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April 11, 2024

Chief of Police Algin Young
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Dear Chief of Police Young,

We are reaching out to you with a handshake from our hearts, "cante waste napeciyuzapi'ye." People in tribal communities continue to suffer because of the well-documented shortage of tribal law enforcement officers. This hurts all of South Dakota's nine reservations, so we are taking the lead on training more officers as quickly as possible.

South Dakota is proud to announce a tribal law enforcement-specific basic certification course this summer – right here in our state. This will allow your officers to receive their South Dakota Law Enforcement Certification while remaining close to home, so they won't have to fly to New Mexico and spend 13 weeks away from their families.

To ensure adequate facility space for attendees, this class will begin on June 3, 2024, in Pierre and run until August 30, 2024.

With this tight timeline, we need your help to accelerate the enrollment process. If you wish to enroll officers in this summer class, we ask you notify the Office of Law Enforcement Training (LET) no later than Friday April 19, 2024; instructions are included as an enclosure with this letter. All officers will need to submit their certification application package to LET no later than May 1, 2024. This is a tight timeline, but the crisis of tribal law enforcement shortages demands quick action.

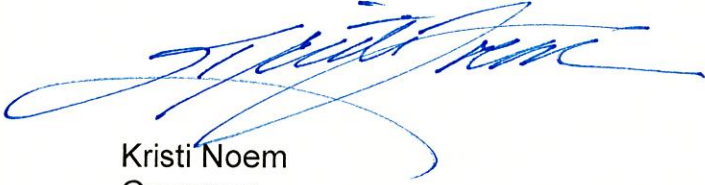
Offering a training in South Dakota this summer will immediately boost participation, retention, and ultimately graduation of certified officers. Afterwards, officers can attend a short two-week federal bridge program – which is a Bureau of Indian Affairs requirement – and get to work keeping our reservation communities safe. While this won't address the funding shortages you face from the federal government, it will help address the shortage of applicants. Moreover, this state certification extends additional protections

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to your officers, allowing state prosecutors and courts to also hold offenders accountable for certain actions committed against tribal officers.

We look forward to working with you to accomplish this history-making opportunity and providing desperately needed law enforcement for South Dakota communities.

Sincerely,



Kristi Noem
Governor



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Enclosure



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TO: South Dakota Tribal Law Enforcement Agencies
FROM: Hank Prim, Law Enforcement Training Administrator
DATE: April 11, 2024
RE: Summer 2024 Tribal Basic Law Enforcement Certification Course Enrollment Instructions

1. **No later than Friday April 19, 2024**, notify the Office of Law Enforcement Training (LET) the number of tribal officers (and names, if able) you are requesting to enroll in the summer class. Notification can be made via e-mail to Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) Director Dan Satterlee (Dan.Satterlee@state.sd.us) and Training Administrator Hank Prim (Hank.Prim@state.sd.us).
2. Verify the officers you are requesting to enroll in the summer class meet all minimum standards for law enforcement officer employment/certification, as promulgated by the South Dakota Administrative Rules. These rules can be reviewed at <https://sdlegislature.gov/Rules/Administrative/02:01:02>.
3. In accordance with ARSD 2:01:02:04.01, submit to LET a completed application package via Acadis® **no later than May 1, 2024**.
 - a. A completed application package consists of (1) a notice of hire, (2) application form, (3) oath of office, (4) release of information, (5) medical verification of physical ability form, and (6) fingerprints.
 - b. Forms can be obtained within the online Acadis® Workforce Portal.
 - c. For assistance submitting application packages or for assistance obtaining forms, please contact DCI Law Enforcement Training Coordinator Greg Williams (Greg.Williams@state.sd.us) or Identification Specialist Lindsey Evans (Lindsey.Evans@state.sd.us).

For questions regarding the summer tribal basic law enforcement certification course, please contact Training Administrator Hank Prim at (605) 773-4624 or Hank.Prim@state.sd.us.