

Operation Lady Justice

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A TASK FORCE ON MISSING AND MURDERED AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVES

LISTENING SESSION AGENDA

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EXECUTIVE ORDER OVERVIEW

TRUMP ADMINISTRATION INITIATIVES

- Established **May 5** as Missing and Murdered American Indian and Alaska Native Awareness Day
- Executive Order 13898: ***Establishing a Task Force on Missing and Murdered American Indian and Alaska Natives***, signed November 26, 2019

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- Federal task force
- Co-Chaired by the Attorney General and Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior
- Requires Tribal consultations
- Develop protocols and procedures for new and unsolved cases
- Multi-disciplinary, multi-jurisdictional teams to review cold cases involving missing and murdered Native Americans

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- Develop best practices for *how* law enforcement responds to cases, including data sharing and better use of existing data systems
- Provide clarity concerning roles, authorities and jurisdiction throughout the lifecycle of cases
- One year progress report to the President
- Two year final report to the President

TASK FORCE MEMBERSHIP

TASK FORCE REPRESENTATIVES

- *The U.S. Attorney General*
- *Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior*
- *Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, DOI*
- *Director of the Office on Violence Against Women, DOJ*
- *Commissioner of the Administration for Native Americans, HHS*
- *Chair of the Native American Issues Subcommittee of the Attorney General's Advisory Committee*
- *Director of the Office of Justice Services, BIA-DOI*
- *Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation*
- *Representatives of other executive departments, agencies, and offices designated by the Co-Chairs*

TASK FORCE REPRESENTATIVES

- **Katharine Sullivan***
*Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs, DOJ
Co-Chair Designee*
- **Tara Sweeney***
Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs, DOI, Co-Chair Designee
- **Laura Rogers**
Acting Director of the Office on Violence Against Women, DOJ
- **Jean Hovland**
Commissioner of the Administration for Native Americans, HHS
- **Trent Shores**
*U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of OK, Chair of the Native American
Issues Subcommittee of the Attorney General's Advisory Committee*
- **Charles Addington**
Deputy Bureau Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Justice Services, DOI
- **Terry Wade**
Executive Assistant Director, Criminal, Cyber, Response and Services Branch, FBI

UPDATE ON RECENT ACTIVITIES

PREVIOUSLY HELD LISTENING SESSIONS

- NCAI – February 12, 2020
- HHS Native American Grantee Meeting – February 13, 2020
- DOJ Tribal Nations Leadership Council – February 25, 2020
- HHS Tribal Advisory Committee – March 3, 2020

ESTABLISHED WORK GROUPS

- Model Protocols and Procedures Work Group
- Training Development Work Group
- NamUs Work Group
- Cold Case Initiative Work Group
- Education and Outreach Work Group
- Media/Communications Work Group

LISTENING SESSIONS & CONSULTATIONS

- March 24** Muscogee Creek Listening Session
9:00-4:00 River Spirit Casino; 8330 Riverside Parkway, Tulsa, OK
- March 31** 38th Annual Protecting Our Children Conference Listening Session
10:30-noon Marriott Denver Tech Center- Host Hotel
Denver, CO (CLOSED PRESS)
- April 15** Pascua Yaqui Listening Session
9:00-4:00 Casino Del Sol; 5655 W. Valencia Rd., Tucson, AZ
- April 21** Sycuan Band, California Listening Session
1:30-5:00 3 Kwaaypaay Court, El Cajon, CA
- April 28** National Indian Programs Training Center - **CONSULTATION**
9:00-3:00 1101 Indian School Road NW, rooms 233-234; Albuquerque, NM
- May 12** Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Listening Session
9:00-4:00 Grand Traverse Resort & Spa
100 Grand Traverse Village Blvd., Acme Township, MI

- May 21** Yakama Nation, Washington Listening Session
9:00-4:00 Legends Casino and Hotel
580 Fort Road, Toppenish WA
- June 7 – 11** Anchorage, Alaska – **CONSULTATION**
Date and Location TBD
- June 16** North Dakota/South Dakota Listening Session
10:00-4:00 North Dakota Heritage Center; Bismarck, ND
- June 23** Women are Sacred Conference Listening Session
5:00-9:00 pm Intercontinental Saint Paul Riverfront Hotel
11 E. Kellogg Boulevard, St. Paul, MN
- July 7** Billings, Montana - **CONSULTATION**
9:00-4:00 Double Tree Hotel, 27 N 27th, Billings, MT

FRAMING QUESTIONS

I. Challenges

a. Law enforcement

- i. Challenges to adequate law enforcement efforts
- ii. Do you have a cross-agency coordination process
- iii. Are there other challenges to closing a case.

b. Community Involvement

- i. Are there issues with reporting?
- ii. Do you have protocols for triaging, intake and responses for each case?
- iii. How are your resources coordinated to address responses?
- iv. What are the barriers to effective family/tribal engagement?
- v. What does healing for families and victims look like in your community?

c. Agency Involvement

- i. How do agencies mobilize resources in rural areas?
- ii. Are there gaps in resources, implementation and coordination?
- iii. What agencies are involved and what is the process for coordination?

d. Information sharing

- i. Is information accurately entered into databases and made available?
- ii. What are the barriers to information sharing from a tribal perspective?

II. Recommendations

- i. What potential partnerships would you recommend?
- ii. What does an effective partnership look like?
- iii. What success stories can you share on multi- agency coordination and capacity building?
- iv. How can the federal government help to improve community awareness, education and family and victim support?
- iv. Other solutions?

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Meet *Lady Justice*

Choctaw artist D.G. Smalling created and donated Lady Justice to Indian Affairs during Native American Heritage Month in November 2018

Tucked under her arm she carries a shield of inter-locking arms as a symbolism of a battle standard to protect our women, children, men and communities

Operation Lady Justice is a federal task force created through Executive Order 13898, signed by President Trump on November 26, 2019

