



A Resource for Native Americans

Overview

The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, the Yakama Nation, and the Nez Perce Tribe have been an integral part of HAMMER, since its conception.

Representatives from the three tribes continue to hold seats on the HAMMER Steering Committee. These and other northwest tribes design programs then conduct them at HAMMER, using the facility's modern classrooms and realistic life-sized props.

College accredited Intertribal Fire and Law Enforcement Academies held at HAMMER include valuable emergency preparedness and response training. Several northwest tribes, as well as the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, have worked with HAMMER to develop the 7-acre Cultural Test Bed. The bed contains a Reference Target Area for non-intrusive subsurface detection classes, as well as buried simulated cultural features and artifacts for training to identify and investigate potentially looted cultural sites.

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Typical Training Classes

- Intertribal Fire & Law Enforcement Academies
- Emergency Medical Tech-B
- Fire Fighter I & II
- Industrial Fire Brigade
- HazMat Preparedness/Response
- Technical Rescue
- Archaeological Resource Protection Act - Incident Investigation
- Cultural Site Recognition & Preservation
- Underground Surveillance Techniques
- ♦ Global Positioning System Mapping

Frequently Used Props

- Liquid Petroleum Gas Fuel Truck & Burn Pad
- Flammable Liquids Burn Pad
- Burn Building
- Search & Rescue Building
- Cultural Test Bed
- Reference Target Area

"Let's hope we never have to use it, but in case there is an accident or some type of incident, we'll have the people trained."

Russell Jim, Elder,
Manager, Environmental & Waste Management Office
Yakama Nation