

# The Public Safety Branch

The Confederated Tribes Public Safety Branch includes a number of departments, with a total of approximately 100 employees.

The branch includes the Warm Springs Police Department, Fire and Safety and Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Parole and Probation, the Prosecutor's Office, the Juvenile Department, and Victims of Crime.

Public Safety General Manager Don Courtney also serves as the Chief of Police.

Dan Martinez is the Chief of Warm Springs Fire and Safety.

Daisy Ike is director of the Juvenile Department, and Marie Calica is director of Victims of Crime.

Leona Ike directs Parole and Probation, and Dereke Tasympt is the Chief Prosecutor.

The annual budget of Public Safety is \$2.7 million. In looking toward the future, Police Chief Courtney said that potential budget cuts for the



Public Safety Branch General Manager Don Courtney

branch could present a significant challenge.

Already, the police department has lost some positions due to budget reductions, said Courtney.

The primary goals of the Public Safety Branch – helping build a safe and healthy community – are also

main goals of the Tribal Council.

For the police department, drug enforcement remains a priority. Courtney estimated that 85 percent of all criminal cases on the reservation are related to drugs and/or alcohol.

Addressing the problems facing the youth of the community is also a priority. Courtney said that addressing this problem requires an effort of the entire community, from families and individuals to social service departments, as well as public safety.

Looking to traditions, rather than governmental departments, is also a good idea, said Courtney. He mentioned the Elders Court as one example.

Over the past couple of years, the implementation of the Community Policing Program has proven to be successful and popular.

The Community Servicing Reporting system – another means by which police interact with community members – is also a success, said Courtney.

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# Tribal Court

The Warm Springs Tribal Court has 17 employees, 16 of whom are tribal members.

The annual budget of the court is \$445,347.

Judge Lola Sohapp is the chief judge of the Tribal Court. Walter Langnese III and Wilma Smith are the associate judges of the court.

During the past two years, the most significant accomplishments of the Tribal Court have been:

Upgrading the court equipment for better service to the community;

The placing of Legal Aid under the Tribal Court branch;

Upgrading the Compliance area system;

Sponsoring Justice Team Training sessions; and,

Enhancing the cooperative working relationship with Children's Protective Services, the Tribes' Public Safety Branch, the BIA and IHS. The most important goals for the near future are the continued upgrading of the court

computer system data process, and on going training for all court staff.

The Tribal Court plays an essential role in every aspect of community safety and protection. This involves protection of safety of individuals and property, of natural resources, tradition and culture.

The Tribal Court has the responsibility of protecting judicial integrity by active involvement with the reorganization of the Appellate Court.

The Appellate Court functions directly in effecting the fair administration of justice on the reservation. When asked what she sees as the biggest challenges facing the Tribal Court over the next five to 10 year period, Chief Judge Sohapp mentioned the following:

The increasing juvenile population. Increasingly serious crimes. Drug and alcohol problems that contribute to death, neglect and abuse of children. Domestic violence, and the lack of stability in the home.



Youth learns archery at Culture Camp, summer of 2001.

# The Tribal Utilities Branch

With a budget of just over \$2.6 million, the Public Utilities Branch tackles a multitude of tasks, 7 days a week, to accomplish its mission. The branch operates under an ambitious Mission Statement. The branch is responsible for a number of services that the reservation community relies on daily and takes for granted much of the time.

The Public Utilities Branch has a heavy workload and a great deal of responsibility.

The branch maintains three public water systems with over 80 miles of main water lines;

Maintains three community waste systems with nine miles of main sewer lines;

Servicing 81 tribal buildings with over 528,000 square feet of floor space;

Provides janitorial service for 32 tribal buildings, consisting of 64,000 square feet of floor space;

The grounds keeping crew maintains 30 acres of lawn, 3 acres of shrub beds and 38 acres of parking lots and sidewalks;

Provides solid waste removal and disposal for over 700 residences and 44 commercial buildings;

Maintains a vehicle pool with a fleet of 106 vehicles;

Provides building inspection services for tribal members and the Tribal Organization;

Provides maintenance and facilities operation of the Health and Wellness Center through a 638 contract with Indian Health Services.

The Project Engineering department provides surveying and engineering services for new homes, septic tank and drain fields, water wells and major subdivisions and roads.

All of this is accomplished through the dedicated efforts of 77 employees of which 81% are tribal members or married into the tribe. General Manager Herb Graybael, a member of the branch for over 35 years, has maintained the high level of performance even though there has been a reduction of 20 employees over the past six

years due to budget cuts and one transfer.

Although budget cuts were the rule, the Public Utilities Branch was bustling with building and infrastructure activity in 2000 and 2001. Projects included a new water tank at Sidwalter Flat, Simnasho waste water treatment lagoons, water treatment plant automation, a new 30 lot Sunnyside subdivision, Warm Springs waste water treatment plant, High Lookee Lodge, the old clinic remodel, extensive tribal facility security systems with over 100 surveillance cameras, additional lighting and fences. The branch still found time to design and engineer the Wolfe Point road reconstruction.

With the dawning of a new year, the workload for the branch continues to grow. In 2002, there will be a new Wellness Center addition and remodel, transition housing facility, Seekseequa and Sidwalter Fire Stations, Seekseequa, Simnasho, and Sunnyside housing subdivisions and water and wastewater development for 20 rural area personal homes.

The branch that a lot of people take for granted is doing more with less as we move into 2002. Hopefully the days of reducing budgets will soon be at an end, however, the membership can be assured that the Public Utilities Branch will always meet the challenge through their dedication and hard work.

# Tribal Relations

The Tribal Relations branch was founded in 1990. It encompasses the Spilyay Tymoo newspaper, the Print Shop, KWSO radio and the Public Relations Office. The largest employer in the branch is KWSO with 7 full time employees and 3 part-time. Spilyay Tymoo employees 5 full time employees and an advisor. The Print Shop has two employees and the Public Relations Office is staffed with one person.

A year ago, the Print Shop cut one position because of the downturn in the tribal budget. The Public Relations Office has also reduced its staff by one.

The branch has a budget of \$441,000, and employs 17 full time people. Eighty-Nine percent of the branch is comprised of tribal members, Married Into the Tribe or Other Indians.

Warren "Rudy" Clements, the branch director, has become more involved with gaming in the last two years as the Tribe searched for a more lucrative market to help its economy. He also worked with staff and members of Tribal Council on a new communications plan. Clements also oversaw the expansion and enhancement of the Spilyay Tymoo.

As the tribal Organization reduced its budget, the Print Shop continued to experience a reduction in business. However, the Print Shop maintained its traditional base of doing work for Indian Head Casino, the Natural Resources Branch, and individuals. The work included printing the fishing permits and forestry wood cutting permits as well as the Tribal Council minutes.

On November 6, 2001, mold was found in the Print Shop offices and the shop was shut down. A Haz Mat Team from Springfield was called in to assess the situation. The Print Shop still had not reopened by the end of the year.

The Spilyay Tymoo had some challenges and made some major changes in 2000 & 2001. Sid Miller, the long-time publisher, experienced

health problems and retired at the end of 2001. Miller served over 40 years with the Confederated Tribes, 25 years with the Spilyay Tymoo. In late 2000, the newspaper made a commitment to upgrade technology and improve the scope of content. The newspaper purchased new computers and hired two new people with strong journalism backgrounds. A major focus was to increase local stories, enforce a long-standing Letters-To-The-Editor policy, and train the current tribal member staff. The newspaper moved from the basement of the old Girls Dorm and took up residence in the former Employee Assistance Program (EAP) building on Wasco Street in January of 2001. The paper celebrated its Silver Anniversary in new offices. The newspaper also sold its first advertising in 25 years when the Madras Les Schwab Tire Store signed a one-year contract for a full-page ad.

The Public Relations Office assisted in a number of projects including the Lake Billy Chinook Day Celebration at the Cove Palisades State Park and the Eagle Watch 2000 & 2001. Other activities included working with Warm Springs Power Enterprise to inform the tribal membership on the merits of the Confederated Tribes/PGE partnership referendum. Another project was the 1999 annual report. It is a glossy four color, 36-page production, written by the Office staff and designed by BLM Printing in Portland at a significantly reduced cost.

The Public Relations Office conducted numerous tours, scheduled speakers for civic groups, and hosted foreign students. As usual, the office answered correspondence inquiring about the tribes, and acted as a liaison between the outside public and the Tribes.

KWSO has served the Confederated Tribes for 16 years, broadcasting 18 hours a day, seven days a week. The staffing rate varied from 70-100% tribal members/married-into-the-tribe over the past year. KWSO's pro-

gramming includes: Public affairs, local news/sports, live sports broadcasts of Madras high school sports, local language lessons in all three languages, National Native News, Native America Calling, live remote broadcasts of local events, music recorded live at local pow-wows, interviews and news items of local conferences, trainings and special events in the local and surrounding communities. KWSO features the Parent's Journal, a national program that deals with children and parenting topics. Warm Springs Early Childhood Education has a regular segment: ECE story time weekly on KWSO. Local programming also includes job listings, pow-wow listings and the Birthday Grand Entry.

In June of 2001, KWSO was chosen to host the first Intertribal Native Radio Summit, a gathering of Native Radio Station Representatives from across the United States. The purpose of the Native Radio Summit was to identify common concerns and challenges, identify ways to expand and develop resources and funding for all stations and producers and develop the capacity to use technology to expand the listening audience for Native Radio.

The Summit brought together 28 Native Station Representatives of 33 Tribal Radio Stations. Funding for the Native Radio Summit included: The Corporation for Public Broadcasting, The National Federation of Community Broadcasters, The Native Media Resource Center, the New Museum of the American Indian, Local Tribal and non-tribal businesses, KWSO and the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

KWSO would like to acknowledge the support and generous participation of the community in hosting the Native Radio Summit here. Participants still comment on the welcome they received, the hospitality and generosity of the community and the willingness to share the Cultures of the Warm Springs, Wasco and Paiute Tribes.

# Family Services and Social Services

The Family Services Branch, directed by Jim Quaid, includes Children's Protective Services, Community Health Services and Community Counseling.

Social Services, directed by Gayle Rodgers, includes Senior Services, Social Services and the Warm Springs Community Center. By contract, Rodgers also acts as liaison of the tribes for the local Boys and Girls Club, and High Lookee Lodge.

These branches are dedicated to providing services that address health and wellness issues, by building upon the strength of the individual and/or the family.

Goals of these branches, reflecting priorities of the Tribal Council, include helping tribal members and community groups build a safe, caring and resilient, engaged community. Similarly, Family and Social services work toward maintaining a support network for health and wellness.

In the three departments of the Family Services Branch, there are 40 tribal member employees. Another eight of employees are Indians of other tribes, four of whom are married into the Confederated Tribes.

Family Services employs nine non-Indians, two of whom are married into the Confederated Tribes.

The annual budget of Family Services is \$276,000. Expected budget cuts in the coming year will present a significant challenge, said Jim Quaid.

The Social Services Branch has an annual budget of \$219,000 for Social Services; \$231,000 for Senior Services; and \$213,000 for the Community Center.

The Branch employs 20 people, about half of them tribal members. High Lookee and the Boys and Girls Club also employ about 20 people.

Departmental changes in recent years have brought a closer working relationship among the different departments of the Family Services Branch, said Quaid. A goal for the future is to continue improving these relationships, he said.

The same is also true regarding High Lookee Lodge and Senior Services.

High Lookee, an exceptionally fine elder care facility, opened in August of 2000. The facility is directed by Amy Carlson.