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Council honors Navajo police officer and criminal investigator



PHOTO: Law and Order Committee members Council Delegate Herman Daniels, Jr., Council Delegate Otto Tso, Council Delegate Edmund Yazzie, and Council Delegate Kee Allen Begay, Jr., recognize Lt. Dempsey Harvey on the second day of the 2016 Fall Council Session on October 18, 2016.

WINDOW ROCK – On the second day of the Fall Council Session, the 23rd Navajo Nation Council recognized Navajo Nation police lieutenant Dempsey Harvey of the Chinle Police District and Navajo Nation criminal investigator Alvernon Tsosie for their dedication, courage, and service in providing for the safety and protection of the Navajo Nation.

Law and Order Committee chair Council Delegate Edmund Yazzie (Churchrock, Iyanbito, Mariano Lake, Pinedale, Smith Lake, Thoreau) said Navajo police officers should be appreciated for the services they provide to keep families, children, and communities safe.

“Our Navajo police officers are not recognized everyday for their hard work and long hours they work. I appreciate Lt. Harvey and Mr. Tsosie’s sacrifice and courage for keeping our families and communities safe. They have been working for NNDPS for many years and they continue to improve our public safety within the Nation. Their expertise and abilities have made NNDPS a successful division,” stated Delegate Yazzie.

Lt. Dempsey Harvey has served as a police officer for 23 years and currently serves with the Chinle Police District.

“I am truly grateful for Council’s recognition. I volunteer many hours to keep our communities safe and I am happy that the Council Delegates recognize my dedication and hard work. I took an oath to provide accountability, innovation, prevention, and protection for the Nation. This recognition from Council means a lot to me and my family and I will continue to help my people,” added Lt. Harvey.

Criminal Investigator Alvernon Tsosie accepted the recognition award on behalf of his staff that works vigorously to manage and conduct criminal investigations on the Nation.

“I am grateful to accept this recognition for myself and my team. Public safety can’t be achieved with one person. It’s a team effort to get the job done everyday. We work hard together as a team to keep our communities safe,” stated Tsosie.

“On behalf of the Law and Order Committee, we will continue to work with NNDPS and support Navajo officers. Recently, the LOC approved pay raises for the police officers and that is a start to honor our police officers because they work long hours to keep everyone safe. Thank you to all of our Navajo police men and women,” said Delegate Yazzie.

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