



Bureau of Indian Affairs Indian Highway Safety Program

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Indian Highway Safety Program (IHSP) Mission Statement:

“To Reduce the number and severity of traffic crashes in Indian Country by supporting education, enforcement, and engineering, as well as safe tribal community programs.”



Indian Highway Safety Program Vision:

To create a safe tribal
community environment
where roadways in Indian
Country are safe for all



A Little About IHSP

- Located in Albuquerque, New Mexico
- Housed within Department of Interior Office of Justice Services
- Included in the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Region 6
- The Indian Highway Safety Program is responsible for providing services to federally recognized Native American/Alaskan Tribes in the United States



IHSP Staff

- IHSP consist of:
 - Director
 - Program Analysts (2):
 - Coordinator
 - Finance
 - Program Specialist (Vacant)
 - Law Enforcement Assistants

Fatal Analysis Reporting System (FARS)

Native American Fatalities

Categories		Year					Total 2017- 2021
		2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	
1. Total Traffic Fatalities	a. All Native American Fatalities	717	604	541	557	688	<u>3,107</u>
	b. Native American Fatalities on Reservations	230	174	133	122	188	<u>827</u>
	c. All fatalities on reservation	394	377	313	295	370	<u>1,740</u>

Identified Need

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration - Fatal Analyst Reporting System (FARS) 2017-2021 - Native American Fatalities

Category	2017-2021	
Driver BAC 0.08+	1,246	40%
Unrestrained Occupants	1,958	63%

Native Americans die in motor vehicle crashes at higher rates than any other race or ethnicity



Indian Highway Safety Program Grant Opportunities

- **Police Traffic Services Grants**
 - Straight Time Law Enforcement
 - Overtime Law Enforcement
 - Highway Safety Specialist
- **Occupant Protection**
 - Car Seat Distribution Grant
- **Mini Traffic Grants**
 - Lifesavers Conference
 - GHSA Conference
 - BIA IHSP Tribal Grant Opportunities

Police Traffic Services Grant

- Straight Time Grant
 - 2,080 Activity Hours for Officers
 - Overtime Salary
 - Fringe Benefits
 - Mileage/ GSA Lease
 - Travel Training
 - Media/Billboard Rental
 - Indirect Cost
 - Traffic Equipment
 - Software
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Police Traffic Services Grants

- Awarded to Tribal Police Departments
- Focus on
 - Impaired Driving
 - Speed Enforcement & Other Traffic Enforcement/Safety Activities
 - Occupant Protection



Police Traffic Services Grant Application

- Applications are required
 - must include:
 - Population (Tribal Enrollment)
 - Road Miles
 - Land Base

Police Traffic Services Grants

Traffic Division Isleta Police Department DAILY ACTIVITY LOG		Officer: JONATHAN ABEITA			
UNIT LICENSE: 04305G		Date: 05-08-2019 Day: WEDNESDAY			
VEH: YEAR 2018 MAKE CHEVY TAHOE	Start Time: 0700 End Time: 1800 Total Time: 11.0 HRS	Start Time: End Time: Total Time:			
Start Mi: 17898 End Mi: 18095	Start Time: End Time: Total Time:	Start Time: End Time: Total Time:			
Gas: \$58.00 Total Mi: 197	Net Hours Worked: 11.0 HRS				
Miscellaneous: PAGE 1 OF 2 -					
DISP	ARRIVED	FINISHED	LOCATION	Nature of Contacts-Names, Addresses, Reason, etc.	Time
	0700		ISLETA	IN SERVICE FOR SHIFT	
	0710	0920	MAIN STATION	COMPLETE DAILY FROM 05-07/ ENTER A PORTION OF CITATIONS INTO TYLER SYSTEM	2 HR 10 MIN
	0931	0936	HWY 47/ TR 15	PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ROAD OUT OF CROSSWALK WITH TRAFFIC PRESENT.	5 MIN
	0950	1000	HWY 47 MM 40	NM LTF034; TRAFFIC LIGHT VIO- 1172519/ NO INS- 1172520	10 MIN
	1007	1034	HWY 47 MM 40	NM B243875; IMPROPER PLATE- 1172521/ VEH REG- 1172522 NO INSURANCE- 1172523/ LIC CARRIED- 1172524 NO SEAT BELT- 1172525	27 MIN
	1101	1108	HWY 47 MM 38	NM 562PLN; SPEED- 1172530	7 MIN
	1114	1119	HWY 47 MM 40	NM PLB584; EXP PLATE- 1172531	5 MIN
	1135	1146	HWY 314 MM 17	NM ABWX18; SPEED- 1172532/ NO INSURANCE- 1172533	11 MIN
	1153	1206	HWY 47 MM 35	NM AASA42; SPEED- 1172534/ NO REG- 1172535 NO INSURANCE- 1172536	13 MIN
	1210	1217	TRAVEL CENTER	REFUEL: 21.89 GALLONS @ \$2.64/GAL	7 MIN
	1221	1230	HWY 47 MM 38	NM PKH899; DEFECT EQUIP- 1172537/ VEH REG- 1172538	9 MIN
	1237	1252	HWY 47 MM 40	NM 18T-135233; EXP PLATE- 1172539/ NO INS- 1172540 NO DRIVERS LICENSE- 1172541	15 MIN
	1300	1308	HWY 47 MM 36	NM 589RCT; SPEED- 1172542	8 MIN
	1326	1337	HWY 47 MM 37	NM NFP17; DEFECT EQUIP- 1172543/ VEH REG- 1172544 NO INSURANCE- 1172545	11 MIN
	1341	1358	HWY 47 MM 35	NM 19T-025478; EXP PLATE- 1172546/ NO INS- 1172547 NO DRIVERS LICENSE- 1172548	17 MIN
	1426	1432	HWY 47 MM 37	NM PSM144; SPEED- 1172549	6 MIN
	1444	1450	HWY 47 MM 40	NO PLATE; VEH REG- 1172550	6 MIN
1451	1454	1602	HWY 314 MM 15	ASSIST T2 WITH WARRANT ARREST. TRANSPORT ARREST TO VCDC. T2 UNIT DISABLED ON SCENE WITH FLAT TIRE.	1 HR 11 MIN
SIGNATURE _____		DATE _____	CHECKED BY _____		

- Require officers to maintain daily logs to account for 100% of their time
- Performance Based Grant



Mobilizations

- Don't Shatter the Dream
 - December - January
- Click It or Ticket
 - May - June
- Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over
 - August - September

Highway Safety Specialist Grant

- Full-time entry-level position
- Duties:
 - Coordinate traffic safety measures on the reservation
 - Responsible for establishing and conducting Traffic related activities such as:
 - Identifying, collecting, analyzing, and presenting traffic safety data
 - Incorporating data into tribal statistic planning, programming, and implementation
 - Organizing groups, events, and activities to increase community awareness of traffic safety related issues



Occupant Protection Grants Child Protection Seats (CPS)

- Child Protection Seat Grants award funds for:
 - Car seats distributions
 - Educational brochures
 - Equipment/Supplies
 - Travel & Training
 - CPS Technician Personnel if needed



Impaired Driving Court Grant

- Tribes may apply for this grant by submitting a proposal for assistance in establishing or expanding DUI court programs
- Funding may include:
 - DUI court training and eligible expenses for DUI court team
 - Part time salary for:
 - Court Clerk
 - Probation Officer



Impaired Driving Court Grant

- High level of documentation on monitoring is required by the program administrator
- Some equipment and monitoring costs are available

This grant program is currently being reviewed and updated



BAT Mobile

- Blood Alcohol Testing Vehicles
- BAT Mobiles assist in reducing alcohol related motor vehicle crash injuries and fatalities within the participating tribes



BAT Mobiles (Grant Funded)

- IHSP Grant Funded BAT Mobiles
 - White Earth Nation (Minnesota)
 - Oglala Sioux Tribe (Pine Ridge, SD)
- All operating expenses are paid with the Indian Highway Safety grant fund for tribes who have been awarded BAT Mobiles

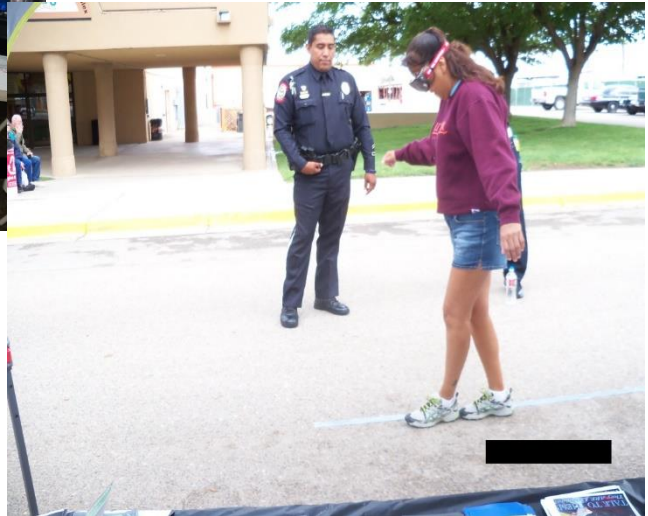
BAT Mobile



BAT Mobile DUI Mobilization



Community Presentations



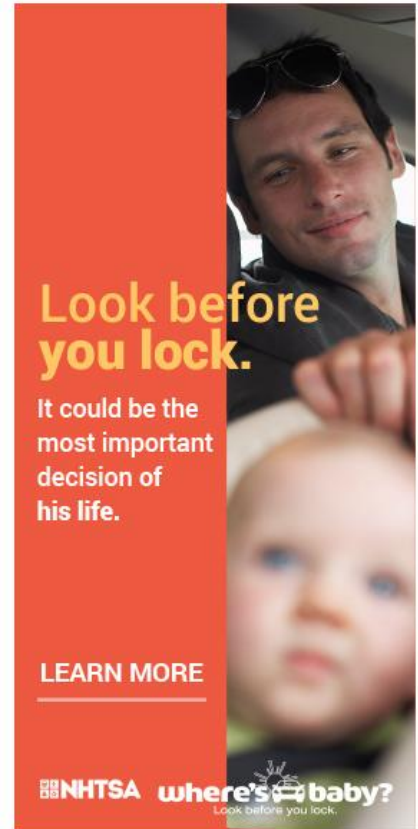
Media: Traffic Messages

- Grant funded tribes create their own traffic safety messages:
 - Tribal News Paper
 - Billboards (rentals)
 - Radio Skits



Mandatory Awareness

All Indian
Highway Safety
Grantees are
required to
participate in
Heat Stroke
messaging in
their community



**Look before
you lock.**

It could be the
most important
decision of
his life.

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NHTSA **where's a baby?**
Look before you lock.



Questions?

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