

Sac and Fox Nation Police Department
From Sac and Fox Tribal Police Chief Bob Roberts



Safety Tips for the upcoming Tornado Season

It is that time again here in Oklahoma so let's take a little time to review on Tornado safety.

1. Prevention and practice before the storm: At home, have a family tornado plan in place, based on the type of home you live in. Know where you can take shelter in a matter of seconds, and practice a family tornado drill at least once a year. Have a pre-determined place to meet after a disaster. Flying debris is the greatest danger in tornadoes; so store protective covering (mattress, sleeping bags, thick blankets, etc.) in or next to your shelter space, ready to use on a few seconds' notice. When a tornado watch is issued forget about the old notion of opening windows to equalize pressure; the tornado will blast open the windows for you!

2. Know the signs of a tornado: Weather forecasting science is not perfect and some tornadoes do occur without a warning. There is no substitute for staying alert to the sky. Besides an obviously visible tornado, here are some things to look and listen for:

1. Strong persistent rotation in the cloud base.

2. Whirling dust or debris on the ground under cloud base-tornadoes sometimes has no funnel!

3. Hail or heavy rain followed by either dead calm or a fast, intense wind shift. Many tornadoes are wrapped in heavy precipitation and can't be seen.

4 Day or night- Loud, continuous

roar or rumble, which doesn't fade in a few seconds like thunder.

3. In a house with no basement or cellar: Avoid windows. Go to the lowest floor, small center room (like a bathroom or closet), under a stairwell, or in an interior hallway with no windows. Crouch as low as possible to the floor, facing down; and cover you head with your hands. A bathtub may offer a shell of partial protection.

4. In a mobile home: Get out! Even if your home is tied down, it is not as safe an underground shelter or permanent sturdy building. Go to one of those shelters, or to a nearby permanent structure.

5. In a vehicle: Vehicles are extremely risky in a tornado. There is no safe option when caught in a tornado in a vehicle. If the tornado is visible, far away, and the traffic is light, you may be able to drive out of its path by moving at right angles to the tornado. Seek shelter in a sturdy building, or underground if possible. If you are caught by extreme winds or flying debris, park the vehicle as quickly and safely as possible-out of the traffic lanes. Stay in the vehicle with the seat belt on. Put your head down below the windows; cover your head with your hands and a blanket, coat, or other cushion if possible. If you can safely get to a ditch along the side the roadway, leave your vehicle and lie in that area.

Information taken from Roger Edwards, Storm Prediction Center, Norman, Oklahoma



Officer Wolfgang Hinker and his K-9 partner "Vader" (SFNews photo)

Officer Hinker and K-9 Partner "Vader" Receive Certification

Officer Wolfgang Hinker recently traveled to LaPlace Louisiana for two days in February.

The purpose of the trip, which was paid for by DOI funding, was to achieve a K-9 certification with NNDDA (National Narcotic Detector Dog Association Inc.).

This is the only national K-9 certification authority accredited with all Appellate Courts and the US Supreme Court.

Officer Hinker and his K-9 partner successfully certified with NNDDA. Substances they are now certified to detect are Methamphetamines, Cocaine, Heroin, Marijuana and MDMA (Ecstasy).

This supersedes the Oklahoma State certification, which does not include MDMA.

While in Louisiana, Officer Hinker and his K-9 partner "Vader" competed in the annual Jeremy Triche Narcotic K-9 Competition and placed 12th in field of 43 competitors from four different states.

The competition is a charitable event organized by NNDA.

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Native Employment Works (NEW)



Native Employment Works Funds Available Now

The Sac and Fox Nation Human Services Department is currently taking applications for Native Employment Works. NEW is a federally funded program that helps low-income households with expenses while attending school or if underemployed. We encourage you to apply at our office in Stroud or at the Shawnee Multi-Purpose Center. Please call us at the number on the bottom of this article, if you have any questions.

To qualify for NEW, you must be an enrolled member of the Sac and Fox Nation and reside within the Sac and Fox Nation jurisdictional boundaries.

The NEW program eligibility includes teen parents, unemployed parent(s) if attending school, underemployed parent(s), and other tribal members if they have one or more Sac and Fox children.

PLEASE BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:

- Tribal enrollment cards for all household members
- (Birth certificates for those without a tribal enrollment card)
- Driver's license if over 18 and not enrolled.
- Driver's license or photo ID for applicant.
- Social Security cards for all household members.
- School enrollment verification or employment verification.
- Proof of income – including paycheck stubs, Social Security or disability benefits, unemployment compensation, pension or retirement funds, etc. for all household members 18 years of age or older.

Other documents may be required based on situation

Sac and Fox Nation Human Services

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Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

LIHEAP runs from Nov. 10 – April 15 for heating assistance and from June 11 – Sept. 11 for cooling assistance

Sac and Fox Nation Human Services Department 918-968-3526

LIHEAP Clients
Please allow 7-14 working days for your application to be reviewed, verified and processed for payment.
If you have a cut-off notice we ask that you make payment arrangements.
Thank you.

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The Sac and Fox Nation Human Services LIHEAP Program is a federally funded program that helps low-income households with their home energy bills. LIHEAP can help you stay warm in the winter and cool in the summer. By doing so, you can reduce the risk of health and safety problems (such as illness, fire or eviction). We encourage you to apply at our office in Stroud or at the Shawnee Multi-Purpose Center. Please call us at the number to the left if you have any questions. The program runs from Nov. 10 through April 15 for heating and from June 11 through Sept. 11 for cooling.

To qualify for LIHEAP, you must be an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe and reside within the Sac and Fox Nation jurisdictional boundaries.

PLEASE BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:

CDIB cards for all household members (birth certificates for those without a CDIB)

Social Security cards for all household members.

Driver's license or photo I.D.

Current utility bill or cut-off notice.

Proof of income-including paycheck stubs, Social Security or disability benefits, unemployment compensation, pension or retirement funds, etc. for all household members 18 years of age or older. Other documents may be required based on your situation.