



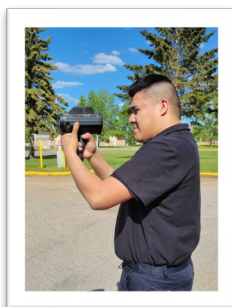
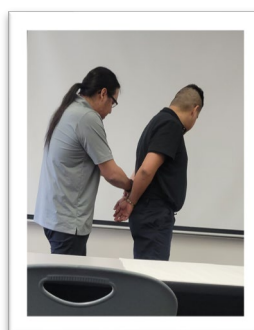
*The Whitecap Dakota First Nation is proud to introduce our new Whitecap Community Safety Officer (CSO) Program.*

The five CSO's enrolled in 6-weeks of training from May 2<sup>nd</sup>-June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at Saskatchewan Polytechnic in Prince Albert, SK. They completed in-person and virtual lessons and took part in tactical training. Please welcome the new recruits:

*Heather Brittain [Whitecap]  
Keigan Yuzicappi [Whitecap]  
Neil Crane [Muskoday]*

*Lyndon Littlecrow [Whitecap]  
Bradley Pechawis [Mistawasis]*

The CSO's will initially "Observe and Report" until they become fully accredited in July.



*Photos highlighting the tactical training and graduation in Prince Albert, SK.*

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

### WHAT IS A COMMUNITY SAFETY OFFICER (CSO)?

A CSO will provide additional uniformed presence and patrol in WDFN. They can investigate low-risk incidents (ex. property theft) and engage in the enforcement of provincial laws and/or WDFN bylaws. They may also work with prevention-based programs, such as schools or with community groups.

### WHAT HAPPENS TO THE RCMP?

CSO's and the RCMP will work together. When CSO's deal with low-risk incidents, the RCMP will have more time to focus on serious criminal investigations.

### CAN CSO's PULL YOU OVER?

Yes, CSO's can pull you over when they are in uniform.

### CAN CSO's ARREST YOU?

CSO's have the authority to make arrests under certain provincial legislation.

### DO CSO's CARRY WEAPONS?

CSO's do not carry guns, however, they do carry handcuffs, batons, and an Oleoresin Capsicum spray.

### WHY DO WE HAVE CSO's?

In October 2019, WDFN, Muskoday, and the Province of Saskatchewan signed an MoU agreement. The MoU implements the CSO program to better enforce our laws and ensure community safety. This pilot program is supported by federal and provincial policing funding and by the Lands Advisory Board.

### **CONTACT INFORMATION:**

#### **Temporary Phone Lines:**

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### CSOs may enforce laws under the following acts:

- *The Traffic Safety Act*
- *The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Act, 1997*
- *The Highways and Transportation Act, 1997*
- *The Whitecap Environmental Protection Law, 2018*
- *The All-Terrain Vehicles Act and The Snowmobile Act*
- *The Trespass to Properties Act*
- *The Mental Health Services Act*
- *The Stray Animals Act*
- *The Summary Offence Procedures Act*
- *WDFN Smoking Bylaw*
- *WDFN Cannabis Control Law (2022)*
- *Other WDFN Bylaws (e.g., waste disposal)*