

INDIAN LAW AND ORDER COMMISSION HEARING

Written Testimony

The Navajo Police Department-DILKON POLICE DISTRICT covers ten (10) Chapter communities within the Southwestern Navajo Nation (on 24/7). Dilkon Police District provides various services and operations within Coconino County, Navajo County, and Apache County within the reservation. Dilkon Police District has support services and resources available 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and lack of service and resources on Saturday, Sunday, and Holidays. All of the prisoner transports are made on 24/7 to Navajo Department of Corrections-Tuba City, Navajo Department of Corrections-Chinle, and Navajo Department of Corrections-Window Rock.

The following ten (10) Chapter communities consist of the following;

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| 1) Leupp, Arizona * | Coconino County |
| 2) Tolani Lake, Arizona | Coconino County |
| 3) Leupp, Arizona | Coconino County |
| 4) Birdsprings, Arizona | Coconino/Navajo County (separated by county line) |
| 5) Dilkon, Arizona * | Navajo County |
| 6) Teesto, Arizona * | Navajo County |
| 7) Indian Wells, Arizona | Navajo County |
| 8) White Cone, Arizona | Navajo County |
| 9) Jeddito, Arizona * | Navajo County |
| 10) Greasewood Springs, Arizona | Navajo/Apache County (separated by county line) |

ISSUE/CONCERN: Dilkon Police District does not have full service and or authority from the Coconino County Sheriff's Department and the Navajo County Sheriff's Department on enforcing law(s) violated by Non-Indians on the reservation. The defense reveals around the MOU/MOA for law enforcement authority over Non-Indians; and the Major Crimes Act evolving on crimes committed on the reservation. The cross commission cards for various law enforcement agencies need to be resolved at various levels command within the law enforcement agencies on/off the reservation. However several County Precincts are located on the reservation dealing with collecting traffic citation fees and conducting traffic/criminal hearings on Non-Indians. For an example a Deputy Sheriff (Navajo County Sheriff's Department) assigned within the community of Pinon, Arizona. The Deputy Sheriff only detains and holds offenders until such time a Navajo Police Officer arrives and or releases the offender at the scene, or transport the offender back to his/her home from the scene.

The Navajo Police Department-DILKON POLICE DISTRICT covers several state highways within the Southwestern Navajo Nation on 24/7. Dilkon Police District provides services and operations associated with selective traffic enforcement; DWI/DUI checkpoints; and investigating minor/fatal vehicle crashes on state highways as following;

- 1) State Highway 99 – south of Leupp, Arizona *
- 2) State Highway 87 – west of Dilkon, Arizona *
- 3) State Highway 264 – east of Jeddito, Arizona *

ISSUE/CONCERN: Dilkon Police District does not network with any of the state law enforcement on the state highways captioned above (on 24/7). Evidently most of the impaired drivers are coming back to the reservation are undetected, which usually results in vehicle crashes, and it is even unsafe on the first week of the month when families received their income of various payroll(s). Dilkon Police District is requesting for the Arizona Department of Public Safety to be more perceptible and of prevention on the state highways. Dilkon Police District understands the manpower demands on/off the reservation, only communication associated with meetings involving the higher command would eliminate some of the questions at lower level involving the troops serving the community and the public (on 24/7).

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