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**Missing and Murdered Diné Relatives Task Force supports families,
raises human trafficking awareness, and advances training and resources**



MMDR Task Force Chair Amber Kanazbah Crotty reinforced the task force's commitment to expanding access to missing persons resources, communication and healing.

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — The Navajo Nation Missing and Murdered Diné Relatives Task Force continues to support families of missing persons by connecting relatives with critical resources that improve access to case information and strengthen coordination with law enforcement and victim advocates.

During a recent regular meeting on Tuesday, task force members provided updates to families and supporters, answered questions, and assisted in reconnecting families with appropriate contacts for more detailed information on their cases.

"The Missing and Murdered Diné Relatives Task Force exists to serve families first," said Navajo Nation Council Delegate and Task Force Chair Amber Kanazbah Crotty. "Our commitment is to meet relatives where they are, help them navigate complex systems, and ensure they receive the resources, communication, and healing support they deserve. Families should never feel alone while searching for their loved ones, and we will continue to advocate for transparency, accountability, and culturally grounded care."

Families shared concerns regarding delays in communication, limited case updates, and challenges related to the issuance of alerts for missing elders and children. Task force members facilitated connections with victim advocates and personnel from the Division

of Public Safety, along with state and federal partners, to help families obtain accurate information and ongoing support.

The task force also addressed systemic challenges affecting missing persons investigations across the Navajo Nation, including severe staffing shortages within public safety that limit investigative capacity across vast geographic areas, while reaffirming its commitment to improving communication with families and advocates.

Efforts are underway to strengthen alert systems, including renewal of the Navajo Nation Amber Alert system contract. Funding has been secured, and finalization is in progress. Once fully operational, the system will allow for more targeted and effective alerts to better support missing persons cases.

January is recognized nationally as Human Trafficking Prevention Month, and the MMDR Task Force will raise awareness and promote education focused on prevention, response, and healing. For Native communities, this observance carries particular significance, as trafficking disproportionately impacts Native women, girls, young men, boys, and LGBTQ2S+ relatives. The task force emphasizes the importance of coordinated culturally responsive approaches rooted in community values, accountability, and collective responsibility.

The Missing and Murdered Diné Relatives Task Force will host a human trafficking awareness training session on January 30th at Navajo Technical University's Crownpoint campus. The training will be provided by the Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women in collaboration with the Missing and Murdered Diné Relatives Task Force.

The session will focus on human trafficking awareness, identifying resources for healing and recovery, and strengthening community-based prevention efforts to protect the most vulnerable.

The Missing and Murdered Diné Relatives Task Force continues to honor missing relatives, support families in their search for answers, and work to build safer communities grounded in care, accountability, and cultural strength.

Registration form for the Human Trafficking Awareness Training on January 30th:
<https://forms.gle/fEmXdy3at3xdnMyB7>

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Missing and Murdered Diné Relative Task Force

Human Trafficking Awareness Training

Reclaiming Safety Together: Healing, Grounding, and Protecting Our Relatives

JANUARY IS

NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH

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TECHNICAL
UNIVERSITY



DATE & TIME

**Friday, January 30, 2026
10:00AM - 3:00PM**

ADDRESS

**Navajo Technical University -
Hospitality Center**

**Lowerpoint Rd State Hwy 371,
Crownpoint, NM 87313**

Reserve your spot today



Scan the QR Code

ABOUT THIS EVENT

This Human Trafficking Awareness Training is hosted by the Missing and Murdered Diné Relatives Task Force in partnership with the Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women.

Held during National Human Trafficking Prevention Month, the training offers trauma-informed education to strengthen survivor support and promote community safety rooted in Indigenous values.

Safety is collective. Healing is cultural.
Prevention is community-rooted.

#EndTrafficking #ReclaimingSafetyTogether

Registration closes on January 26, 2026

Any questions or assistance with registration reach out to tatyana.billy@navajo-nsn.gov