

Sac and Fox Nation Police Department

From Sac and Fox Tribal Police Chief Bob Roberts



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November Safety Tips

The most wonderful time of the year also can be the most hazardous in your home. Police departments report a spike in burglaries from Thanksgiving to Christmas, and fire departments receive hundreds of calls involving fires caused by Christmas tree and holiday lights. Before the festivities kick into high gear, take a moment to protect your home and family by reducing the risk of these holiday hazards.

- Potential burglars don't need to know what type of computer or flat-screen TV is now in your home. When throwing away gift packaging, break down all boxes and place them in a dark colored trash bag or closed container-not an open bin. If you're unable to use one of these containers, consider waiting to put your trash out until the day of pick-up to reduce the time that the boxes are left out in the open.

- Likewise, don't invite burglars to window-shop. Keep valuable items like computers and piles of gifts out of easy sight, away from windows or doors. If you're going out of town, keep the shades drawn.

- Check for identification before

opening the door to a stranger, including delivery people; criminals sometimes pose as couriers delivering gifts.

- If you're going to be away from home for a few days, create the illusion of occupancy. Put a couple indoor lights on timers or leave on if you don't have timers and enlist a friend or neighbor to collect your mail, newspapers and deliveries. Criminals are now driving around following UPS or FED-EX waiting to see if packages are being left on your door ways.

- Do not use holiday lights that have worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. From 2007 to 2011, electrical failures or malfunctions were factors in 64% of fires involving holiday or decorative lights, according to a November 2013 report from the National Fire Protection Association. Only use holiday lights that are certified by an independent testing laboratory and suited for the use you need-whether indoor or outdoor.

- Keep real trees well-watered. Researchers have found they are less likely to catch fire. When a tree begins dropping needles, it's time to take it to drop off site or the curb. Trees that are not watered and dried out can be extremely flammable and result in a fatality more frequently than other home fires.

- Even artificial trees can be flammable, so make sure yours is identified by the manufacturer as fire-retardant. Styles with built-in electrical systems also should have the Underwriters Laboratory (UL) label.

- If you plan to enjoy a toasty fire, ensure your chimney flue is inspected and cleaned to remove flammable buildup. Keep any flammable items, like wrapped holiday presents and decorations, at least three feet away from the fireplace.

- Another way to protect your home at the holidays: consider installing a home security and automation system.

The Sac and Fox Nation Tribal Police Department wish you a happy and very safe holiday season.



Tribal member James "Bones" Walker recently attended the Million Man March in Washington D.C. Native Americans were invited to D.C. by "Justice or Else" Million Man Reunion where they gathered to pray, inspire and bring good thoughts for Native communities that are trying to thrive not just survive standing up for human rights. James conducted a service for the Native American Church while in D.C.

Sac and Fox Nation Extensions

Main Number 918-968-3526

- Chief - 1004 • Second Chief - 1005 • Treasurer 1006 • Secretary - 1007
- Committee Member - 1010 • BC Front Desk - 1002 • Tax - 1043 - 1045
- Accounting - 1030 - 1036 • Property and Procurement - 1020 - 1039 - 1022
- Maintenance - 2063 • BHHC - 918-968-9531 • ICW - 1711 • Court - 2039
- Library - 2020 - 2021 • Language - 918-968-0070 or ext. 2053 • JUVI - 4000
- USDA - 2077 (WIC 2079) - 2080 - 2081 - 2082 (Warehouse USDA 2089)
- Education - 2046 • IT - 2041 • Police - 2033 • Self-Governance - 1080
- Capitol Security - 1090 • Realty - 1050 • Enrollment - 1040 - 1041 • RAP - 2000
- Social Services - 2010 - 2011 • OES - 2091 - 2092 - 2094 • Veterans - 1065
- Newspaper - 1060 • NAGPRA/Historic Preservation - 1070 • Chief of Staff - 1001

Muscogee (Creek) Nation WIC Program

Stroud Clinic

USDA Building 920883 S. HWY 99
Open 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each Month
Hours: 9:30am - 3:30pm

Closed for Lunch 12:00pm - 1:00pm

1-800-648-2302 or 918-968-1784 for information

Closed last business day of each month for staff training.

Standards for participation are the same regardless of age, race, sex, color, national origin or handicap.

Native Employment Works (NEW)



Native Employment Works Funds Available Now

The Sac and Fox Nation Human Services Department is currently taking applications for Native Employment Works. NEW is a federally funded program that helps low-income households with expenses while attending school or if underemployed. We encourage you to apply at our office in Stroud or at the Shawnee Multi-Purpose Center. Please call us at the number on the bottom of this article, if you have any questions.

To qualify for NEW, you must be an enrolled member of the Sac and Fox Nation and reside within the Sac and Fox Nation jurisdictional boundaries.

The NEW program eligibility includes teen parents, unemployed parent(s) if attending school, underemployed parent(s), and other tribal members if they have one or more Sac and Fox children.

PLEASE BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:

- Tribal enrollment cards for all household members
- (Birth certificates for those without a tribal enrollment card)
- Driver's license if over 18 and not enrolled.
- Driver's license or photo ID for applicant.
- Social Security cards for all household members.
- School enrollment verification or employment verification.
- Proof of income - including paycheck stubs, Social Security or disability benefits, unemployment compensation, pension or retirement funds, etc. for all household members 18 years of age or older.

Other documents may be required based on your situation.

Sac and Fox Nation Human Services

920883 S. Hwy 99 Building A Stroud, Oklahoma 74079
Phone: 918-968-3526 • Extensions 2010 & 2011
Toll Free: 800-259-3970 • Fax: 918-968-0142

ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS

A MEMBER OF THE TAX COMMISSION STAFF WILL NOW BE AT
1st INDIAN BAPTIST CHURCH
CUSHING OKLAHOMA
1034 EAST WALNUT
ONCE A MONTH.

THE TAX COMMISSION WILL BE THERE
2nd THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH
WE WILL BE ABLE TO BETTER SERVE TRIBAL MEMBERS LIVING IN THE CUSHING AREA WITH MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND ANY OTHER SERVICE THAT WE CAN ASSIST YOU WITH.



Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma Domestic Violence Program

Mission Statement

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma's Domestic Violence mission is to eliminate violence in Native Country and to strengthen Native families to end the cycle of violence. Absentee Shawnee Tribe Domestic Violence program serves Native American families and Non-Native families by providing advocacy in the areas of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, and Dating Violence.



The Domestic Violence Department provides services to:

Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault (on call 24 hours per day), Stalking, and/or Dating Violence. We serve Native and non-Native victims as well as their children, as these problems affect everyone in our community. When a victim flees the situation they often leave behind all of their belongings, that's where we step in, offering a hand up to the victim. We offer advocacy for the victim, through the process of court, counseling, housing and utility assistance, referrals as needed (for services ASTDV does not provide), shelter, and transitional housing. We have four transitional houses fully furnished, where victims will be provided the opportunity to get an education and obtain job skills. Emergency transportation can be provided as well. For questions regarding necessary paperwork in order to receive assistance please contact the AST Domestic Violence Office.

Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Drive Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801
Phone: (405) 275-4030 Fax: (405) 273-1192
National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-7233
National Sexual Assault Hotline: 1-800-656-4673