

## Ho-Chunk police chief sworn in

Daniel Libke was sworn in as the Ho-Chunk Nation's first police chief. The ceremony marked a major step for the Nation in forming its own law enforcement agency.

Chief Libke will lead the development of the new police department that will have jurisdiction over all Nation territories. The Ho-Chunk Nation has about 3,500 acres of trust land in 14 Wisconsin counties.

At Thursday's swearing-in ceremony, members of the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature and Judiciary, officials from the Wisconsin Department of Criminal Investigation, and associated law enforcement officials from around the state welcomed the new chief.

"The establishment of the Ho-Chunk Police Department is a major accomplishment in solidifying the sovereignty of the Ho-Chunk Nation, for not only will we be enforcing the laws of both the state and federal governments, but also those laws of the Ho-Chunk Nation as well," said Chief Libke. "It also means that the Nation will have the ability to tap into federal resources that are earmarked for law enforcement agencies throughout the United States."

"This is a major step for the Ho-Chunk Nation," said Anne Thundercloud, Ho-Chunk public relations officer. "With Chief Libke officially sworn in, we can now move forward with fully establishing our new law enforcement agency by developing a structure and regulations for the police force."

Chief Libke is a member of the Ho-Chunk Nation and most recently served as the Executive Compliance Officer for the Ho-Chunk Nation. He also served our country for nine years as a member of the Wisconsin National Guard and Wisconsin Army Reserves and spent time as a law enforcement officer in Iowa.

*Daniel Libke was sworn in as the Police Chief for the Ho-Chunk Nation Thursday. Chief Libke is pictured with Ho-Chunk Nation Attorney General Sheila Corbine.*



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