

Region 2: Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe and Kitsap Public Health District Partners In Preparedness Treatment and Triage Partnering Project

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Tribal Sovereignty

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- **Tribal sovereignty** in the United States is the concept of the inherent authority of indigenous **tribes** to govern themselves within the borders of the United States. Tribes use the term interchangeably with self-governance and self determination.
- governing your people and governing your land."
- tools to preserve culture and traditions of Indian people."



Since Time Immemorial

Tribal Sovereignty in Washington State

Ideas Getting Started

- Safety & Emergency Management position created for tribe in April 2018
- Outreach to build partnerships
 - ✓ Collaboration for treatment and triage
 - ✓ Look at Resources
 - ✓ Relationship building with local jurisdictions
 - ✓ Strengthen overall emergency systems to public health and medical emergencies



Recognize Need

- Tribe recognizes potential need of surrounding community/jurisdictions in a large event or disaster
- closest clinic in all of North Kitsap County
- major event or disaster – they will come
- Reaches out to Kitsap Public Health in September 2018



How Can We Accomplish

1. Planning
2. Organizing
3. Training
4. Equipping
5. Exercising
6. Evaluating
7. Taking corrective action



Steps



- Planned and Organized with Kitsap Public Health District and Northwest Healthcare Response Network –
 - what does the big picture look like
 - how will we get there
- Training –
 - treatment and triage curriculum reviewed and held training on February 26, 2019
 - educate tribal staff and community – Community Emergency Response Training (CERT)

Getting Ready



- Equipping –
- Identify services and resources
 - clinic
 - staff
 - emergency plan updates
 - supplies
- Talk about and secure agreements



Evaluate

- Exercising and Evaluating
 - table top
 - full scale exercise
- Take Corrective Action
 - always ways to improve
 - continued training



Our Future...

- building community resilience
- strengthening our relationships
- designing plans to save life and property



Questions

