

Rural and Tribal Law Enforcement Hearing

Potential Questions to Panelists from Commissioners

Wednesday, May 27th, Rural and Tribal Hearing 2:00pm to 3:15pm, Eastern Time –
Public Safety Challenges within American Indian and Alaska Native Communities

- Kurt Alme, United States Attorney, District of Montana
- Kevin Allis, Chief Executive Officer, National Congress of American Indians
- Leanne Guy, Executive Director, Southwest Indigenous Women's Coalition
- Vivian Korthuis, Chief Executive Officer, Association of Village Council Presidents
- Charles Addington, Director, Office of Justice Services: (OJS), Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)

1. Kurt Alme, United States Attorney, District of Montana

As a member of the Attorney General's Advisory Subcommittee on Native American Issues (NAIS), have you identified any trends specific to violent crime and combating the drug epidemic? If so, what resources do you need to adequately address those trends?

As you mentioned, the Tribal Action Plan promotes community recovery and healing. To ensure TAP effectiveness, what recommendations do you have to improve and expand outreach?

2. Kevin Allis, Chief Executive Officer, National Congress of American Indians

To stay in dialogue with our tribal government partners about public safety issues within Indian Country, what priorities should the Commission focus on?

Given the disproportionate rates of violence experienced by AI/AN's, what recommendations do you have to improve the response within Indian Country?

3. Leanne Guy, Executive Director, Southwest Indigenous Women's Coalition

What is the greatest obstacle in promoting trauma informed services to victims, and what resources do you need to overcome that obstacle?

4. Vivian Korthuis, Chief Executive Officer, Association of Village Council Presidents

Vivian, thank you so much for sharing your testimony with the Commission. Challenges in public safety in Alaska are vast, long-standing, persistent, and intricately connected to social, economic, health, and environmental challenges.

5. Charles Addington, Director, Office of Justice Services: (OJS), Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)

Can you provide more information regarding the obstacles facing law enforcement in Indian Country and how the complex jurisdictional framework may impact a case?

As noted in your testimony, the need to recruit and retain BIA law enforcement officers is great. Can you provide more detail—information—about the challenges BIA faces when recruiting new officers and how to improve that process?