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Region VII

Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas

Honoring Our Partnerships:

Nation to Nation



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FEMA Mission Statement

FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we **work together** to build, sustain, and **improve our capability** to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.



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565 federally-recognized Tribes across the nation

9 federally recognized Tribes in Region VII

- ✓ Ponca Tribe of Nebraska
 - ✓ Santee Sioux
- ✓ Omaha Tribe of Nebraska
- ✓ Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska
- ✓ Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation
 - ✓ Kickapoo Tribe of Kansas
- ✓ Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska
 - ✓ Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri
- ✓ Sac and Fox Nation of Mississippi and Iowa



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- 2002 MOU
- Tribal Emergency Management Coordinating Council
 - Tribal work group
 - “Government to Government”



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Nation-to-Nation

New 2010 Federal Policy

Purpose: to enhance nation-to-nation relationships with Tribes nationwide.

- Acknowledges the inherent sovereignty of tribes
- Re-asserts the nation-to-nation relationship between federal government and tribes as foundation of partnership... and this is underscored in a host of federal laws and treaties
- Tribes have a unique and direct relationship with the Federal government
- Tribal governments are not political subdivisions of States
- FEMA to work directly with Tribes to address concerns before taking action
- Eliminate unfunded mandates on tribes

In addition:

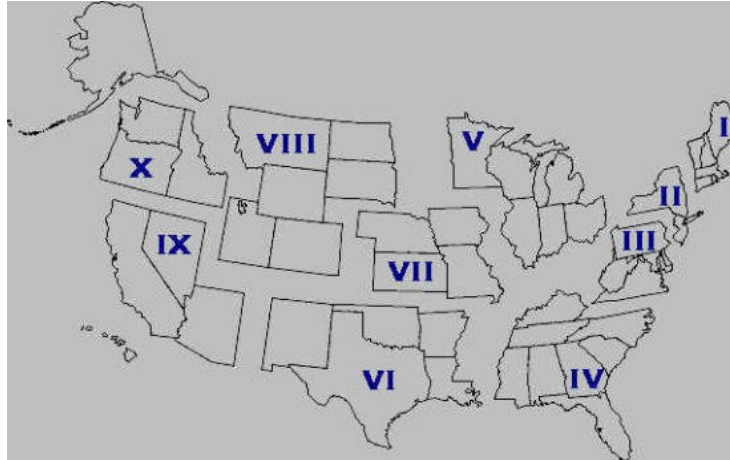
- FEMA's leadership comes from diverse backgrounds, with on the ground experience in intergovernmental affairs, but depends on our ability to communicate
- The rich cultural history of Tribal communities makes nation-to-nation relations a vital part of FEMA fulfilling its whole community mission



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Improvements

Designation of full-time Tribal liaisons in FEMA regional offices.



- New Federal Indian Law attorney in FEMA's Office of Chief Counsel
- Established 4 new tribal emergency management courses at the Emergency Management Institute, in Emmitsburg, MD
- Increase in funding for DHS Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program



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Current FEMA Activities

Identifying, and eliminating or diminishing procedural impediments to working directly and effectively with tribal governments

Tribal Liaisons serve as ambassadors for the federal government, within the tribal communities, providing support in navigating technical requirements and policies

Ensuring that no potential eligibility is overlooked

Ready Indian Country initiative: to enhance tribal readiness
@ ready.gov



FEMA Head Craig Fugate testifies before U.S. Congress



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FEMA National Advisory Council NAC

Established by the enactment of the Post-Katrina Emergency Response Act of 2006, the National Advisory Council (NAC) advises the FEMA Administrator on all aspects of emergency management.

Recently appointed to the NAC was Rebecca White Tribal Chairwoman of the Ponca Tribe.



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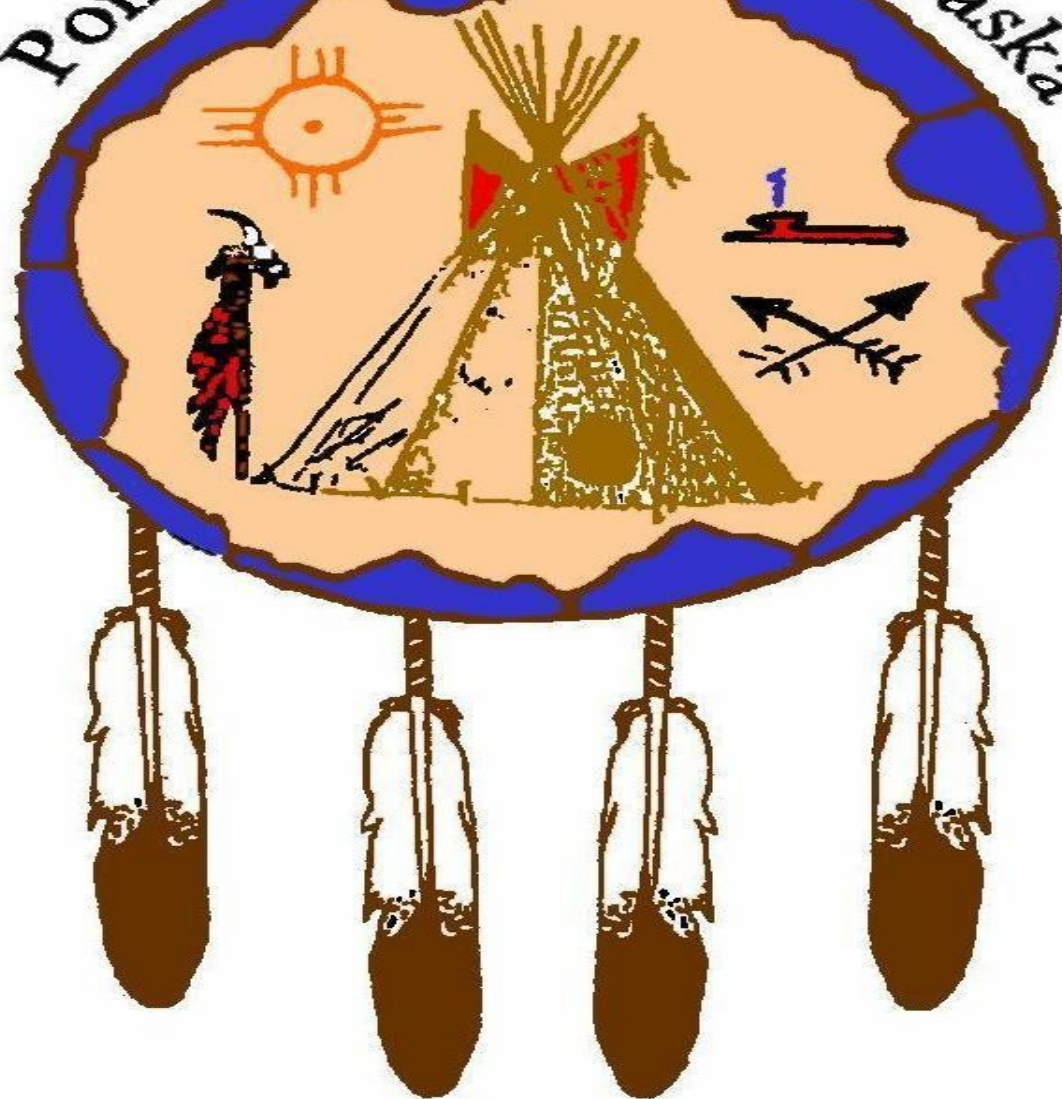
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Tribal Liaisons
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Government

Ponca Tribe of Nebraska



HOMELAND

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska is one of four tribes considered indigenous to Nebraska with the other three—the Omaha, Santee Sioux, and Winnebago—possessing reservations.



SIZE

The Ponca were never a large tribe. The tribe's probable size in 1780 was estimated at 800. By 1804, largely because of smallpox, their numbers dwindled to around 200. Currently, the Tribe has over 3,100 members nationwide.



TRIAL OF CHIEF STANDING BEAR

At the trial, Chief Standing Bear spoke the following: "That hand is not the color of yours, but if I pierce it, I shall feel pain. If you pierce your hand, you also feel pain. The blood that will flow from mine will be the same color as yours. I am a man. God made us both."



TERMINATION

Ironically, as late as 1966, the Ponca would, yet again, be considered “persona non-grata” when the United States government terminated the Tribe.



RESTORATION

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska is the name used to describe the Northern Ponca Tribe after the Tribe was officially restored in 1990.



WINNEBAGO TRIBE'S WINNEVEGAS CASINO

The casino plans to re-open the doors this week using three duck boats from Florida that will transport its customers from land, over water, to its front doors.



OMAHA TRIBE'S CASINOMAHA

The Omaha
Tribe has over
12,000 acres
under water.

ROADS LEADING TO THE SANTEE NATION



I-29 BY OMAHA & SIOUX CITY: TWO OF PONCA'S SERVICE AREAS





Ponca Tribal Community Building is on the Nebraska's Historical Sites List. Another example of the Tribes and Federal Government coming together.

FEMA NAC

The National Advisory Council (NAC) was established to ensure effective and ongoing coordination of Federal preparedness, protection, response, recovery, and mitigation for natural disasters, acts of terrorism, and other man-made disasters.

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