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## **President Shelly Orders Flags to be flown at half-staff in honor of the late Navajo Police Sgt. Darrell Curley**

**Window Rock, AZ**—President Ben Shelly has ordered Navajo Nation flags to be flown at half-staff from June 27 to June 30 in honor of the late Tuba City District Sergeant Darrell Curley, 48, of the Navajo Police Department. He was a 26-year veteran officer from Chinle, Arizona who passed away today after being fatally wounded while in the line of duty on Saturday in Kaibeto, Arizona. Sgt. Curley's partner Officer Vernon Begay was treated and released at the scene.

Navajo Nation President Ben Shelly and Vice President Rex Lee Jim issued the following statement:

“Vice President Jim and I are truly saddened to learn about the tragic loss of Sgt. Darrell Curley. We ask all Navajo citizens to join us in prayers for his wife Pauline and their three children, his parents and siblings, and Officer Vernon Begay and his family. Sgt. Curley was one of our finest and a commendable police officer of the Navajo Nation, who had the experience and courage to serve and protect our citizens. Our thoughts and prayers also go out to the Kaibeto community, Tuba City District and the Navajo Police Department. Every day police officers uphold the law to safeguard our life and property from harm. We appreciate and thank all our Navajo police officers at all 7 police districts for their dedicated service and hard work.”

At this time, funeral arrangements are pending.

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