

Does this agreement amount to “Cross Deputization?”

No, that is a much broader grant of authority. No powers, authority, or liability is transferred between the county and tribal governments. All authority is granted by state statute. (RCW 10.92)

Does this mean KCSO will no longer serve the citizens of the Port Madison Indian Reservation?

No, the agreement does not absolve KCSO from enforcing state law, where applicable, on the Port Madison Reservation. KCSO maintains its duty and obligation to provide professional law enforcement services to citizens within the Port Madison Reservation. The goal is to better serve the community through timely response to calls for service and eliminate unnecessary duplication of efforts. The Protocols outline the specific instances when Suquamish PD will handle all aspects of the investigation.

Will Suquamish Officers have general peace officer authority?

Officers that meet the hiring and training requirements will qualify under RCW 10.92 and the agreement. If all meet the requirements at the time then yes.

Questions?

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Training Requirements

Initial Training

The Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission (CJTC) and the RCW require the CJTC Basic Law Enforcement Academy. The Washington CJTC also recognizes the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) curriculum as meeting all of the same standards required by the State of Washington for the Basic Law Enforcement Training program.

Upon successful completion of FLETC training, the officer will be signed up to attend the Washington State Equivalency Academy.

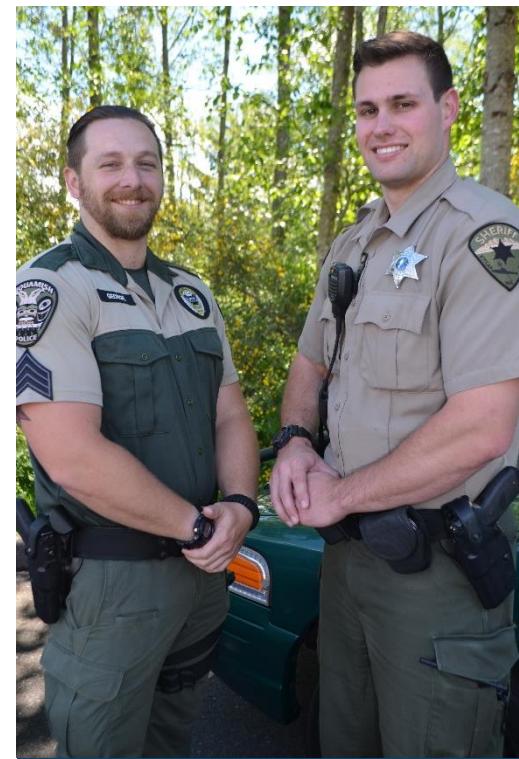
The Suquamish Police Department exceeds the minimum standards by further requiring 4 months of field training supervised by a senior field training officer.

Ongoing Training

The State of Washington requires a minimum of 24 hours of training a year to maintain peace officer certification. The Suquamish Police Department requires a minimum of 40 hours.

In the past two years, the Suquamish Police Department has exceed its own standards and had an average of 120 hours of training per officer in 2015 and 108.2 hours per officer in 2016.

The Suquamish Police Department routinely hosts regional training courses open to all law enforcement including a 40 hour training on Crisis Intervention Training for Law Enforcement.



LAW ENFORCEMENT INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT



Partners in Progress

Agreement

The Suquamish Tribe and Kitsap County are partnering to provide better, more efficient law enforcement services on the Port Madison Indian Reservation.

Officers have worked together to protect and serve residents for decades. However, a new interlocal agreement will allow the departments to work together much more efficiently.

Beginning July 1, 2017, Suquamish Police Officers will have state authority to:

- issue state citations to non-tribal members for state traffic violations on the reservation.
- pursue non-tribal traffic law violators and fleeing suspects past reservation boundaries.
- under certain circumstances, arrest non-tribal members for state crimes committed on the reservation.

The agreement is part of a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Suquamish Tribe and Kitsap County, and fulfills the conditions of a Washington statute that requires county governments, upon request, to enter into agreements with tribes when they share jurisdiction on a reservation (RCW 10.92).

These agreements have been successful in other Washington counties.

FAQ's

What are the benefits to citizens?

The change has a measurable positive effect on public safety by enhancing both agencies' efficiency. Under previous agreements, a law enforcement officer from both agencies was required to complete ticketing, investigation and arrest in nearly every situation. The complexities resulted in two officers performing the work of one- wasting public resources.



Suquamish Officers & Kitsap Deputies have long-standing working relationships on the reservation.

What qualifies a Suquamish Officer?

In order for Suquamish officers use state authority, they must meet the same hiring and training requirements as other Washington State law enforcement professionals, be certified by Washington Criminal Justice Training Commission, and be insured at a level approved by the State of Washington.

It is important to note that current departmental training requirements for Suquamish Officers exceed state requirements.



Kitsap Deputies work with Suquamish Officers in both Patrol and Marine Divisions.

Does the Suquamish Tribe keep funds collected from traffic infractions?

No. Suquamish Police will issue state traffic tickets to non-Indians. All traffic fines paid will go directly to the state, to be dispersed like any other infraction. No money is allocated to the Tribe.

If I am not an Indian, will I end up in Tribal Court on matters handled by Suquamish Officers?

No. You will appear in Kitsap County Court, just like with any other state case or citation.

Are Suquamish Officers governed by the same legal standards as other Washington State law enforcement professionals?

Yes. Any time Suquamish Officers exercise state authority, they must do so according to the laws of the State of Washington (RCW 10.93.070).

What changes will I see as a citizen?

Most citizens will notice very little change. If you are a victim of a crime, you will likely only be interviewed by one agency, not two as in the past.