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### **Reycita Billie honored by U.S. Department of Justice for outstanding contributions to public safety**



Photo courtesy of NNPD - Reycita Billie longstanding member of the Navajo Nation Police Department and currently serves as the Public Safety Answering Point Supervisor and Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Liaison.

**WINDOW ROCK, Ariz.** — Reycita Billie was honored for Outstanding Contributions to Community Partnerships for Public Safety at the U.S. Department of Justice’s 71st Annual Attorney General’s Award Ceremony that was held in Washington, D.C., on January 31, 2024.

Billie is a longstanding member of the Navajo Nation Police Department (NNPD) and currently serves as the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Supervisor and Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP) Liaison. She has dedicated 18 years to enhancing the safety and security of the Navajo Nation. Her experience encompasses several roles, including Public Safety Telecommunication Operator, Criminal Information System Specialist, and PSAP Supervisor.

The 71st Annual Attorney General’s Award Ceremony recognized Billie’s contributions to the Navajo Division of Public Safety, particularly her leadership in addressing the critical issue of Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP). As MMIP Liaison, she has worked closely with victim advocates, MMIP organizations, and multiple law enforcement agencies to foster community partnerships and enhance public safety protocols across the Navajo Nation.

Delegate Eugenia Charles-Newton bolstered Billie’s relentless dedication, stating, “Ms. Billie is

an asset to the Division of Public Safety. The awards that she has received bring experience and knowledge to the Navajo Nation. She is determined to get the job done and her continued success has shined through in the work she does serving on the Missing Murdered Dinè Relatives Taskforce.”

Beyond her role with the NNPD, Billie’s commitment to public safety and community welfare is evident in her recent participation and graduation from the FBI Citizens Academy in April 2024. This prestigious training further enhances her capabilities to bring invaluable insights and expertise back to her community.

“On behalf of the 25th Navajo Nation Council, I’d like to recognize Reycita Billie’s outstanding achievements and her unwavering commitment to enhancing public safety while supporting and protecting her people,” said Speaker Crystalne Curley.

The ceremony highlighted individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to law enforcement. Recipients were selected from a group of over 800 nominees.

Billie’s recognition underscores her significant impact on the Navajo Nation and sets a benchmark for future leaders in public safety.

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