

Sheriff, CDA Tribe discuss agreement

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Sheriff Dave Resser met with Coeur d'Alene tribal officials recently to discuss changes to the cross-deputization agreement between Benewah County and tribal police.

Sheriff Resser plans to add two changes to the current agreement, instituted by former Sheriff Bob Kirts. Tribal officers acting as county deputies will use the county frequency for radio communication. Second, the tribal police will share reports generated about an incident in which the county is involved.

Sheriff Resser, who was elected in November, campaigned on making the changes to the cross-deputization agreement with the tribe.

Sheriff Resser said he was pleased with the meeting with tribal leaders.

"We discussed our views and I mentioned that law enforcement doesn't need to be politically motivated," he said. "Our goal is public safety, regardless of the politics."

Sheriff Resser said the meeting was positive and he is confident the two entities can work together.

The tribe declined to comment.

The sheriff will meet with tribal police Chief Cody SiJohn the week of Feb. 11 to discuss the agreement further.

"They have a high respect for Cody," Sheriff Resser said. "He has done a good job and is a sound law enforcement individual and I look forward to having a good working relationship with him."