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## Navajo Nation Council offers condolences to the family of Navajo Police Officer Houston Largo

**WINDOW ROCK** – The Navajo Nation Council is mourning the loss of Navajo Police Officer Houston Largo who passed away on Sunday afternoon after being wounded by gunfire while responding to a domestic violence call. Officer Largo served with the Crownpoint Police District.

"We are very grateful for his service and we hope and pray that his family and fellow officers are comforted knowing that their loved one is now with the Creator and no longer in harms way," said Speaker LoRenzo Bates. "The Navajo Nation was truly blessed to have Officer Largo serve and protect our communities."

Speaker Bates added that the Council would reach out to the family to offer its support and condolences, but remains respectful of the family's privacy at this time.

"On behalf of my colleagues on the Law and Order Committee, I am truly sorry for the family of Officer Largo and we offer our thoughts and prayers for all of you at this time," said Council Delegate Edmund Yazzie who serves as the chair of the Law and Order Committee.

Delegate Yazzie also said that the Nation is well aware that domestic violence is a major problem in many Navajo communities that has plagued the Navajo Nation for years.

"Unfortunately, many of our officers face this devastating issue every day when they are on duty and sadly it resulted in the loss of one of our bravest today," added Delegate Yazzie. "The family and all of our officers have our complete support as we grieve together."

The Navajo Nation Division of Public Safety and the FBI continue to investigate the incident at this time and are expected to provide further details at a later time.

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