



**First Nations Chiefs of Police Association
Vice-President (West)**

**Edward (Lennard) Busch
File Hills First Nation Police Service**

Edward “Lennard” Busch is of Sioux ancestry and is a member of the Kahkewistahaw First Nation. He has been a police officer for 37 years. Len commenced his policing career with the Manitoba Police Commission as a Native Community Constable at South Indian Lake, Manitoba in 1978. He joined the RCMP through its 3B Native Special Constable Program at Lynn Lake, Manitoba in 1980 and was sent to the RCMP Academy for four months basic special constable training. In 1985 in order to be promoted from S/Cst. to Constable he returned to the RCMP Training Academy at Regina for Basic Training. Following basic recruit training he was posted back to Lynn Lake, Manitoba for two additional years.

In 1988 Len was transferred to Winnipeg to the Drug Intelligence Unit (DIU) doing full-time undercover duties. During the next 10 years he did undercover work in almost every province and territory in Canada. In 1991 he was transferred to the RCMP Winnipeg Drug Section where he worked on organized crime. 1994 brought a promotion to the rank of corporal and a transfer to the Applied Police sciences Unit at the RCMP Training Academy in Regina, Saskatchewan.

Len worked at the Applied Police Sciences Unit as a facilitator and as the coordinator for the scenario based training program. While there he was a member of Canada’s Northern Justice committee and spoke on Community and Restorative Justice at conferences in Nunavut and Greenland.

In 1999 Len received a commission to the rank of Inspector. He was transferred to Ottawa where he was the Officer in Charge of the RCMP National Aboriginal Policing Services for three years. While at NAPS Len led the ACDP, AYTP, and the Restorative Justice programs and accepted the IACP Weber-Seavey Award for the RCMP’s Suicide Prevention Program. He was the chairman of the Commissioner’s Aboriginal Advisory and he travelled extensively nationally and internationally promoting Restorative Justice and Community Policing.

In 2003 Len became the Security Liaison Officer for the Governor General. In this capacity he traveled extensively to 42 counties and two war zones liaising with foreign police and military organizations and providing and supervising close protection for the Governor General Adrian Clarkson and later Madame Michael Jean and their families.

In May 2006 Len became the Director of the Professional Development Centre for Aboriginal Policing at the Canadian Police College. The new unit was responsible for designing and delivering culturally appropriate and relevant training for Aboriginal and First Nations Policing in Canada.

Len finished his career with the RCMP as the Director of the Police Leadership Centre at the Canadian Police College where he was in charge of the design and delivery of both managerial and leadership training for Canadian and international police managers and executives. In June 2014 Len graduated from the Executive Development in Policing Program at the Canadian Police College.

On September 1st, 2014 Len became the Chief of Police at the File Hills First Nations Police Service in Saskatchewan, which is currently the only self-administered First Nations Police Service in the Province.



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