

# 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”*

## *Vision:*

- *To create a Safe Tribal Community Environment where roadways in Indian Country are safe for all.*



# A little about IHSP

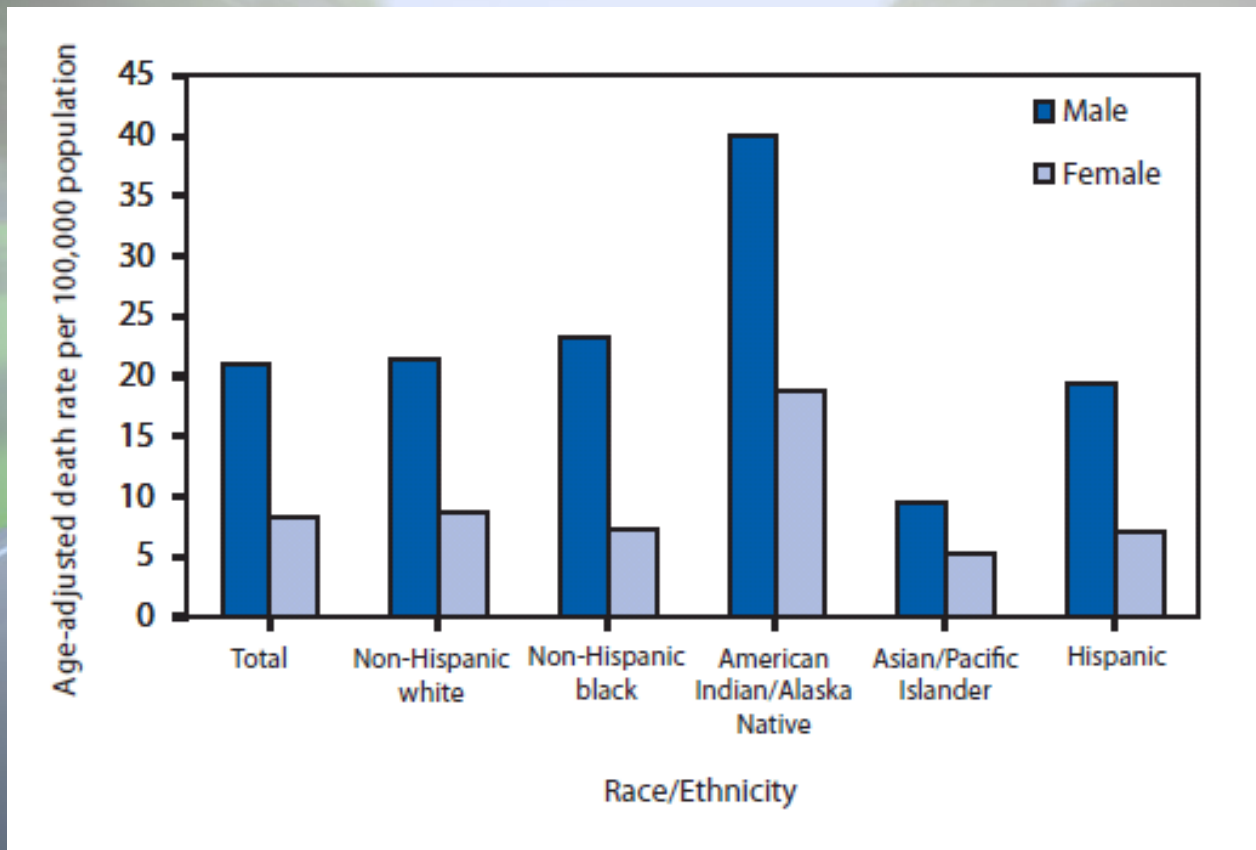
- The Indian Highway Safety Program is responsible for providing services to Native American/Alaskan Tribes in the United States.
- We are located in Albuquerque NM and included in the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Region 6.
- Our office staff consists of: Director, Program Coordinator, Financial Analyst, and two Law Enforcement Assistants.

# IHSP “Indian State” Demographic

		NATIVE AMERICAN/ALASKA NATIVE (NA/AN)
	STATE	POPULATION
1	California	362,801
2	Oklahoma	321,687
3	Arizona	296,529
4	New Mexico	193,222
5	Texas	170,972
6	North Carolina	122,110
7	New York	106,906
8	Alaska	104,871
9	Washington	103,869
10	South Dakota	71,817
11	Florida	71,458
12	Montana	62,555
13	Michigan	62,007
14	Minnesota	60,916
15	Colorado	56,010
16	Wisconsin	54,526
17	Oregon	53,203

# Where is the identified need?

FIGURE 1. Motor vehicle--related death rates, by sex and race/ethnicity --- National Vital Statistics System, United States, 2007



Source: CDC national center for injury prevention and control

# Fatal Analysis Reporting System(FARS) data regarding Native American fatalities.

Categories		2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total: 2011-2015
1. Total Traffic Fatalities	a. All Native American Fatalities	569	553	511	606	601	<a href="#">2,840</a>
	b. Native American Fatalities on Reservations	207	212	180	207	213	<a href="#">1,019</a>
	c. All Fatalities on Reservations	388	367	316	359	369	<a href="#">1,799</a>

# State Traffic Safety Information (STSI)



[www.nhtsa.gov](http://www.nhtsa.gov)

# Why do we need the Indian Highway Safety Program?

- Of all traffic fatalities on reservations 1,799 total fatalities from 2011 through 2015:
  - 52.58% were drivers
  - 42.19% involved alcohol-impaired driving (.08% or above)
  - 47.30% were unrestrained occupants
  - 36.07% involved speeding
  - 61.14% were roadway departure crashes
  - 70.03% were single vehicle crashes
- Pedestrian fatalities 2011-2015: 253



# IHSP Tribal program performance

- 2012-2018 averaged 30 granted tribal programs.
  - 454 fatalities
  - 26,953 motor vehicle crashes
  - 31,864 DUI arrests
  - 24,434 Seat Belt citations issued
  - 227,018 Speeding citations issued
  - 238,938 other traffic citations issued

# FY2019 Funded programs

- Alaska
- Arizona
- California
- Colorado
- Florida
- Idaho
- Michigan
- Minnesota
- Montana
- Nevada
- New Mexico
- New York
- North Dakota
- Oklahoma
- South Dakota
- Wisconsin
- Washington

# IHSP fundable programs

## Police Traffic Services grants (PTS)

PTS grants are traffic enforcement grants that are awarded to Tribal Police Departments. The performance grant will focus on Impaired driving, Occupant Protection, Speed enforcement and other traffic enforcement/safety activities. A tribal application is required to qualify for all IHSP grants. Grant applications must include population, road miles, land base and traffic data information.

# IHSP fundable programs

## Police Traffic Services grants (PTS)

We fund:

- Full time Highway Safety Officers (HSO)
  - Must have sufficient traffic data to support these programs.
  - Required to spend 100% of their time on traffic enforcement/safety activities.
  - Equipment/training/travel
  - High level of documentation is required of the officer/agency.
- *These grants are Performance Based Reimbursable Grants*

# IHSP fundable programs

## Police Traffic Services grants (PTS)

We fund:

- Overtime projects,
  - Salaries paid to existing officers to work traffic enforcement/safety activities.
  - Utilized for national mobilizations and high traffic periods of the agency.
  - Equipment/training/travel-to a lesser degree than full time.
  - High level of documentation is required of the officer/agency.
- *These grants are Performance Based Reimbursable Grants.*
- *Total granted amount for PTS Full and Overtime projects is \$6,110,725.00*

# IHSP fundable programs

## Occupant Protection grants (CPS)

- IHSP awards Child Passenger Safety (CPS) grants to tribes for the purchase of child safety seats and CPS educational brochures, some equipment and travel. There is a fill-in-the-blank application for CPS that is included in the applications sent to the Tribal Leaders in February. Clearly written Problem Statement and statistical data is required when submitting and application.
  - Car seats, specific equipment related to CPS, training and travel.
  - Documentation required includes information and distribution activities to account for each seat or educational item distributed.
  - *Total for Occupant Protection Grants for FY2019 is 203,879.00*

# IHSP fundable programs

## Impaired Driving Court grants

- Tribes may apply for an Impaired Driving Court grant from IHSP to help establish or expand DUI Court programs. Costs may include part-time salaries for a Court Clerk, Probation Officer, etc. DUI Court Training for the DUI Court Team is also an eligible expense. Traffic data must be provided to justify funding, as well as copies of Tribal laws and ordinances that support the establishment of a Tribal DUI Court.
  - High level of documentation on monitoring is required by the program administrator.
  - Some equipment and monitoring costs are available.
  - *Currently this Grant Program is being reviewed and updated.*

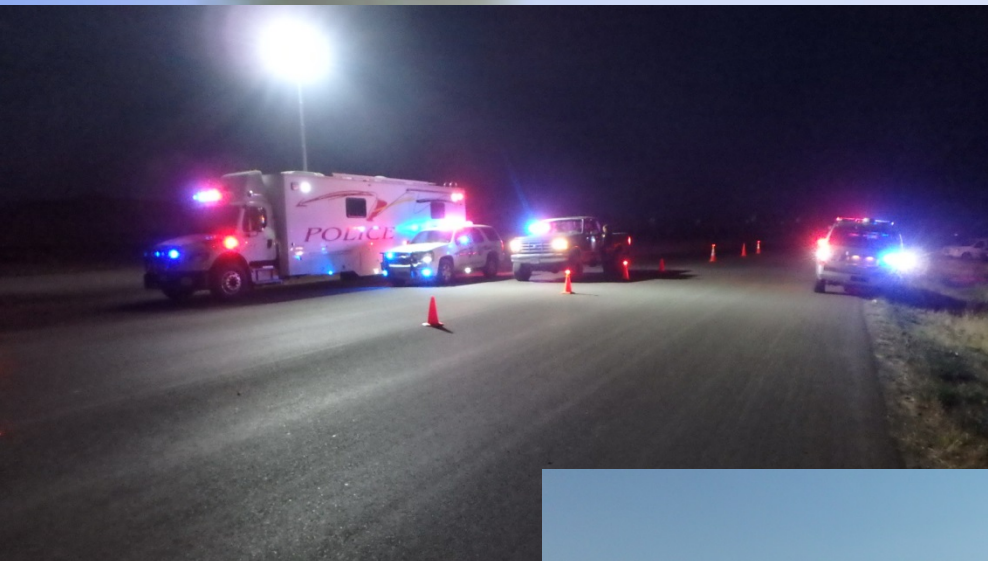
# IHSP fundable programs

## BATmobile

- The IHSP purchased four BAT Mobiles for Tribal use in FY2009 to assist in reducing alcohol related motor vehicle crash injuries and fatalities within the participating Tribes. It was a collaborative effort between the BIA IHSP and BIA OJS. The BAT Mobiles are currently stationed in BIA OJS District I (Aberdeen, SD), District III (Phoenix AZ), District IV (Albuquerque, NM) and District V (Billings, MT).
  - All operating expenses are paid by the IHSP.
  - IHSP will fund CDL training for grant funded tribes.



# IHSP BATmobile DUI Mobilization



# Thank you



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