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Speaker expresses condolences over the death of Senior Police Officer Tony Becenti, Jr.

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – On behalf of the Navajo Nation Council, the Speaker Johnny Naize (Low Mountain, Many Farms, Nazlini, Tachee/Blue Gap, Tselani/Cottonwood) wishes to extend his sincere condolences to the family, friends, and co-workers of Senior Officer Tony Becenti, Jr., Badge # 3112.

“His death is a tremendous loss. My thoughts and prayers are with his loved ones. I also extend my condolences to every member of the Crownpoint Police District,” the Speaker stated.

Officer Becenti passed this morning. The cause of death has not been determined.

Officer Becenti became a Navajo Nation Police Officer on March 28, 1994, where worked under Crownpoint Police District. During his tenure as a Navajo police officer he also served at the Tohajiilee Substation.

“Each time we lose an officer, it touches all of those in the Diné and law enforcement community. Officer Becenti, thank you for your service,” commented the Speaker.

The Navajo Nation Council will lower their flags to half-staff on October 20, 2011 in honor of Officer Becenti.

The family contact is Matilda Smith @ (505) 786-7191. Officer Gladys Antone is the liaison person for the Crownpoint District and can be reached at (505) 786-2050.

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