Just to appease their lust greed, selfishness...Pigs! Must be genetic from that foreign influence mentalities of dog eat dog. The on one suffering & dying are ou Warm Springs Tribal people just t satisfy a few families sick, very sic greed.

I was not born with my attitudes, opinions and I am not a racist. As we are all related by virtue of all of us being born of mothe earth. We are all family, Red Black, Yellow, Brown, White Mixed, Rainbow, etc. in this sense What I hate is how we are treated the stealing oppression, invisibl people living in third world conditions, living in poverty while a fe of our tribal people become millionaires, very few families, the res of us 95% at least have to struggle suffer, die to feed your fat belly greed...slimy pigs.

The truth is the truth. Why continue lying when we all know tha a few of our so called leaders their families have been stealing al our timber, water, rock, electrical etc. resources for decades. We mus act now. We have to get rid of th crooks that have allowed the War Springs tribal enterprises to los fiscal control in order to cover thei tracks of stealing million, million of dollar of resources from you your children's children.

We would not be in this position today had we acted back in th nineteen seventies when we wer having our community meeting dis cussing this very issue of havin too many crooks thieves, the wors kind of thief, ones that steal fro their own family & tribal people Kissing up to the white boy on you own land, you spineless wimps.

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