

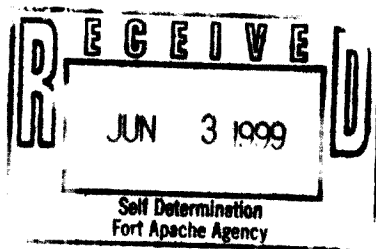
**RESOLUTION OF THE  
WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE OF THE  
FORT APACHE INDIAN RESERVATION**

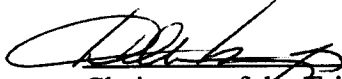
**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Prosecutor has requested the support of the Tribal Council to apply for a Community Prosecution Grant from the Department of Justice to enable prosecution, law enforcement, and Tribal Council representatives to form a team to develop a plan to implement a community prosecution program; and

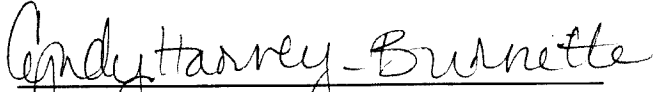
**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council supports the cooperative efforts of law enforcement and the Prosecutor in their efforts to enhance understanding and support of the criminal justice system and to make the Fort Apache Indian Reservation a safer community.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs the Tribal Prosecutor to submit an application to the Department of Justice for a Community Prosecution Grant to enable prosecution, law enforcement and the Tribal Council to form a team to develop and implement a community prosecution program.

The foregoing resolution was on May 26, 1999 duly adopted by a vote of nine for and zero against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (b), (i), (j), (k), (s), (t), and (u) of the Constitution of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe September 30, 1993, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November 12, 1993, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).



  
Chairman of the Tribal Council

  
Secretary of the Tribal Council

1. Identification of Problem

The White Mountain Apache Tribe is located in east central Arizona on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation in portions of Navajo, Apache, and Gila Counties. It is 75 miles long and 45 miles wide, encompassing more than 1.6 million acres. The enrolled members of the White Mountain Apache totals approximately 12,000.

The statistics kept by the Prosecution Unit indicate that in 1998 there were 1,523 adult and 263 juvenile criminal complaints opened. In addition there were 147 juvenile dependency Petitions filed.

Due to the size of the reservation, coupled with the lack of transportation, it is difficult for prosecutors to communicate effectively with the tribal members to gain input on the issues of reduction and prevention of crimes committed on the reservation. Therefore, a planning process to develop a community prosecution program is proposed.

2. Proposed Plan and Objectives

The concept is to develop a strategic plan to enable community members to meet with representatives from the police department, council, and prosecutor's office to discuss specific issues and concerns they have in the areas of public safety including, but not limited to, violence and drug abuse, and to strategize community solutions to community problems.

The Fort Apache Indian Reservation is divided into four districts. There are nine Council members, the Chairman, and Vice-Chairman, who are elected by popular vote, that constitute the Tribal Council. These representatives meet with their constituents. In addition the Whiteriver Police Department has a COPS program wherein the objective is to facilitate communication, trust, and cooperation between law enforcement officers and the community.

The proposal would enable prosecution to join in partnership with law enforcement and government to work with the community to address quality of life issue.

3. Linking Prosecution and the Community

Representatives from law enforcement and prosecution meet monthly to discuss coordination of services, including improved law enforcement response and prosecution of specific crimes. The Council members meet periodically with their constituents to discuss issues pertaining to government and the community.

A team consisting of representatives from law enforcement, Council, and prosecution, meeting with the community to facilitate communication on how to strengthen the criminal justice system, thereby making the community safer, would provide a missing link between prosecutors and the community.

4. Measuring Outcomes

The team, composed of two (2) representatives each from law enforcement, prosecution, and Council will meet on a monthly basis for 6 months to develop a strategy for implementation of a plan to integrate the community into a partnership with law enforcement and prosecutors to improve the quality of life on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation. The number of meetings and the number of attendees will be documented to measure program performance.

The team will develop a practical vision of the program to be developed, the barriers that may exist in realizing the practical vision, creative solutions to these barriers, and a strategic direction for implementation of a plan to reach the objective of a cooperative venture between the community and the criminal justice system.

5. Budget

A. Travel/Training \$13,041.00

a) Travel expenses of project team members to attend a cluster conference in Washington, D.C.

- 1) airfare - \$ 3,000.00  
(based upon \$500.00 round trip for six people)
- 2) mileage - \$ 627.00  
(based upon 418 miles round trip to/from Phoenix airport)
- 3) meals - \$ 1,224.00  
(based upon \$34.00 per person per diem)
- 4) motel - \$ 7,200.00  
(based upon 6 night stay for 6 people at a rate of \$200.00 per night)

b) Mileage/meals for 6 strategic planning sessions

- 1) mileage computed at .25 per mile x 50 miles for 6 team members to attend 6 meetings = \$450.00
- 2) meals computed at \$15.00 per person (6) for 6 meetings = \$540.00

B. Supplies

a) Office supplies, copying paper, binders \$ 300.00

Total Budget \$13,341.00

Cost benefits to the community include collaboration between government, law enforcement, and prosecution to improve the quality of life of tribal members.