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25th Navajo Nation Council extends condolences to families impacted by fatal flooding emergency

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – The 25th Navajo Nation Council extends heartfelt prayers and condolences to the families impacted by fatalities caused by flooding in the Toadlena and Two Grey Hills communities.

“Although we consider the rain a blessing, we also acknowledge the dangers of heavy rain and flash flooding in our communities. Our hearts are broken knowing that we lost loved community members who dedicated their lives to protecting our children,” said Council Delegate Amber Kanazbah Crotty. “Our request at this difficult time is to check on your loved ones and have a safety plan in place, including knowing when to shelter at home and having important emergency numbers available if an emergency evacuation is needed. Chapters are implementing their emergency plans and can serve as temporary shelters.”

Donation information will be forthcoming from the families.

According to the Navajo Police Department Shiprock District, at approximately 12:30 a.m., officers responded to a report of people being washed away in a flooded area.

Officers arrived at the scene and searched the area with assistance from the Navajo Nation Fire and Rescue Newcomb and Shiprock stations, Navajo EMS, Sanostee CERT, and 4Corners K-9 Search and Rescue. The Navajo Police Department reported that two adults and one juvenile drowned and were pronounced deceased. The incident remains under investigation.

Sanostee Day School and Tohaali Community School will be closed for the remainder of the week. The 25th Navajo Nation Council extends its prayers to the families and community members affected by the flooding and offers support to those mourning the loss of their loved ones. During this difficult time, the Council encourages community members to remain vigilant and take precautions as flooding conditions can change quickly.

Community members are urged to avoid flooded roads, waterways, and other areas affected by rising water. Do not attempt to drive or walk through flooded areas and follow directions from emergency personnel and local authorities to help protect yourself and your family.

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