

New Mexico Indian Affairs Department

Cross Commissioning of Law Enforcement Officers Presented to the Indian Affairs Committee

Secretary Designate James R. Mountain

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Santa Claran Resort Casino



State Tribal Commissioning Task Force

Commissioned July 2023 by Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham

Meetings:

- **Aug. 17 and Aug. 30**
- **Present Findings to Tribal Leaders – Sep. 22**

Participants:

Governor Stuart Paisano, Sandia Pueblo

Governor Janelle Roybal, Pojoaque Pueblo

Governor Craig Quanchello, Picuris Pueblo

Governor Max Zuni, Isleta Pueblo

Governor J. Michael Chavarria, Santa Clara

Governor Randal Vicente, Acoma Pueblo

President Bernalyn Via, Mescalero Apache Tribe

Erin Toadlena-Pablo, Chief of Police, City of Gallup

Michael Anderson, Division Director, Navajo Nation Division of Public Safety

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Jason Bowie, Secretary, NM Department of Public Safety

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Commissioning MOA Status Update

Commissioning has historically presented the following Issues:

- Inconsistencies
- Jurisdiction
- Funding
- Law Enforcement Officer Training & Qualifications
- Public Safety Centers
- Education & Outreach
- SB 33 – Tribal & Pueblo Law Enforcement



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