

**RESOLUTION OF THE
LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE OF THE
25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - FOURTH YEAR, 2026**

AN ACTION

RELATING TO THE LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE; AMENDING PLAN OF OPERATION FOR NAVAJO DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS, DIVISION OF PUBLIC SAFETY

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Law and Order Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 600(A).
- B. The Law and Order Committee is authorized to approve and amend plans of operation for programs over which it exercises oversight authority. 2 N.N.C. § 601(B)(4).
- C. The Law and Order Committee serves as the oversight committee for the Division of Public Safety and its programs. 2 N.N.C. §§ 601(C)(1) and 1355.

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. The Navajo Nation Council established the Navajo Nation Division of Public Safety, as well as the adoption of its Plan of Operation in resolution CO-86-95, codified in 2 N.N.C. §§ 1351-1356. By the same resolution, the Council acknowledged that Plans of Operation for various programs within the division would be enacted through standing committee. 2 N.N.C. § 1354. Further, through standing committee resolution GSCAU-61-95, passed August 22, 1995, Plans of Operation for the various programs with the Division of Public Safety were approved.
- B. On March 12, 2018, the Law and Order Committee amended the Plan of Operation for the Navajo Department of Criminal Investigation. See LOCMA-01-18, attached as **Exhibit A**.

SECTION THREE. AMENDING PLAN OF OPERATION FOR NAVAJO DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

The Navajo Nation amends the Plan of Operation for the Navajo Department of Criminal Investigations and LOCMA-01-18 as follows:

**NAVAJO DIVISION OF PUBLIC SAFETY
DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS
PLAN OF OPERATIONS**

III. STAFFING AND ORGANIZATION

C. The director shall be authorized to make decisions regarding additional personnel positions. The Director or the District Criminal Investigations Supervisor may ~~and to~~ request professional and technical assistance from other tribal, federal, state, city, and county law enforcement agencies as needed to carry out the organizational purposes and objectives herein. Additional positions shall be acquired within applicable rules established for conducting the annual Navajo Nation budget process.

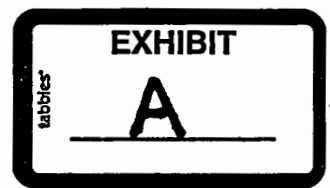
CERTIFICATION

I, hereby, certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Law and Order Committee of the 25th Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting in Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 04 in Favor, and 00 Opposed, on this 13th day of April 2026.



Honorable Arbin Mitchell, Chair Pro Tempore
25th Navajo Nation Council
Law and Order Committee

Motioned by: Honorable Titus J. Nez
Seconded by: Honorable Nathan Notah



LOCMA-01-18

RESOLUTION OF THE
LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE
23RD NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - Fourth Year, 2018

AN ACTION

RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE; AMENDING PLAN OF OPERATION FOR
NAVAJO NATION DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS, DIVISION OF
PUBLIC SAFETY

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Law and Order Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 600 (A).
- B. The Law and Order Committee has oversight over the Department of Public Safety and its programs. 2 N.N.C. § 601(C)(1).
- C. The Law and Order Committee pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 601(B)(4) is authorized to approve and amend plans of operation for programs over which it exercises oversight authority.

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. Navajo Nation Council resolution CAU-50-59 provided and stated the functions of the Navajo Police Department. The functions of the Police Department were subsequently codified as section 1114 of Title 2 of the Navajo Nation Code. *Navajo Tribal Code, 1969 Edition*. Since then, there have been various amendments and enactments of Plans of Operation regarding the Police Department.
- B. Enabling legislation in 1995 was enacted by the Navajo Nation Council through resolution CO-86-95 establishing the Navajo Nation Division of Public Safety, as well as the adoption of its Plan of Operation. By the same resolution, the Council acknowledged that Plans of Operation for various programs within the division would be enacted through standing committee. *Id.* Accordingly, through standing committee resolution GSCAU-61-95

(passed August 22, 1995), Plans of Operation for the various programs with the Division of Public Safety were approved.

- C. Navajo Department of Criminal Investigations is a program within the Division of Public Safety, and its purposes include conducting investigations of federal major crimes such as, but not limited to, homicides, rapes, and serious assaults. The Plan of Operation for the Department of Criminal Investigations must be generally updated, clarifying duties and responsibilities of the program pursuant to its purposes and objectives.

SECTION THREE. AMENDING PLAN OF OPERATION FOR NAVAJO OFFICE OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

The Navajo Nation hereby amends the Plan of Operation for the Navajo Department of Criminal Investigations as follows:

NAVAJO DIVISION OF PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS PLAN OF OPERATIONS

I. ESTABLISHMENT

There is hereby established the Navajo Department of Criminal Investigations within the Navajo Division of Public Safety. The Director of the Navajo Department of Criminal Investigations shall be under the direct supervision of the Executive Director of the Navajo Division of Public Safety.

II. PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

The purpose of the Navajo Department of Criminal Investigations is to provide effective and efficient criminal investigation services within the territorial jurisdiction of the Navajo Nation as defined by Title 7 N.N.C. § 254 and 18 U.S.C. § 1151 on a 24-hour basis.

III. STAFFING AND ORGANIZATION

- A. All personnel shall be employed and compensated in accordance with applicable Navajo Nation Personnel Policies Manual, and the Director of the Navajo Department of Criminal Investigations shall be selected by the Executive Director of the Navajo Division of Public Safety, in accordance with the established Navajo Nation Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual.
- B. There is hereby established seven (7) districts within the Navajo Department of Criminal Investigations in conjunction with the seven (7) police districts. Each district shall be staffed sufficiently to accomplish the purpose and objectives stated herein. See attachment 1, organizational chart.
- C. The director shall be authorized to make decisions regarding additional personnel positions and to request professional and technical assistance from other tribal, federal, state, city, and county law enforcement agencies as needed to carry out the organizational purposes and objectives herein. Additional positions shall be acquired within applicable rules established for conducting the annual Navajo Nation budget process.

IV. AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

- A. The responsibilities of the Navajo Department of Criminal Investigations shall include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - 1. To exercise control and authority over criminal investigation activities within the territorial jurisdiction of the Navajo Nation.
 - 2. To coordinate criminal investigation activities with each district criminal investigations office and police department in order to maintain law and order and to protect property and lives within the territorial jurisdiction of the Navajo Nation.

3. To initiate and thoroughly conduct criminal investigations of suspected criminal violations within the territorial jurisdiction of the Navajo Nation with a high degree of professionalism and impartiality.
 4. To refer completed case files to the proper prosecuting authority in a timely manner, and ensure such files shall contain accurate criminal investigative information and reports with a view towards prosecution in both Navajo Nation courts and federal courts.
 5. To provide community services within the territorial jurisdiction of the Navajo Nation in order to enhance community relations.
- B. The responsibilities of the Director of the Navajo Department of Criminal Investigations shall include, but are not limited to the following:
1. To coordinate and oversee the daily operations of the Navajo Department of Criminal Investigations.
 2. To supervise, control and administer the Navajo Department of Criminal Investigations in compliance with all applicable Navajo Nation laws, rules and regulations, and other applicable grant and contract provisions.
 3. To ensure that accurate records and statistical information are maintained regarding criminal investigations conducted by the Navajo Department of Criminal Investigations.
 4. To negotiate contracts, grants and agreements on behalf of the Navajo Department of Criminal Investigations in compliance with all Navajo Nation laws, rules and regulations.
 5. To report directly to the Executive Director regarding all activities of the Navajo Department of Criminal Investigations on a regular basis.

C. The responsibility of each District within the Navajo Department of Criminal Investigations shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. To assist with the development of an annual budget, departmental planning, and project implementation.
2. To compile and analyze crime data relative to the Navajo Department of Criminal Investigations
3. To develop and implement a computer based information system for more effective and efficient criminal investigations services.
4. To coordinate and control all criminal investigative activities within the territorial jurisdiction of the Navajo Nation with Federal, state, county, city and other tribal agencies when appropriate.
5. To conduct in-depth criminal investigations of suspected or alleged criminal violations of federal major crimes within the territorial jurisdiction of the Navajo Nation.
6. To respond immediately to a crime scene and take charge of the investigative process until completed.
7. To present each criminal case to the appropriate prosecuting authority.
8. To ensure that criminal investigators attend judicial hearings to present any and all admissible evidence, including testimony, of a crime investigated by the Navajo Department of Criminal Investigations.
9. To conduct crime prevention training and education to interested organizations and individuals within the territorial jurisdiction of the Navajo Nation.
10. To ensure that all criminal investigators attend required training and in-service training necessary to maintain standards approved by the Navajo Department of Criminal Investigations.

11. To coordinate communication among all law enforcement and criminal justice agencies involved in a criminal investigation of an offense occurring within the territorial jurisdiction of the Navajo Nation.

V. LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT

The Navajo Department of Criminal Investigations, Navajo Nation Division of Public Safety shall operate under the legislative oversight of the Law and Order Committee of the Navajo Nation Council, pursuant to the powers granted that committee by 2 N.N.C. § 600. et. seq.

VI. AMENDMENTS

This Plan of Operation may be amended from time to time by the Law and Order Committee of the Navajo Nation Council as deemed appropriate.

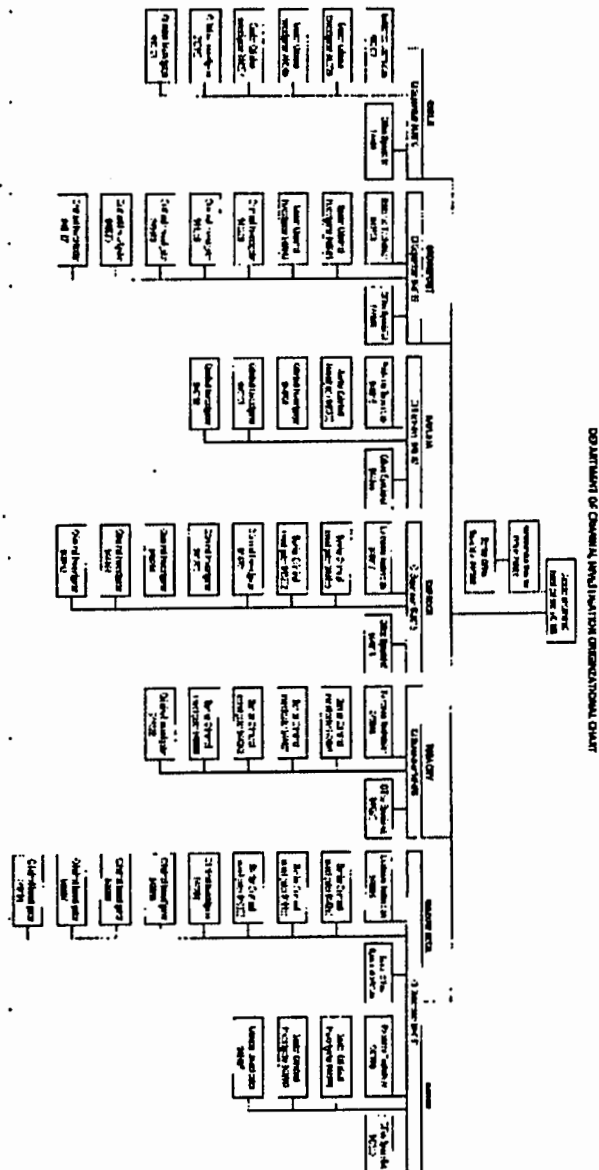
CERTIFICATION

I, hereby, certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Law and Order Committee of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting in Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 2 in favor and 0 oppose this 12th day of March, 2018.



Honorable Edmund Yazzie, Chairperson
Law and Order Committee
of the 23RD Navajo Nation Council

Motion: Honorable Kee Allen Begay, Jr.
Second: Honorable Raymond Smith, Jr.



**LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE
25TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL**

**Regular Meeting
April 13, 2026**

Legislation No. 0065-26: An Action Relating to the Law and Order Committee; Amending Plan of Operation for Navajo Department of Criminal Investigations, Division of Public Safety
– Sponsor: Honorable Eugenia Charles-Newton/Honorable Crystalyne Curley

VOTE TALLY SHEET:

CONSENT AGENDA MOTION:

Motion: Honorable Titus J. Nez

Second: Honorable Nathan Notah

Vote: 4-0-1

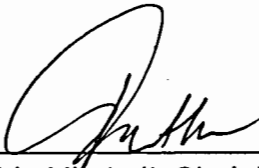
Yea: Honorable Titus J. Nez/Honorable Herman M. Daniels, Jr./Honorable Eugenia Charles-Newton/Nathan Notah

Nay: None

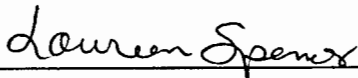
Not Voting: Honorable Arbin Mitchell, Chair Pro Tem

Excuse: None

Absent: None



Arbin Mitchell, Chair Pro Tem
Law and Order Committee
25th Navajo Nation Council



Laureen Spencer, Legislative Advisor
Office of Legislative Service