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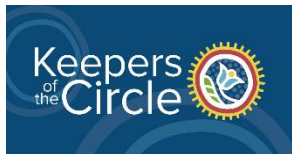
Our First Nation has established an Indigenous Led Deployment Security Team that we call **Sheshegwaning Naagdawenjgek** which means “People who take care or look after something”

We are a team that trains and deploys team members to host Cities to assist communities that have been evacuated from their homes due to flood, wildfire, and other emergencies. Our team members are trained in; Mental Health First Aid-First Nations and Naloxone Training. As an indigenous support team, our focus is to create an atmosphere around cultural awareness, acceptance, respect and unity, as per our traditional values.

We are working in partnership with Keepers of the Circle to create a well-balanced group of Naagdawenjgek, who will provide training and protection.

The UCCM Police Commission on Manitoulin Island donates their retired vehicles to the First Nations they serve and this year we were gifted with a GMC Tahoe. This vehicle will be used by the security team as the programs dedicated vehicle for travel, when teams are deployed. This vehicle is large enough to accommodate a team, equipment and supplies as needed.

As the EDD, one of my goals is to recruit and train Indigenous guards from across the Manitoulin Island, Region with a goal to partner with other organizations to expand services across Ontario. One of the partnerships we are currently working with, is with Grand Council Treaty #3 Nation and their EMC, Monika Huminuk, in the Northwest Region of the Province.



Special note of appreciation to “Our Keepers of the Circle” team members and Florence Batisse, a recruiter and trainer who created pathways for Indigenous women, into the security sector.

Meet a few of our Team Members:

Joe Shinos, Team lead & Trainer
Joe is one of our Team Lead Naagdawenjgek and trainer. Joe is from Sheshegwaning First Nation.



Tyrell Robertson, Is one of our wonderful Naagdawenjgek, from Wikwemikong First Nation and lives in Sheshegwaning.

Erica Sampson, Aanii boozhoo!
Is from Sheshegwaning First Nation. Did Security from home, and training to become a Paramedic.



Bodrew French, Is from Constance Lake and moved to Sheshegwaning. Bodrew works with the Canadian Rangers, and his diploma to become an electrician.

