

Penobscot Nation Police/Community News



Police Department Upgrades Vehicles.

Over the past decade the police department has utilized the grant process and meetings with federal partners to help secure funding for equipment to assist us in performing our service to the community. Through this approach we have been able to lessen the burden on the base funding we receive from the Department of

Interior, which allows us to utilize these savings to enhance our community policing efforts and collaboration with other departments within the tribe. Most recently we were able to obtain (4) new vehicles for the patrol program, this includes (3) Ford SUVs and (1) Ford F-150 truck. These new patrol units

should last us well into the future.

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Ask Yourself
How Can I
make my
community a
better place?



Pictured is the F-150 truck and one of the new Ford SUV Interceptors.

Can You Believe Its Been 10 Years!!!!

2017 Health & Safety Walk August 4th at 3 PM

In 2007 the Police Department wanted to reach out and bring the community together to show a unified voice for a Drug Free place for everyone to enjoy. So an Anti Drug Walk was held with law enforcement and members of the community. This was culminated with a cookout after our walk through the streets of the community. Over the years the theme of the walk has changed, however the overall message remains the same and that is promoting a Healthy and Safe Community for everyone. So come join in again on August 4th at 3pm for our 10th Health & Safety Walk, as we walk around the Island and then enjoy some food at the cookout that follows. Shirts will be given out while supplies last, to those who do the walk.

For information or to sign up early for the walk, contact: Officer Tom Thibodeau
817-7358 or at Thomas.thibodeau@penobscotnation.org

Penobscot Nation Police Department enhances communication and evidence collection through technology

In 2013 the Police Department applied for and was awarded a technology grant, to assist us in enhancing our capabilities in accurately recording incidents, phone and radio traffic and interviews of witnesses and suspects of crimes. By purchasing this equipment we also became compliant with state and federal requirements involving the recording of statements of certain criminal offenses. The devices that we were able to obtain through this grant funding included, additional in car camera systems for our patrol units, audio and video recording system for the interview room, and a digital recording system for the Dispatch Center that accu-

rately captures all incoming and outgoing phone calls and all radio traffic between officers and tribal game wardens. The final acquisition was body cameras for the officers. These will be used to accurately capture criminal incidents, evidence collection, interviews of witnesses, suspects and victims, while away from the station, and accident scenes. By having these video and audio recordings, the officer will be able to write a much more accurate report, provide the recordings to the tribal and state prosecutor to assist them at hearings, provide the tribal administration with recordings when needed and most importantly bring the

Penobscot Nation's Law Enforcement Program into the 21st Century, when it comes to technology assisted policing.



Don't Get SCAMMED!!!



Over the past few weeks the police department has received reports from the community of an attempted scam by callers posing as the Internal Revenue Service seeking

either a payment of money to a bank account or requesting that the person provide the scammer with personal data such as social security numbers, dates of birth and bank account information. As with any federal or state agency, the Internal Revenue Service would never request personal information and or bank information over the phone nor would they seek a payment in this manner.

Too many times victims of these crimes have either provided this information and or a payment only to learn that it can't be retrieved. If you receive a call such as this, immediately hang up and contact the Police Department. 817-7358

the Internal Revenue Service seeking

The many ways we support our youth

For many years now the police department has known that our communities well being depends upon providing opportunities and positive experiences for our youth so that they can succeed in life. We have done this by engaging with them both in formal settings at the school and in the Youth Program. and when meeting them out in the community. We have also provided many resources to the youth for the many activities they have participated in. Here are just some of our efforts.

- ◆ Turning over thousands of dollars from state court fines to the youth program .
- ◆ Purchasing Baseball uniforms for girls and boys team.
- ◆ Purchasing a racing canoe for the Nationals competition.
- ◆ Buying running gear for the Penobscot Nation Running Club.
- ◆ Providing funding to purchase championship hoodies for the Indian Island School girls and boys teams.
- ◆ Being one of the sponsors for the Youth Program Golf fundraiser.
- ◆ Providing needed cooking appliances to the Day Care.
- ◆ Bringing Day Care children popsicles on hot summer days.
- ◆ Paying for youth to attend the Ways Camp.
- ◆ Raising funds for the snacks at the youth program.

PD Collaborates to Fight Back Against Drugs

The battle against illegal drugs and drug addiction is an ongoing process, which requires a holistic team approach with tribal agencies all supporting one another. The police department understands this teamwork approach and has committed our efforts to being a strong supporter and contributor to this process. This includes drug testing of Wellness Court participants, information sharing with tribal agencies, participation in the Tribal Court's Healing to Wellness Court Team and most recently attending the National Association of Drug Court Professionals NADCP training in Washington D.C.

To help further the Healing to Wellness Court issue, the Police Chief along with the Tribal Court Director and two of the

tribe's Substance Abuse Counselors, traveled to Capitol Hill and met with Senator Susan Collins and the staffs of Senator Angus King, Congress Woman Shellie Pingree and Congressman Bruce Poliquin. During these meetings, we talked about the success that we are having with our Healing to Wellness Court and the issues that face our community in the areas of the illegal drug problems that the state and the tribes are facing. We also spoke on the importance of the need for continued support for the Healing to Wellness Court through the Department of Justice and Department of Health and Human Services grants programs.

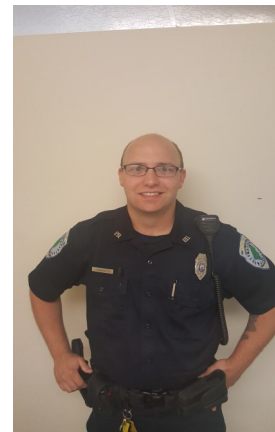


(Pictured L-R) at Senator Kings Office Washington D.C. Marie Mitchell, Jill Thompkins, Bob Bryant, Dale Lolar and Sen. Kings staffer Sanjay Kane

Officer Keniston to Attend the IPA

On July 31st Officer John Keniston will begin his first day of a 15 week training session at the Indian Police Academy IPA, in Artesia New Mexico. The training that Officer Keniston will receive will be the basic academy, which focuses on federal Indian law, constitutional rights, search and seizure, basic investigation, evidence collection, community policing along with other topics that are essential to the law enforcement profession. We are extremely excited

that officer Keniston will be attending this training, as it is culturally specific for working on native reservations. When he graduates in October, he will be the first officer from the police department to graduate the IPA, in 41 years. The last officer to attend and graduate from the Indian Police Academy, was Sgt. Mike Socoby who attended the IPA when it was located in Brigham City, Utah. In 1976. We wish John well and can't wait for his return.



Congratulations to TEAM PENOBSCOT



The Police Department wants to send our most sincere thank you and congratulations to our youth who competed in the Indigenous Games in Toronto, Canada July 17th-21st. These youth are leading the way on how to live a safe and healthy life style. They are shining examples of role models to their younger peers and will some day be the leaders of this proud nation. The police department was very honored to provide the shirts and uniforms that they wore while participating in the events.

TEAM PENOBSCOT YOU WERE GREAT!!!!!!

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*Committed to
a Safe and Healthy
Community*



tip 411

Do your part and rid our community of illegal drugs!!!!
Text your anonymous Drug Tips and Make Our Community a Healthy and Safe Place for Everyone.

Example:
Text Number
8477411

-Message:
(example
John Doe is
selling drugs
at 10 Pine St
on Penobscot
Reservation)

Important Note: Your phone number does not come through the tip line and is completely anonymous. You can leave a contact number if you desire.

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Underage Drinking, What Parents Can Do to Prevent it.

All teens are at risk for underage drinking. As parents we must have clear and consistent rules and monitor our kids so that we keep them safe through their pre-teen and teen years. Monitoring is not an invasion of privacy, rather a parental responsibility.

5 Tips to Help Prevent Underage Drinking

- **Limit access** (if you have alcohol in your home keep track of it.)
- **Network** (get to know the parents of your teen's friends)
- **Enforce Rules** (be consistent and have consequences for your teen when they violate rules, teens need rules to be safe)
- **Check In Often** (If you leave your teen at home, call while your away. If they are at a friends check with there parents about supervision.)
- **Be Awake and Ready** (Wait up for curfew time. When they arrive home be aware of any signs of use. Talk with your teen about their night. Be prepared of what you will do if you discover your teen has been drinking.)

These Tips are provided by the collaborative efforts of the **Penobscot Nation Healing to Wellness Court Team.**