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25th Navajo Nation Council mourns the passing of Navajo Nation Police Sgt. Kara Tilden



WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. - The 25th Navajo Nation Council extends heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Sgt. Kara Tilden, a respected member of the Navajo Nation Police Department in the Window Rock District, who passed from health-related complications on Monday, Dec. 4.

Sgt. Tilden was Tábaqáhi (Water Edge Clan) and born for Ma'ii deeshgiizhinií (Coyote Pass People).

On behalf of the 25th Navajo Nation Council, Speaker Crystalyne Curley (Low Mountain, Many Farms, Nazlini, Tachee/Blue Gap, Tselani/Cottonwood) delivered the following statement:

"We are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Sgt. Kara Tilden, an esteemed Navajo woman police officer of the Navajo Nation Police Department," said Speaker Curley. "Sgt. Tilden's innovative spirit, commitment to public safety, and involvement in community service significantly contributed to the police department's growth and success."

Tilden was actively involved in local initiatives, including the Native American Toys for Tots program and the Navajo Law Enforcement Training Academy. "Her immense contributions and enduring legacy will continue to inspire us," Speaker Curley added. "We extend our condolences and prayers to her family during this challenging time."

Council Delegate Eugenia Charles-Newton (Shiprock), Chairwoman of the 25th Navajo Nation Council's Law and Order Committee, expressed her condolences and stated, "The passing of an officer, a first responder, hurts our community and leaves a void that cannot be filled. Officer Tilden was an asset to the Navajo Nation, and she will be missed."

Daryl Noon, Police Chief of the Navajo Nation Police Department, expressed his gratitude to everyone who has offered support.

"I want to convey my deepest appreciation to all stakeholders and partners who have stepped forward to help during this difficult time," Chief Noon stated.

A memorial service for Sgt. Tilden will take place on Friday, December 8, 2023, at 10:00 am at St. Michaels LDS Church. Tilden will be buried at the family plot in White Cone, Ariz.

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