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Council Delegate Edmund E. Yazzie Selected as Law and Order Subcommittee Chairperson

Delegate Alton Joe Shepherd selected as Vice Chairperson

Window Rock, AZ — On Monday, March 7, 2011, the Navajo Nation Council Law and Order subcommittee selected Council Delegate Edmund E. Yazzie (Churchrock, Iyanbito, Mariano Lake, Pinedale, Smith Lake, Thoreau) as its Chairperson. Council Delegate Alton Joe Shepherd (Jeddito, Cornfields, Ganado, Kinlichee, Steamboat) was selected to serve as Vice Chairperson.

“I am honored, as is Mr. Shepherd, to lead this subcommittee,” said Yazzie. “The Subcommittee is looking forward to working with the Judicial Branch and the Division of Public Safety to implement policies that will create safe and productive communities.”

It is expected that both selections will be confirmed at the next Nabik'iyati' Committee meeting.

Serving on the subcommittee with Yazzie and Shepherd are Council Delegates Elmer P. Begay (Dilcon, Indian Wells, Teesto, Whitecone, Greasewood Springs), Russell Begaye (Shiprock), and Duane Tsinigine (Coppermine, K'aii'to, LeChee, Tonalea/Red Lake, Bodaway/Gap).

The Law and Order subcommittee is one of four subcommittees that are being established by the newly seated 24 member Navajo Nation Council. Once amendments are made to Title II of the Navajo Nation Code regarding the new Council committee structure, these subcommittees will be elevated to standing committees.

This subcommittee serves as oversight for the Navajo Nation Division of Public Safety and Office of Ethics and Rules, and coordinates with the courts of the Navajo Nation, the states, the federal court system and the administrative-judicial of the Department of Interior. The subcommittee also screens candidates for Chief and Associate Justices of the Navajo Nation Supreme Court and other lower courts.

The Law and Order subcommittee is scheduled to meet again on Monday, March 28, 2011.

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