International Association of Chiefs of Police

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Dear Chief of Police,

The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and its Indian Country Law Enforcement Section, along with other tribal justice agencies, are working with the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) on the Census of Tribal Law Enforcement Agencies (CTLEA) program. This national effort requests the participation of all tribal law enforcement agencies serving federally recognized tribes to contribute to this comprehensive understanding of tribal law enforcement operations and public safety needs.

The IACP supports this effort for several important reasons:

1. **Increasing recognition and fostering collaboration.** Greater awareness of the capacity and professionalism of tribal law enforcement can support officer recruitment and retention, strengthen cross-jurisdictional partnerships, and improve access to critical criminal justice resources.
2. **Informing funding decisions.** Federal justice funding is often tied to crime data. Because jurisdictional complexities can limit the availability of complete crime statistics, CTLEA data provides a more accurate picture of tribal law enforcement services, gaps, and challenges for policymakers and funders.
3. **Identifying emerging public safety needs.** The CTLEA will help agencies better understand and respond to pressing crime and operational concerns within their own communities and across Indian Country.

All tribal law enforcement agencies are encouraged to participate. The IACP is working with NORC at the University of Chicago, which is administering the survey process. Following completion, BJS will publish a report and make the findings and dataset available.

Please complete the web-based survey at **https://ctlea25.norc.org**. If you have questions or need assistance, NORC can be reached toll-free at **800-829-7309** or by email at **CTLEA@norc.org**.
On behalf of Indian Country Law Enforcement Section Chairman Chief William Denke of the Pechanga Tribal Rangers, thank you for your leadership and for your continued commitment to serving and protecting your community. We appreciate your support of this important effort.

Sincerely,



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