



Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe

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Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Expands Public Safety Commission New Members Appointed

(Mashpee, MA – July 17, 2013) – At a meeting of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council on July 9, 2013, a motion expanding the total number of members of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Public Safety Commission from five to seven was unanimously passed.

Also during the meeting, the Tribal Council appointed six (6) new Public Safety Commission (PSC) members - **Adam Peters, Curtis W. Frye III, Kevin M. Frye, Sr., Jevin Pimental, Daniel W. Nuey, Alcott L. Tobey, Jr.**

“In forming the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe’s Public Safety Commission, we are moving in a direction to enhance and protect Tribal Sovereignty and public safety,” said Cedric Cromwell, Chairman of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe. “The members of the public safety commission have a mix of strong professional experience in the fields of emergency medical treatment, public safety, law enforcement, military service and fire protection. I applaud these Tribal Members for advocating the implementation of public safety and law enforcement policies and regulations for the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe.”

Please join us in congratulating the Commission members unanimously appointed by the Tribal Council.

Enrolled Tribal members 21 years or older interested in seeking appointment to the newly formed commission for the remaining open seat have until **Wednesday, July 24 2013** to submit their letter of interest to the Tribal Council. All correspondence must go to the attention of Executive Administrative Assistant Francie Dottin (508) 539-1026 or FDottin@mwtribe.com.

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Public Safety Commission (PSC) was established on May 22, 2013 to serve as an advisory body to the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council and the Mashpee Wampanoag Gaming Authority. The PSC is responsible for protecting the members of the Mashpee Wampanoag tribal community, general public and Tribal assets, and responsible for gathering information and making recommendations regarding Police, Fire, Emergency Medical, Emergency Preparedness and general security matters at the Tribal, Federal (Bureau of Indian Affairs) and State level. The Commission is also tasked with conducting a comprehensive review of required law enforcement and fire needs of the Tribe and assessing current available resources of area agencies, including Mashpee Police/Fire, Taunton Police/Fire, Barnstable County Sheriff’s Department, Plymouth County Sheriff’s Department, Massachusetts State Police, New Bedford Police as well as any surrounding municipality geographically located near Tribal properties.

About the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe:

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, known as the People of the First Light, has inhabited present day Massachusetts for more than 12,000 years. After an arduous 30+ year process, the Mashpee Wampanoag were re-acknowledged as a federally recognized tribe in 2007 and retain full tribal sovereignty rights. There are approximately 2,600 enrolled citizens of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe.

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