

Tribe promotes Abrahamson to police chief

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PLUMMER – Sam Abrahamson will be the new Chief of Police for the Coeur d'Alene Tribal Police Department starting December 1, 2015.

Abrahamson, an enrolled member of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, has been a police officer with the department for the past 16 years. Abrahamson started his career in law enforcement with the Coeur d'Alene Tribal Police Department as a patrol officer. For the past 6 years, he has worked as a detective for the Tribal Police Department.

"Sam has dedicated his entire law enforcement career to the Coeur d'Alene Tribe and to the community on and around the reservation. He has a deep understanding of our local and regional issues and we are excited to have him as our new Police Chief," said Coeur d'Alene Tribe Chairman Chief Allan.

"We have a great group of people working for our department and I'm excited to take on this new role to serve my Tribe and the community," said Abrahamson. "It's an honor to be chosen for this position and I look forward to continuing the work Chief SiJohn has done over the past three years to ensure our community is safe and well-protected," he added. "I will strive to maintain the good working relationships with the surrounding law enforcement agencies, including Benewah and Kootenai County Sheriff's Departments and the local city police forces in order to achieve the goal of protecting and serving the community."

Abrahamson's predecessor, Cody SiJohn served as Police Chief since early 2012. He is taking a position with the Bureau of Indian Affairs as a Criminal Investigator in the Pacific Northwest Region.

"Sam has been a positive presence in the community for nearly 2 decades and he is well-respected amongst his peers in the department and throughout the community. He is a strong leader who will move this department forward," said SiJohn.