



RESOLUTION NO. 88-15  
of the  
SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL

**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE**

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WHEREAS; the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is the governing body of the Squaxin Island Tribe of Indians by the authority of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Squaxin Island Tribe, as approved and adopted by the General Body and the Secretary of the Interior on July 8, 1965; and,

WHEREAS; the Tribal Council has delegated the authority to enforce the tribe's laws and ordinances to the tribal enforcement department; and,

WHEREAS; the Tribal Council recognizes the need for tribal officers to protect themselves and others in dangerous situations and recognizes the need for them to carry firearms.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; that the Tribal Council hereby authorizes tribal fisheries enforcement officers to carry firearms and to be cross-commissioned with the enforcement services division of the department in emergency situations and to wear the same uniforms and drive the same vehicles.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the Tribal Council, in the interest of liability and safety to it's officers and citizens, does hereby adopt the following firearms policy:

SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL FIREARMS POLICY

I. USE OF FIREARMS:

A. Purpose

The purpose of these regulations is to set forth the Tribe's policy and procedures relating to the use of firearms.

B. Policy on the Use of Firearms

A firearm may be discharged only when in the considered judgment of the officer there is imminent danger of loss of life or serious bodily injury to the officer or to another person. The weapon may be fired only for the purpose of rendering the person at whom it is fired incapable of continuing the activity prompting the officer to shoot. The firing of warning shots is prohibited. This policy does not apply to the use of firearms to participate in official marksmanship training or to kill a dangerous or seriously injured animal.

C. Authority to Carry a Firearm

1. Authorizing Official

The Squaxin Island Tribal Council may authorize employees to carry firearms. The authority of the council under this paragraph may not be redelegated.

2. Employees Permitted to Carry Firearms

Tribal law enforcement officers or trainees receiving firearms instruction may be authorized to carry firearms.

3. Initial Qualification Requirement

Tribal law enforcement officers or trainees may be authorized to carry firearms during official or marksmanship training. Officers are required to receive four hours of training in the use of weapons, policy and safety and to be certified by a qualified instructor as proficient in the use of police firearms.

D. Semiannual Requalification Requirement:

Tribal law enforcement officers must attain a score of 70 percent or better within the previous six months to be qualified to carry a firearm. An officer who fails to qualify as a marksman may be retested one week later.

Additional tests to qualify may be scheduled at one week intervals. Any officer who fails to qualify shall be reassigned pending qualification to duties that do not require the use of firearms. Any officer who fails to qualify after 10 attempts shall be permanently reassigned to a position which does not require the use of firearms.

E. Actions to be Taken When a Firearm is Used.

1. Responsibility of Officer Firing Weapon.

A law enforcement officer shall prepare a report in accordance with 68 IAM 5.5 stating all facts involved in the firing of a weapon (except while in training or to kill dangerous or seriously injured animal). The officer shall report the firing of the weapon to a supervisor immediately.

2. Responsibility of Supervisor:

(a) Upon receipt of a report that a weapon has been discharged without injury to any person, the supervisor shall investigate the incident and submit a report of the findings to the Chief Enforcement Officer.

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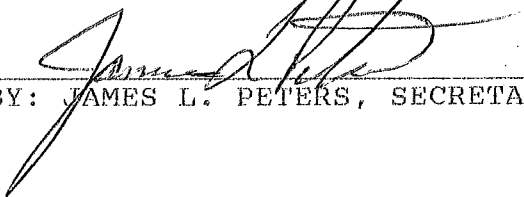
enforcement officers. The holding of competitive inter-area marksmanship matches and occasional participation in NRA sponsored matches will establish rapport with neighboring jurisdictions and serve as a medium of goodwill in developing an exchange of professional information and courtesies.

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

The Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted at a Regular meeting of the Squaxin Island Tribal Council, held this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1988, at which time a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of 4 for, and 0 against, with 0 abstentions.

  
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DAVID E. LOPEMAN, CHAIRMAN

  
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ATTESTED BY: JAMES L. PETERS, SECRETARY