

COMMUNITY NEWS

YAN police officer completes police academy

By Jon Huey, Police Chief-Yavapai-Apache Nation

It is with great pleasure to announce that the newest police recruit who was hired back in 2016, has just completed and graduated from the U.S. Indian Police Academy in Artesia, New Mexico.

Cody Ty Wantland (Tribal member of the Chickasaw Tribe from Oklahoma) graduated with Class #162 on April 8, 2017. He graduated along with 35 other

men and women who work with other tribes from all over the United States.

During his training at the Indian Police Academy, he was responsible for learning and passing the physical fitness, defensive tactics, emergency driving, courtroom testimony, legal and law classes. He was required to live on base in Artesia, New Mexico for 17 weeks.

Attending his graduation was Sergeant Tim Declay, Sergeant

Nathan Huibregtse and Officer Ted Montijo from Yavapai-Apache Nation as well as Cody's family and grandparents. During the ceremony, the Drill Sergeants spoke about the cadets during their training and shared with the crowd some funny stories during their training days.

The keynote speaker, Academy Director Steven Juneau, talked about the history of the Indian Police Academy and how proud he was about the high level of training his staff provides, knowing that Law Enforcement in Indian County is one of the hardest divisions of Law Enforcement to work in due to the large sizes of the tribes, lack of resources and minimal amount of back up available to the officers that patrol the Indian communities.

All the cadets were presented with their certificates of graduation and then each officer was allowed to choose a person to pin their department badge onto their uniform. Cody selected



YAN Police Officer Cody Ty Wantland, a recent graduate of the Indian Police academy stands ready to answer a call.

his step-father Roscoe Owsley (Camp Verde Marshal's Office) to pin his badge on his uniform. They shared a proud moment together as they hugged and recognized this accomplishment in the new officer's career.

After the badge pinning, all the new officers in Class #162 gathered together and raised their right hand and took their Oath of Office promising to protect and serve each of their respected tribal

communities. An honor song was then played for them and finally the closing was the recruits being dismissed one last time as Indian Police Academy Class #162.

Yavapai-Apache Police Department is honored and grateful for having Officer Wantland become a part of our family. He has already proven to be a helpful hand around the office and is a perfect fit to our department and YAN Community. He is respectful to all

he meets and is a very hard worker. Officer Wantland will start his Field Training Program (14 weeks) with YAPD which allows multiple field training instructors to ride along with him during his shifts to make sure he is performing his duties correctly. Once he has satisfactorily completed the 14 week field training program, he will then fill a patrol shift alone and be added to our schedule.

Congratulations Officer Cody Wantland!



Officer Wantland returns a salute to a senior officer at the academy.

Someone to know

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Tyler Walls is the new social worker for the Nation and he has been here for a month and a half now and enjoys his work. Mr. Walls has credentials from Mesa Community College with an Associate of Arts Degree '08 and then transferred to Arizona State University completing a Bachelor's Degree in American Indian Studies and Geography. He is a graduate of Red Rock High School in Sedona in the Class of 2005. Prior to his employ with the Nation, Mr. Walls was with the Inter-tribal Council of Arizona for 9.5 years as an Environmental Professional working with various Indian tribes in the state of Arizona in the Tribal Water Systems Program. It was during this time that he provided training and facilitating the certification of personnel to be certified as waste water operators.



This also gave him the opportunity to work with the Nation's EPA and Waste Water treatment program.

"I've been a neighbor of the Nation my whole life. It's really neat to be a part of the Nation as an employee but also more than that, because I am so familiar with the many faces. I feel already at home—to know so many people," said Mr. Walls.

Mr. Walls is part Hopi and Onandaga from the state of New York. His great, great great grandfather was named 'Warrior Jacobs' who fought in the War of 1812. Mr. Walls has Hopi

relatives in Moencopie near Tuba City and his father lives in the Village of Oak Creek with grandmother nearby in Sedona. His grandmother is originally from Cattaraugus, New York (Seneca Indian Community).

"I have the indigenous perspective of understanding our social issues not only on the personal level but on the professional level. With a degree in American Indian Studies I understand what is facing Indian country and can relate with the kids I'm responsible for," says Mr. Walls. He speaks of meeting the neighbor kids out on the front of the social service building after school with a few free throws through the basketball hoop. "Remember that we are here for them. They have the attitude of being forgotten but I am their role model and also a parent figure because they need

that guidance, a parent figure to step in to help them understand the maze of life—that's what our kids are going through".

Someone else to know:

Apphia Shirley is also a new social worker for the Nation.

Ms. Shirley holds a Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies with concentrations in Anthropology and Business from Arizona State University. She grew up on the Middle Verde Reservation where she is a member of the Yavapai-

Apache Nation. Prior to joining the Public Defender's Office, Ms. Shirley was a cofounder of Rez Media Group specializing in Public Relations, Graphic Design and Multi-Media Communications.

Ms. Shirley has most recently worked with the Executive Office of the Yavapai-Nation's Public Relations Office and previously as an intern with the Heard Museum and the American Indian Policy Institute at ASU. With an interest in Legal Studies and Public Affairs, Apphia is look-

ing forward to attending graduate school in the future to pursue a Juris Doctorate Degree or a Masters Degree in Public Policy.



Apphia Shirley is a new appointee as social worker for the Nation.

Special "thank you" from Linda Rocha, CHR Manager

I just want to thank all those who attended our Grand Opening & Dedication of the Dorothy & Wesley White Community Garden. Also, a special thanks to the following in helping us make this happen:

Special Guest:

Vincent Randall

Community Members:

- Ron Juan
- RJ James
- Tony Sanchez
- Penny Smith
- Linnard Welsh
- Buddy & George Rocha
- Departments
- Diabetes Prevention - Robin Hazelwood
- CHR's - Suzette Dawdy
- Renee Gonzalez
- Agriculture - Yolanda Trijillo
- Pauline Jackson

- Bill Moore
- Sand & Rock - Jerry Piper
- Public Works - Debbie Wathogoma
- Spoonie Lewis
- Dexter Beauty
- Lucas Jackson
- Housing Authority - Sharie Benson
- Danny Chatter & Crew
- Food Bank - Daniel Smith
- Public Relation - Don Decker
- PIMC - Sheena Twitchell, PHN
- PIMC - Tina Samm, Health Educator
- ITCA - Good Health & Wellness In Indian Country
- Madison Fulton
- Eric Hardy
- Vanessa Dodge
- Gwenda Gorman
- Thank you for your time & dedication,
- Linda Rocha, Community Wellness Manager

Did you know DV happens on the Yavapai—Apache Nation?

61.4% of all Native women will be physically assaulted in their lifetime. (USDDJ/CDC 2004) which is 3 1/2 times greater than the national average (DOJ 1999, DOJ 2002) and most DV is never even reported.

Native American women experience the highest rate of violence of any group in the United States, and experience the highest rate of severe violence at the hands of an intimate partner.

- American Indian Women 18.2%
- African American Women 8.2%
- White Women 6.3%
- Asian Women 1.5%



What is Domestic Violence?

- Any Abusive or coercive behavior used to control another person.
- Includes multiple actions; a pattern of manipulative and violent tactics.
- Victim forced to change their behavior in response to the abuse.
- Can be in current or former dating, married or cohabitating relationships of heterosexuals, gay men, lesbians, bisexuals and transgendered people.

Domestic violence is so pervasive, intrusive, demoralizing and destructive to the fabric of our Native American communities, that it is one of our most challenging human rights issues. It is the right of every Native American women or man to be free of ever having to be a victim.

When children witness or experience violence in the home, it affects how children feel, how they act, and how they learn. Without intervention, children are at higher risk for school failure, substance abuse, repeat victimization and, perhaps most tragically, in perpetuating the cycle of violence in their own lives.



Our traditional values are of peace and harmony, they promote love and growth within the family.

- Negotiation & Fairness
- Economic Partnership
- Shared Responsibility
- Respect
- Non-threatening Behavior
- Honesty & Accountability
- Responsible Parenting
- Truth & Support

No matter what happens, you are not alone.

Reach out to the Yavapai—Apache Domestic Violence Program. 928-567-1040