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**Law and Order Committee supports confirmation of Michael Henderson as
Division of Public Safety Director**



Council Delegate Cherilyn Yazzie sponsor of the legislation and Acting Division Director Michael Henderson.

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — In a recent Law and Order Committee (LOC) meeting, the LOC formally expressed its support for confirming Acting Division Director Michael Henderson to lead the Division of Public Safety, with three in favor, none opposed.

“Acting Director Henderson brings invaluable experience, leadership, and deep institutional knowledge to the Division of Public Safety,” said Council Delegate Cherilyn Yazzie, who sponsored the legislation. “His qualifications reflect the type of leadership our communities are calling for—one that will help strengthen public safety across the Nation.”

Henderson’s career in public safety spans more than three decades, beginning as a patrol officer with the Navajo Police Department. He has held key leadership roles including Police Sergeant, Senior Criminal Investigator, Supervisor of Criminal Investigations, Police Captain, and most recently, Director of Criminal Investigations.

He is also a retired First-Class Petty Officer of the U.S. Navy, where he served with distinction in multiple deployments supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

Henderson holds a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice with a concentration in Management and Administration from Walden University. He currently chairs the Diné Action Plan committee and is a National Society of Leadership and Success member.

"Director Henderson's career speaks for itself," said Law and Order Committee Chair Eugenia Charles-Newton. "We believe he is the right leader; his track record shows a commitment to accountability, discipline, and service that aligns with our vision for a stronger Division of Public Safety."

The LOC holds the authority to confirm directors under its oversight. With LOC support, Henderson's nomination advances to the Navajo Nation Council for final approval.

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