



Oneidas bringing several hundred bags of corn to Washington's starving army at Valley Forge, after the colonists had consistently refused to aid them

# Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin

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Because of the help of this Oneida Chief in cementing a friendship between the six nations and the Colony of Pennsylvania, a new nation, the United States, was made possible.

## RESOLUTION # 2-19-93-H

**WHEREAS,** the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin is a federally recognized Indian government and a treaty tribe recognized by the laws of the United States, and

**WHEREAS,** the Oneida General Tribal Council is the governing body of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, and

**WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee has been delegated the authority of Article IV, Section 1 of the Oneida Tribal Constitution by the Oneida General Tribal Council, and

**WHEREAS,** the Oneida Tribe has enacted an ordinance to create and govern the conduct of law enforcement personnel on the Oneida Indian Reservation, and

**WHEREAS,** it has been determined that certain amendments to the Ordinance are necessary after a duly noticed public hearing, and


**WHEREAS,** the General Tribal Council has directed law enforcement personnel changes, and

**WHEREAS,** the Business Committee has deemed it in the interest of the Oneida Tribe to enact the attached Oneida Law Enforcement Ordinance to supersede all previous tribal laws governing the conduct of law enforcement activities on the Oneida Indian Reservation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the attached Oneida Law Enforcement Ordinance is hereby adopted which specifically and in its entirety supersedes the Oneida Public Safety and Security Ordinance, and includes all previous directives of the Oneida General Tribal Council.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Oneida Business Committee, hereby certify that the Oneida Business Committee is composed of 9 members, of whom 5 members constitute a quorum. 7 members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1993; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 6 members for; 0 members against, and 0 members not voting; and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

  
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Amelia Cornelius, Tribal Secretary  
Oneida Business Committee

## ONEIDA LAW ENFORCEMENT ORDINANCE

### ARTICLE I. TITLE

This ordinance shall be known as the Oneida Law Enforcement Ordinance.

### ARTICLE II. GENERAL PRINCIPALS

- A The purpose of this ordinance is to regulate the conduct of law enforcement on the Oneida Indian Reservation, Oneida, Wisconsin according to the highest professional standards of law enforcement.
1. All operations shall take place on and within the exterior boundaries of the Oneida Indian Reservation, unless potential safety and welfare of individual is being compromised.
  2. All law enforcement operations shall be conducted as set forth in this ordinance.
  3. Law enforcement operations shall be used exclusively for the tribal purposes of supplementing and protecting the services rendered to Oneida tribal people, as is set forth in Article IV, Section 1 (f) "Powers of the General Tribal Council of the Oneida Tribal Constitution", and as set forth in compacts and agreements authorized by the Oneida Business Committee or Oneida General Tribal Council.
  4. The Oneida Tribe shall appoint and employ law enforcement personnel within its exterior boundaries as it deems necessary for protection of its property, land and premises.
  5. The Oneida Police Department may, as authorized and delegated by this Ordinance and the Oneida General Tribal Council, enter into cross-deputization and other law enforcement agreements with other jurisdictions.
  6. The Oneida Tribe shall regulate law enforcement use of service firearms in order to protect property, land and premises, according to the usual and minimum accepted law enforcement standards as determined by the Chief of Police.

7. The Oneida Police Department shall include a permanent and separate subdivision designated with exclusive duties and responsibilities as are required for all aspects of the gaming operations of the Oneida Tribe. All personnel in the gaming security division shall adhere to this ordinance in all respects unless otherwise restricted by the Gaming Security Director.
8. The Oneida Police Department as authorized as delegated by this ordinance and the General Tribal Council may create divisions of operation as may be deemed appropriate.

B. Definitions

1. CERTIFIED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER shall mean an officer who meets all qualifications for an Oneida Tribal Law Enforcement Officer, including accepted professional training and experience, psychological testing and police firearms certification. All new certified Law Enforcement Officers shall have a two year Police Science degree or a four year criminal justice degree from an accredited institution.
2. GAMING SECURITY shall mean a separate arm, or division, of the Oneida Police Department whose sole responsibilities shall be confined to all aspects of the gaming operations of the Oneida Tribe.
3. LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL shall mean those persons who perform law enforcement duties as directed by the Chief of Police, the Gaming Security Director or their authorized delegates, including non-certified officers.

ARTICLE III. ORGANIZATION

- A. There is hereby established a Chief of Police, and a staff law enforcement personnel as set forth under Article IV, Section 1 (g) of the Oneida Tribal Constitution.

- 1 The Chief of Police, the Assistant Chief of Police, the Gaming Security Director and the Assistant Gaming Security Director, shall be an enrolled members of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin. All other law enforcement personnel shall be subject to the Oneida and Indian preference policies of the Oneida Tribe. Additional

law enforcement personnel needs in the future may require reorganization of the Oneida Police Department. Such reorganization shall be reviewed and approved by the Oneida Business Committee or General Tribal Council prior to implementation.

2. All law enforcement of the Oneida Tribe is hereby delegated responsibilities herein set forth by the Oneida Business Committee and the Oneida General Tribal Council as well as subject to their review.
3. The Oneida Tribe shall insure law enforcement personnel against personal liability pursuant to appropriate terms set forth in the general policy of the Oneida Tribe.
4. All personnel governed by this ordinance shall be bound by internal regulations that may be required because of the specific and unique needs of the department, provided however, that all such rules and regulations are consistent with the Personnel Policies and Procedures of Oneida Tribe.

B. There shall be a Gaming Security Division of the Oneida Police Department, separate but a part of the Oneida Police Department. This division shall work cooperatively with the Oneida Police Department personnel as deemed necessary by the Chief of Police.

1. There shall be a Gaming Security Director to supervise all law enforcement personnel activities and necessities of the gaming operations of the Oneida Tribe wherever they may be situate.
2. The Gaming Security Director may employ non-certified officers, provided that such non-certified personnel shall not have access to confidential investigative material nor participate in specific professional police functions.

#### ARTICLE IV.

#### TRIBAL ORDINANCES AND LAWS

A. All tribal law enforcement personnel shall be installed by sworn oath before the Oneida Business Committee at a regular public meeting.

ARTICLE V.

FIREARMS CONTROL

- A. The Oneida Tribe hereby establishes regulations to control firearms issued to tribal law enforcement personnel within the Oneida Indian Reservation boundaries.
1. The need and requirements for carrying of firearms shall be established and determined by the Chief of Police subject to the review of the Oneida Business Committee.
  2. Said standards and regulations shall reflect the needs of the Oneida Reservation specifically in order to protect Oneida tribal persons and property, and other persons who voluntarily and in good faith enter tribal buildings and land holdings.
  3. Rules for possession and use of firearms by certified law enforcement personnel shall be strictly regulated by the Oneida Police Department pursuant to policies and regulations promulgated by the Chief of Police.
  4. The Oneida Tribe may issue firearm certification to all law enforcement personnel after having completed training requirements described in Oneida police regulations and as deemed appropriate by the Chief of Police.
  5. Law enforcement officers may possess for use while on duty only those weapons issued by the Chief of Police, and only at times or places specified.