

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN INDIAN COUNTRY
FOR TRIBAL LEADERS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS**

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The National Congress of American Indians, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Colorado, and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe/Department of Justice & Regulatory Affairs – in partnership with the BIA Indian Police Academy – will host a two-day training for tribal leaders and law enforcement officers on Criminal Justice in Indian Country at the NCAI national convention. Topics include:

- Indian Country criminal jurisdiction.
- Federal statutory offenses in Indian Country, including the Major Crimes Act and the Indian Country Crimes Act.
- Federal court practice and procedure.
- The role of Federal and Tribal courts.
- Criminal and Civil Liability for Law Enforcement Officers.
- Report-writing, investigative techniques, witness preparation, and court testimony.
- BIA Special Law Enforcement Commissions.

The goal of this training is to strengthen public safety on Indian nations. The two-day course is free and open to all NCAI members, including tribal council members, law

enforcement officers, judges, attorneys, victims advocates, social workers, and others interested in the criminal justice system.

Qualified law enforcement officers who complete the class, who undergo a federal background check, and who pass the BIA's Special Law Enforcement Commission ("SLEC") exam at the end of the course, will be eligible to be federally deputized in order to enforce federal law in Indian Country. Once federally deputized by the BIA, officers holding SLEC cards can make federal arrests - for instance, in cases where a non-Indian defendant commits a violent crime against a Native American victim on an Indian reservation.

At the end of the course, the BIA Indian Police Academy will administer the Special Law Enforcement Commission (SLEC) exam for all interested students. Qualified law enforcement officers who pass this exam, and who have undergone the required background investigation, will be eligible to receive or renew their SLEC cards, enabling them to issue Federal citations on Indian reservations that have entered into cross-commissioning agreements with the BIA.

This training is FREE OF CHARGE. All students are required to register in advance by completing and mailing the attached application to: Geraldine Trujillo, Training Specialist, BIA-Indian Police Academy, FLETC1300 West Richey Avenue, Artesia, NM 88210; 505-746-5750.

COURSE AGENDA

Monday, October 20, 2008

8:30 – 8:45 am – Welcome

8:45 – 10:15 am – Indian Country Jurisdiction – Part I – Troy Eid, United States Attorney, District of Colorado

10:15 – 10:30 am – Break

10:30 – 11:45 – Indian Country Jurisdiction – Part II – Troy Eid, United States Attorney, District of Colorado

11:45 – 1:00 pm – Lunch Break

1:00 – 2:15 pm – Civil Rights and Officer Liability – Todd Norvell, Assistant United States Attorney and Tribal Liaison

2:15 – 3:30 pm – Federal Criminal Statutes – Todd Norvell, Assistant United States Attorney and Tribal Liaison

3:30 – 4:30 pm – Federal Court Procedure – Jim Allison, Assistant United States Attorney, Chief, Criminal Division

Tuesday, October 21, 2008

8:30 – 9:30 am – Crime Scene Techniques, Testifying Report-Writing and Witness Statements – Jim Allison

9:30 – 10:00 am – BIA Special commissions – BIA Indian Police Academy

10:00 – 10:15 am – Break

10:30 – 11:15 am – Review – Eid, Norvell, Allison

11:30 – 12:30 – BIA Special Law Enforcement commissions Examination (optional for qualified candidates)

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