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Navajo Nation Council extends condolences to the family of fallen Navajo Nation Police Officer Alex Yazzie

WINDOW ROCK – Members of the Navajo Nation Council extend their most heartfelt condolences to the family of fallen Navajo Nation Police Officer Alex Yazzie, who was killed in the line of duty on Thursday night.

“I join my Council colleagues in grieving for the family of Officer Yazzie,” said Speaker LoRenzo Bates. “We offer our thoughts and prayers for the fallen officer’s family and also for the recovery of the wounded officers.”

Officer Yazzie, originally from Crownpoint, was fatally wounded in the line of duty by an armed suspect in the community of Red Valley, located approximately 30-miles southwest of Shiprock. Officers Herbert Frazier and James Hale were also wounded during the same incident.

Council Delegate Amber Kanazbah Crotty who represents the community of Red Valley expressed her condolences to the families and also shared her appreciation to local officials and local radio stations who alerted families and schools of the incident on Thursday.

“Our Nation is mourning the loss of Officer Alex Yazzie who gave his life for our people. We have to offer our prayers today for the impacted families and children,” stated Delegate Crotty.

The fallen officer began serving with the Shiprock Police Department in 2012. Prior to his service as a law enforcement officer, Yazzie served as a Resource Enforcement Officer with the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency and also served in Marine Corps.

“I’m saddened to learn that our Nation has lost one of our finest law enforcement officers while he was protecting us,” said Council Delegate Edmund Yazzie on behalf of the Law and Order Committee. “I encourage the entire Nation to pray for our officers and their families.”

Council Delegate Alton Joe Shepherd also shared his condolences and asked the public to pray for the families.

“I’m saddened to hear of the loss of a Navajo police officer. In prayer, please keep in mind our future generations and let’s begin to remember the ways and teachings of our elders,” said Delegate Shepherd.

The Office of the Speaker is making arrangements to provide assistance and contributions.

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