

2015 Government to Government Agency Report

AGENCY NAME: Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST)

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The Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) is responsible for training and certifying police, corrections, parole and probation officers; 9-1-1 telecommunicators and emergency medical dispatchers; career and volunteer fire-rescue personnel. It is also responsible for licensing of private security officers and managers and private investigators. DPSST serves more than 41,000 public safety professionals around the state.

Director Eriks Gabliks serves as the primary agency representative on the Government-to-Government Public Safety and Enforcement Cluster Group. Over the last year, DPSST regularly participated as a member of the Government-to-Government Public Safety and Enforcement Cluster Group and hosted Cluster meetings as needed at the Oregon Public Safety Academy in Salem. DPSST regularly provided information on its legislative concepts to members of the group in an effort to inform them of statutory changes that could impact members of the public safety community, including tribal law enforcement, corrections, and fire service agencies. Information from national associations and federal public safety agencies that is of potential interest to cluster group participants is provided on an on-going basis.

During 2015, DPSST worked with tribal law enforcement agencies to address the sunset provision within Senate Bill 412. SB 412, proclaimed by many as landmark legislation, was approved during the 2011 legislative session and gave participating tribal law enforcement officers the same police powers as city, county, and state law enforcement officers. Since passage of this legislation, DPSST has held a number of meetings with tribal police chiefs and tribal legal counsel to implement the new program. SB 343 was introduced during the 2015 legislative session to repeal the SB 412 sunset provision related to tribal police officers. SB 343 was approved by the Oregon Legislative Assembly and signed into law by Governor Brown. DPSST was honored to work with tribal leaders and statewide law enforcement associations on this important legislation.

The impact of SB 412 was recognized in 2013 by the Indian Law and Order Commission (ILOC) in its report "*A Roadmap for Making Native America Safer*," detailing recommendations for law enforcement in Indian Country. This recognition was made after DPSST, along with other partners of the Government to Government Public Safety Cluster, were invited to give testimony to the Indian Law and Order Commission (ILOC) when it held a regional hearing in Portland on November 2, 2012. ILOC recognized Oregon for its work on SB 412 and mentioned the challenges that were taking place in other states on this important issue.

We are pleased to report that each Oregon tribe with a law enforcement agency complies with SB 412/SB 343. To date, there are more than 70 police officers employed by these tribal police departments who are subjected to the same certification maintenance requirements, to include maintaining minimum moral fitness standards as defined by Oregon Administrative Rule.

Below is a list of each tribal police agency in compliance with SB 412 and the date they achieved recognition.

- Coos, Lower Umpqua, Siuslaw Tribal PD - December 21, 2011
- Umatilla Tribal PD - January 6, 2012
- Warm Springs Tribal PD - April 9, 2012
- Grande Ronde Tribal PD - May 30, 2012
- Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission PD - September 21, 2012
- Coquille Indian Tribal PD - December 21, 2012
- Burns Paiute Tribal PD – November 25, 2013

In the past DPSST required tribal law enforcement units employing authorized tribal police officers to submit a notarized affidavit reporting any convictions occurring in tribal jurisdictions. With the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act in 2013, this requirement was been reexamined and determined to be redundant and our process was repealed.

In addition to the above efforts, DPSST continues to provide information on training opportunities for tribal public safety agencies including leadership training for managers and executives. DPSST hosted a variety of training sessions for public safety executives and field training officers (including tribal public safety agencies). DPSST also offered a number of National Incident Management System (NIMS) classes to help local, county, state, and tribal public safety agencies meet the requirements of the United States Department of Homeland Security. These training opportunities were provided free of charge at the Oregon Public Safety Academy in Salem and at locations through the state.

DPSST continues to include tribal law enforcement representatives on work groups that it has in place to assist with development of training programs. Tribal law enforcement personnel are currently active in a review of DPSST's 16-week Basic Police Course (Job Task Analysis) and also serve on the Advisory Group for the Center for Policing Excellence located at DPSST. A tribal police chief also participates on the advisory committee DPSST has for its Center for Policing Excellence (CPE). CPE was recently recognized for its innovative training efforts by the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing.

DPSST continues its commitment to provide the best training possible and search for innovative and progressive ways to carry out its mission. During the month of October, DPSST's leadership team conducted a two-week listening tour during which it visited every region of the state to hold meetings with constituents. DPSST realizes that support from its constituents is critical to this endeavor and understands that only by working together can the ever-changing needs of Oregon's residents be addressed. DPSST remains committed to the Government to Government process and looks forward to continuing its efforts in 2016.