

Grand Ronde Tribal Police officers Tyler Brown, left, and Tim Hernandez, behind Brown, enter a room to find Chief Al LaChance, right, as an "active shooter" while sweeping rooms during a tactical training exercise.



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Training Day

On Wednesday, Aug. 27, Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department K-9 Officer Patrick McConnell led a training day for the department at the Federal Correctional Institute in Sheridan. The day included tactical and range training, including state qualifying on the range that officers are required to complete annually with their duty weapons.



Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department K-9 Officer Patrick McConnell, who is also the department's range master, talks about shooting accuracy with Sgt. Jake McKnight while shooting an AR-15 at the gun range at the Federal Correctional Institute in Sheridan. Behind them is Chief Al LaChance.



Grand Ronde Tribal Police Officer Tyler Brown, left, covers Sgt. Jake McKnight as he carries out a "wounded officer" during a tactical training exercise. Waiting outside of the building for the "victim" was West Valley Fire District paramedics, who were also at the training so each department could get an idea of how the other works.

Elder Bingo postponed

There will be no Elder Bingo until 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, at the Elders' Activity Center. For more information, contact Elder Activity Assistant Daniel Ham at 503-879-2233. ■

Public Safety Ordinance Open for Comment

The Tribal Council, in consultation with the Tribal Attorney's Office, is considering adoption of amendments to the Public Safety Ordinance. The proposed amendments were given a First Reading at the July 23, 2014, Tribal Council meeting.

The primary purposes of the proposed amendments are to (1) transfer enforcement authority for public safety violations to the Tribal Police Department; (2) incorporate provisions for permitting concealed carry of firearms on Tribal lands; and (3) incorporate a process for obtaining retraining and protective orders. The proposed amendments may also include minor technical (i.e., typographical, housekeeping) modifications.

The Tribal Council invites comments on the proposed amendments to the Public Safety Ordinance. For a copy of the proposed amendments please contact the Tribal Attorney's Office at 503-879-4664. Please send your comments to the Tribal Attorney's Office, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, Oregon 97347 or by e-mail to legal@grandronde.org.

Comments must be received by Sept. 15, 2014. ■

Urns available



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Cedar, cherry or walnut burial urns are now available for purchase by Tribal families from the Member Services Department. When Tribal Council amended the Tribe's Burial Fund Ordinance in early July, it made it possible for Tribal families to use a portion of the \$5,500 burial benefit to purchase a Tribal blanket or a carved wooden urn from the Tribe for the funeral service. Blankets are \$100 and urns are \$125.