Indian State Mobilization is a big success!

Indian State Impaired Driving Assessment Planned

Grants Writing Training – March 20 – 24, 2006

Tribal Law Enforcement Task Force underway

Indian Poly-tech Institute (SPI) in Albuquerque.

Speakers at the press event included: Charles Jaynes - GR for the Indian Nations, Rachel O’Connor - DWI Czar for State of New Mexico, Vicki Shirley - First Lady of the Navajo Nation, Bob Schwartz - Governor’s Office and Pat Tucker, NHTSA.

The press event was covered by all major television stations in the Albuquerque area as well as several newspapers across the country.

Increased funding as a result of SAFETEA-LU made

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“Don’t Shatter The Dream”

Indian State Mobilization

The BIA Indian Highway Safety Office coordinated the first “Indian State” Mobilization during the Christmas Holiday period. The mobilization dates were December 20, 2005 – January 2, 2006. More than 100 Tribes in 32 states (including BIA police) participated in the mobilization.

The BIA Indian Highway Safety Office kicked off the mobilization with a Press Event on December 14, 2005 at the Southwestern Indian Poly-tech Institute (SPI) in Albuquerque.

The press event was covered by all major television stations in the Albuquerque area as well as several newspapers across the country.

The participation by the many Tribes during the recent Indian State Mobilization is proof that preventing death and injury as a result of motor vehicle crashes in Indian Country has become a more important issue. Our office worked hard to coordinate the effort and to ensure that Tribal law enforcement offices had the tools they needed to enforce the DWI laws and ensure that families made it home safely during the holiday season. Tribes from all across this nation rallied to keep their reservations safe.

Although this was a great effort, we still have work to do. The BIA Indian Highway Safety Program is partnering with a number of agencies and organizations to improve safety programs throughout Indian Country.

We have many trainings and other opportunities ahead for this year and as we begin our planning for FY07, it is our intention to involve more Tribes than ever in highway safety efforts.

Respectfully,

Charles Jaynes – GR
BIA Indian Highway Safety
Indian State Mobilization (continued from page 1)

The mobilization gained national attention from several high ranking officials including Governor Brian Schweitzer – Montana. “Losing lives to drinking and driving is both tragic and unnecessary” he said. Governor Schweitzer went on to say, “I am proud to be a part of this effort.”

The BIA IHSP Law Enforcement Liaison Officer, Trent Standing Rock advised the “Don’t Shatter the Dream” mobilization will be an annual event for Indian Country. Mr. Standing Rock hopes the success of the first mobilization will carry through to the next.

Charles Jaynes pledged financial support for the Tribes in the upcoming year so that more Tribes can participate in the next mobilization.

Impaired Driving Assessment

The BIA Indian Highway Safety Office in conjunction with NHTSA will sponsor an Impaired Driving Assessment for Indian Country. The assessment will be held at the Sandia Resort, located on the Sandia Pueblo (approximately 7 miles north of Albuquerque, NM), from March 6-10, 2006.

Representatives from the 60 largest Tribes have been invited to participate by providing testimony to the panel of experts. Letters of invitations have also been sent to all 570 Tribal Leaders to attend a Tribal Leaders Reception. The hope is, these leaders can talk to panel members and provide information and insight in an informal setting.

According to Patricia Abeyta, Program Coordinator, interest for the assessment is high among the Tribes. Currently there are Tribal members from 22 states slated to attend.

Evelyn Avant, NHTSA’s Impaired Driving Division, is the agency lead for this assessment.

Sleeping rooms are available at the Sandia Resort for $119.00 per night.

For more information, contact the BIA Highway Safety Office.

Grants Writing Training

The BIA Indian Highway Safety Program will offer Grants Writing Training to Tribes in Albuquerque, NM., March 21-22, 2006. The training will be at the Country Inn & Suites (I-25 North).

Letters of invitation have been mailed to Tribes. Travel expenses for one member from each participating Tribe will be reimbursed once an FY07 Highway Safety Project proposal is received.

Tribal members interested in attending the training must contact the highway safety office on or before March 3, 2006. SPACE IS LIMITED.
Just The Facts Ma’am

Tribal law enforcement agencies (including the BIA) in 32 states participated in the “Don’t Shatter the Dream” Indian State Mobilization from December 20, 2005 – January 2, 2006. Fifty seven agencies sent post mobilization reports into the BIA. The 57 Tribal Law enforcement agencies that reported post mobilization numbers represents 340,341 Tribal members and cover an estimated 28,979 square miles.

All reports have been totaled and the results are listed below.

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Total Crashes: 179
Alcohol related crashes: 58
Fatalities: 11
Alcohol involved fatalities: 8

Moving On

The BIA Indian Highway Safety Office will be relocating the first week in March. Please note the new address.

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Tribal law enforcement agencies that participated in the mobilization and provided post mobilization information were eligible for incentive awards from the BIA Indian Highway Safety Program.

Names for all 57 agencies reporting were put in a random drawing. Incentive awards available to the agencies include: radars, portable breath testing devices and checkpoint equipment.

The BIA Indian Highway Safety Program sends special thanks to the NHTSA Regional Offices for helping to make the mobilization a success!

Congratulations to the following winners:

Oneida Tribe – Wisconsin
Pine Ridge – South Dakota
Tuba City – Arizona
Quechan Tribe – Arizona
White Mountain – Arizona
Swinomish – Washington
Nisqually – Washington
Tulalip – Washington
Mescalero – New Mexico
Lac Vieux – Michigan

Tools For Cops

TRIBAL COPS WORKING TOGETHER

Three Montana Tribes have begun efforts to make an impact on impaired driving on their respective reservations by developing a “roving” task force. The task force, a first in Indian Country, includes the Rocky Boy, Fort Peck and Crow Tribes is specifically targeting traffic safety and risky driving behaviors on these reservations.

The American Indian Law Enforcement DUI Task Force consists of five patrol officers, 1 Sergeant and a Captain. Although in its infancy, results are beginning to pay off for these reservations. For more information contact Capt. James Summers, (Ft. Peck) at (406) 768-5566.
Child Passenger Safety Seats

Letters are being mailed to Tribes with requirements that must be met in order to apply for child passenger safety seats. The letter, along with the short application, requirements and assurances should reach Tribes by the end of February.

All Tribes that apply to receive seats will be required to work with the IHS Area Injury Specialist.

Seats will be awarded on a first come first serve basis to Tribes that comply with requirements. Seats will be awarded based on the size of the reservation and according to the CPS program or distribution methods available.

Tribes that have questions, once they receive their letters, should contact the BIA IHSP staff for additional information.

About The BIA IHSP

The BIA Indian Highway Safety Program is located within the Department of Safety and Risk Management. The Division Director, and Governor’s Representative for the “Indian” State is Charles Jaynes. Mr. Jaynes, in his 25th year as the GR, is one of the longest serving GR’s in Highway Safety.

The dedicated staff at the highway safety office includes: Patricia Abeyta – Program Coordinator, Jeff Hepting – Highway Safety Specialist, Trent Standing Rock – Law Enforcement Liaison Officer and Janice Gachupin – Office Automation Clerk.