

**Native Village of Kwinhagak**  
**Quinhagak I.R.A. Council**  
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Public Testimony Notes, Annie N. Roach, Tribal Administrator.  
Ten minute time limits & have to have it in writing. ~~See the 1st attached~~

If the creation of the unified law and court systems for Alaska Native Villages limits the jurisdiction and power of the Tribal Councils that enact Tribal Codes and the Tribal Courts that pass judgment according to the Tribal Codes, there is the potential that the Tribal Council and Courts will be restricted from enforcing local laws that preserve the peace of the village.  
*traditional*

*around 1999*  
Regarding meeting the law enforcement and judicial personnel needs in rural Alaska: The Native Village of Kwinhagak was discussing cross deputizing the Tribal Police Officers to enforce state trespass laws, the problem was the training and certification of the TPO's. Funding is needed for training. Funding is also needed to pay higher TPO wages that compete with other jobs within the village. ~~to retain qualified and competent staff~~

Most of the cases in the Kwinhagak Tribal Court are curfew violations and alcohol related cases. Collection for their fines has been a challenge.

The Tribal Police Chief spends a lot of time filling out paperwork for violations that are to be tried in the state court. The paperwork has to be complete or else the case will be dismissed. He is the main one doing this type of paperwork because the TPO wages ~~are not~~ do not draw employees that would be proficient enough for this type of paperwork and also there is no funding for training for the Tribal Police Staff. There is

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a difference between competency and proficiency. The Tribal Police officers gain proficiency through training and experience. Retention of experienced and trained officers is a challenge when they leave for jobs that pay better or are less stressful.

