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### NATIVE-TRIBAL TRAFFIC EDUCATION PROGRAM

1. GENERAL. The Native-Tribal Traffic Education Program (TTEP) is designed to foster meaningful, respectful, and sustained partnerships with Native American and Alaska Native tribes throughout the state. This strategy recognizes tribal nations' sovereignty and unique cultural heritage. It promotes public safety, enhances communication, and builds trust between tribal communities and the CHP.

Through proactive engagement, culturally sensitive outreach, and collaborative problem-solving, the CHP seeks to address public safety concerns, improve traffic safety education, and support the well-being of tribal members. This strategy ensures California's Native tribes' diverse needs and priorities are respected and integrated into our statewide public safety efforts while also providing CHP personnel with the knowledge and tools necessary to engage effectively and respectfully with tribal nations.

Division commanders, Area commanders, Division Tribal Liaisons, and the Statewide Tribal Liaison can find the Tribal Key Contact Program (TKCP) list of federally recognized tribes and the suggested contact for each tribe on the Community Outreach and Marketing Section (COMS) intranet website.

#### 2. NATIVE-TRIBAL TRAFFIC EDUCATION PROGRAM ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

a. Community Outreach and Marketing Section. The COMS is responsible for the Native-TTEP grant and ensuring tribal grant goals are being met. The COMS will actively work with CHP Divisions to promote tribal engagement utilizing grant resources, partnerships, CHP staffing, printed materials, and social media. Additionally, COMS will regularly update the TKCP list of federally recognized tribes and the suggested contact for each tribe on the COMS intranet website. The COMS shall be responsible for the coordination of the TKCP list. However, the overall duty of implementing the list shall be the responsibility of the Division commander.

b. Division Commander. The Division commander shall provide strategic direction, ensure appropriate resources are allocated, and ensure Areas within their Division work to build and maintain strong relationships with tribal leaders and communities. The Division commander will ensure all personnel adhere to the strategy policies, support the efforts of the Division's Tribal Liaison, and ensure local engagement aligns with statewide goals. Additionally, Division commanders shall be responsible for implementing the overall TKCP list for their Division. They shall ensure any

discrepancies or updates to the TKCP list are forwarded to COMS for updates. The Division Commander shall assign a Division Tribal Liaison. When possible, the liaison should be enrolled or associated with the tribal community.

c. Area Commander. The Area commander oversees the implementation of the CHP's tribal engagement strategy within their jurisdiction. The Area commander will work with the Division Tribal Liaison and Area Public Information Officer to ensure attendance at program-related events and presentations. When a tribe overlaps into two Area commands, Area commanders should work together to determine which Area office best suits the tribe's needs. The determined Area shall work with the tribal key contact(s) to ensure the successful implementation of the TTEP.

d. CHP Statewide Tribal Liaison. The Statewide Tribal Liaison will be the statewide coordinator, accountable to the Office of the Commissioner, helping Divisions and Areas build and maintain relationships between CHP and tribal communities on public safety and law enforcement issues. The liaison will collaborate with tribal leaders, coordinate law enforcement efforts, address conflicts, and ensure cultural awareness within CHP jurisdiction. When possible, the liaison should be enrolled or associated with the tribal community.

e. CHP Division Tribal Liaison. The Division Tribal Liaison will be the Division coordinator, accountable to the Division commander. The Division Tribal Liaison will work closely with local tribal communities to foster positive relationships, coordinate public safety efforts, and address community concerns. The liaison will be the key contact between the CHP Division office, CHP Area offices within Division, and tribal leadership, ensuring collaboration on law enforcement activities and traffic safety initiatives. When possible, the liaison should be enrolled or associated with a tribal community.

f. Enforcement and Planning Division. As the Office of Primary Interest for Highway Patrol Manual 100.67, Law Enforcement Assistance and Interjurisdictional Operations, the Enforcement and Planning Division will create and oversee the policies and procedures governing CHP's tribal engagement strategies.

### 3. RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS.

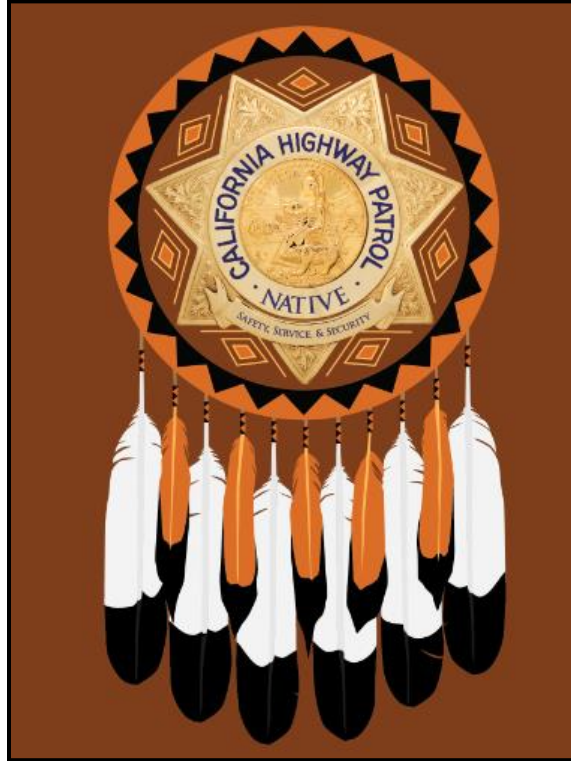
- a. Tribal Leaders and Councils
- b. Tribal Elders
- c. Community Members
- d. Local Schools

- e. Local Law Enforcement and First Responders
- f. Transportation Departments
- g. Local Businesses
- h. Media Partners

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