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## SiJohn New Coeur d'Alene Tribal Police Chief

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**Plummer, ID** – The Coeur d'Alene Tribe recently named Cody SiJohn as the new Chief of Police for the Coeur d'Alene Tribal Police Department.

Since 2007, SiJohn, an enrolled member of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, has served as a Training Sergeant for the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) United States Indian Police Academy at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, Artesia, New Mexico. While working for the BIA, SiJohn received training and instructor certifications in Law Enforcement Instruction, Use of Force Instructor, Driving Instructor, Firearms Instructor and Less Than Lethal Ammunition Instructor and Backcountry Tactics and Tracking Instructor. From 2008 to 2009, SiJohn was detailed to the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, instructing newly hired Federal Officers assigned to U.S. Border Patrol, Federal Air Marshals, U.S. Fish & Wildlife and U.S. Park Police.

SiJohn also received his certification to be a Special Agent and Criminal Investigator through the BIA, finishing at the top of his class and receiving "expert" ranking for his class in Firearms and Emergency Response Driving. During his time with the BIA, SiJohn gained significant experience serving Indian Reservations all over the U.S., in special emergency details, serving as a Patrol Supervisor or as Chief of Police, in high crime areas and in departments with high calls for service and short staffing.

SiJohn is a former United States Army Infantry Sergeant and served the majority of his time with the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division. During his time in the Army, he was stationed in California, Kentucky and South Korea. He served in the Multi National Force and Observers peace-keeping tour in Sinai, Egypt, and stationed for 14 months at Camp Greaves, DMZ, South Korea. Upon leaving the Army, SiJohn was hired by the Coeur d'Alene Tribal Police Department, where he served as an officer from 2002-2004 and again from 2004-2007 and was cross-deputized with Benewah County, Kootenai County and the City of Plummer.

"Cody brings a wonderful depth and breadth of experience to this job that will help him to guide our tribal police force. His previous experience in our department, combined with the fact that he is a



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member of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe gives him a strong understanding of our local and regional issues and he has earned a strong reputation as a leader during his time in the Army and the BIA. We are pleased to have him as our new Police Chief and we are looking forward to his leadership," said Coeur d'Alene Tribe Chairman Chief Allan.

SiJohn looks forward to maintaining good working relationships with the surrounding law enforcement agencies and believes that cooperation is the best way for all departments to achieve the goal of protecting and serving the community. "This department is home for me – I grew up here and I started my law enforcement career as a patrol officer here. I really have a special place in my heart for the Coeur d'Alene Tribal Police Department," said SiJohn of his new appointment. "It's such a privilege to come home and have the opportunity at this point in my career to serve alongside the outstanding sergeants and lieutenants who trained me and taught me everything. I'm so honored to be able to come back and serve our community and share the knowledge and experiences I've gained to strengthen this department even further," he continued.

SiJohn is a graduate of Lakeside High School. His wife, Denise also works in law enforcement. They have two daughters, Laraina (7) and Kyla (2), who are looking forward to returning "home" to Idaho.

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