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## Nez-Lizer congratulate Navajo Chief of Police Francisco for graduating from the FBI National Academy

**WINDOW ROCK, Ariz.** – Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez and Vice President Myron Lizer commend and congratulate Navajo Police Chief Phillip B. Francisco for successfully completing the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy. Chief Francisco completed the demanding 10-week program and graduated on Friday at the academy headquarters located in Quantico, VA.

The FBI National Academy is a professional development course for domestic and international law enforcement leaders who are selected through a nomination process. Police Chief Francisco was nominated by Navajo Nation Division of Public Safety Executive Director Jesse Delmar. He is one of 255 leaders representing state, local, county, tribal, military, federal, and international law enforcement professionals who graduated on Friday.



“We are very proud of Chief Francisco and we congratulate him. Under his and Mr. Delmar’s leadership, we’ve seen great improvements in public safety in our communities and with the knowledge and experience he gained at the FBI Academy, he’ll be able to help our people even more,” said President Nez.

Since Chief Francisco became the head of the Navajo Police Department in August 2016, the Nation has reopened its police academy in the community of Chinle, which led to a substantial increase in the number of police officers serving Navajo communities.

“The police presence in our communities has increased under Chief Francisco and that’s very commendable. We’re excited that he’s completed the FBI Academy training and we look forward to what that has to offer for our Navajo people in terms of continuing to provide greater public safety,” said Vice President Lizer.

Executive Director Delmar stated his recommendation reflected Police Chief Francisco’s excellent leadership as Chief of Police for the Navajo Police Department.

“We are all very proud and grateful Chief was selected to attend this academy. He is paving the way for the future leaders of the Navajo Police Department,” said Delmar.

Chief Francisco studied under a 10-week training program offering a prestigious law enforcement curriculum in executive development and leadership program. The coursework reflected a variety of academics, including law, behavior science, law enforcement communication, forensic science, terrorism/terrorism mindset, intelligence theory, and physical fitness.

“I am extremely grateful for this opportunity. Being a part of this academy and representing our Navajo Police Department has been a humbling experience. The camaraderie I have built with professionals around the world is a valuable network that will benefit our NPD leaders. What I have learned here will be instilled within our department and will help to elevate the public safety services we provide the Navajo people.” Police Chief Francisco said.

Upon his return to the Navajo Nation, Police Chief Francisco will be required to comply with the 14-day self-quarantine policy as a preventive measure against the potential spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus. The health and safety of our law enforcement officers and our communities is a top priority.

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