**New Mexico Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Task Force**

*Law Enforcement Survey Questions and Data Collection Fields*

This document serves to define, and outline, data collection points captured via survey for analysis in the Final Report produced by the New Mexico Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women Task Force (task force). Law enforcement agencies that wish to offer input to the task force must complete all fields to be considered. Additional information from agencies may be requested at the discretion of the task force.

Information gathered from the survey will be analyzed by the task force from a quantitative and qualitative lens and will be reflected in the final report. Completed survey forms will be stored internally with the New Mexico Indian Affairs Department (department) staff for a period of three years and may be subject to Inspection of Public Records Requests.

All fields are required unless stated otherwise.

Expected Outcomes: The scope of information to be gathered by surveying law enforcement includes:

* Policies and guidelines for responding to missing persons and murder/homicide cases. Whether or not there are systems/protocols to track MMIW cases.
* How MMIW cases are being reported and shared across crime databases (NCIC, NCMEC, NamUs, TAP).
* Types of training relevant to addressing violence and crime in Indian country and/or Missing and Murdered cases.
* Challenges to identifying, reporting and investigating MMIW cases.
* Barriers related to jurisdiction.
* Partnerships and resources needed to improve the reporting and investigating of MMIW cases.
* How to improve collaboration and information sharing with DOJ.

A. General Program Information

1. **Please identify what type of agency you work for based on the options below:**
   1. Sheriffs Office
   2. BIA
   3. Tribally-controlled
   4. Local (city)
   5. Local (rural)
   6. Other (Please identify your agency if these options do not fit)
2. **Please provide your name or the name of the primary contact for your agency if that person is not you just in case we need to follow up with additional requests for information** - This information will remain internal to the department and task force, and WILL NOT be displayed publicly.
3. **Please provide your Email address or the Email address of the primary contact for our agency if that person is not you** - This information will remain internal to the department and task force, and WILL NOT be displayed publicly.
4. **Service Area** – Please indicate the agency’s jurisdictional boundaries.
5. **Does the agency adhere to OPR: 43 Missing and Endangered, established by the Department of Public Safety, Please reference policies and procedures here.**

* Yes (1)
* No (2)

1. **Does the agency have an established policy for murder/homicide investigations?**

* Yes (1)
* No (2)

1. **Does the agency gather information that would indicate if the missing person is an American Indian or Alaska Native or affiliated with any particular tribe?**

* Yes (1)
* No (2)

1. **If answer to question 8 is yes, please describe the classification process. [Open Ended]**
2. **Please indicate which crime databases/repositories the agency uses to log its missing persons cases from the options below.**
   1. **Law Enforcement Records Bureau – Missing Persons Clearinghouse**
   2. **NCIC – National Crime Information Center**
   3. **NCMEC – National Center for Missing and Exploited Children**
   4. **TAP – Tribal Access Program**
   5. **NamUs –** National Missing and Unidentified Persons Systems

**Other –** please indicate [Open ended]

1. **Please indicate the policy or practice for logging missing persons cases into each crime database/repository. Be sure to include when and how often cases are logged.**

**[Open Ended]**

1. **What kinds of training does your officers receive that is relevant to addressing violence and crime and/or Missing and Murdered cases? Please indicate the frequency for each training.**

**[Open Ended]**

**Possible answer choices:**

* Culture and sensitivity training
* Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women
* Multijurisdictional collaboration on missing persons investigations
* Human trafficking
* Historical trauma and impact of colonization
* Native American identity/ethnicity profiling
* Working with victims of crime
* Investigating missing and endangered persons investigations
* Murder/Homicide investigations
* Other

1. **What kinds of training are needed to addressing violence and crime, specifically Missing and Murdered cases?**

**[Open Ended]**

**Possible answer choices:**

* Culture and sensitivity training
* Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women
* Multijurisdictional collaboration on missing persons investigations
* Human trafficking
* Historical trauma and impact of colonization
* Native American identity/ethnicity profiling
* Working with victims of crime
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Other

1. **Does your office or unit do any of the following when investigating a missing persons case involving an Indigenous person?**
2. Reach out to Tribal leaders for assistance in identifying information about the missing person?
   * Yes (1)
   * No (2)
3. Reach out to Tribal leaders to let them know that a member of their community has been reported missing?
   * Yes (1)
   * No (2)
4. Look to partner with any organizations or community groups in the community to help find the missing person?
   * Yes (1)
   * No (2)
5. If your office takes any other approaches to engage the community in finding the missing person, please identify them here.

[Open Ended]

1. **What type of support services does the agency offer to the reporting individual and/or family when a “missing persons” report is made? Please check any of the following support services:**

**WE COULD USE SOME HELP WITH SOME SUPPORT SERVICES THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE ON THE SURVEY**

**Possible answer choices**

* **Crisis intervention**
* **Information regarding financial assistance through New Mexico Crime Victims Reparation Commission and application assistance**
* **Assistance setting up automated notification of offender release and/or court case(s)**
* **Information regarding the different stages of the criminal justice system**
* **Referrals to social services and/or local non-profit agencies**
* **On-site victim advocates**
* **Chaplin services**
* **Counseling services or referrals**
* **Other**

**Follow-up ? re services offered to family impacted by murder/homicide**

1. **What type of support services does the agency offer to a family impacted by murder/homicide? Please check any of the following support services:**

**Possible answer choices**

* **Crisis intervention**
* **Information regarding financial assistance through New Mexico Crime Victims Reparation Commission and application assistance**
* **Assistance setting up automated notification of offender release and/or court case(s)**
* **Information regarding the different stages of the criminal justice system**
* **Referrals to social services and/or local non-profit agencies**
* **On-site victim advocates**
* **Chaplin services**
* **Counseling services or referrals**
* **Other**

Open-ended Questionnaire: The following questions will help the task force to identify barriers and develop recommendations to address the on-going crisis of MMIW within the state. This is an opportunity for law enforcement agencies to share their input to the task force. Please take as much space as you like for each question.

1. **What are the barriers your agency is experiencing in regard to reporting and investigating missing and murdered cases involving indigenous women and girls?**

[Open Ended Question]

**Possible answer choices:**

* **Limited or no access to NCIC**
* **Missing persons reports are made years after disappearance**
* **Limited or no capacity to maintain internal records management system**
* **Lack of jurisdiction**
* **Lack of coordination with surrounding jurisdiction**
* **Limited personal to properly follow-up on investigations**
* **No established procedure or protocol for missing person investigations**
* **No established procedure or protocol for murder/homicide investigations**
* **No tribal code for missing person or murder/homicide**
* **Other**

[Open Ended Question]

1. **What are some recommendations to improve reporting and identifying missing and murdered cases involving Indigenous women and girls?**

[Open Ended Question]

Possible answer choices:

* Better detailed reporting fields in NCIC (data collection)
* Better centralized resources for law enforcement, family members, and tribes
* Better coordination across jurisdiction (such as MOUs and collaborative partnerships)
* Permanente task force to address missing indigenous people
* Standardizing the reporting requirement for missing person cases
* Identifying resources already in place but underutilized
* Increased public awareness of MMIW among non-native communities
* Establishing or enhancing partnership with tribal communities and victim services
* Improved timeliness of processing cases
* Universal access to a reliable database that captures required information such as tribal affiliation (to minimize racial misclassifications)
* Increased training in conducting missing persons investigations throughout Indian country
* Improved communications with families impacted by MMIW
* Improved record keeping processes
* Increased accountability (e.g., required to maintain records and conduct follow-up)
* Other

1. **How can collaboration and information sharing with DOJ be improved in regard to reporting and investigating cases of missing and murdered Indigenous women in the state?**

[Open Ended Question]

Possible answer choices:

* Mandate NamUs entries for all LEAs including tribal LEAs
* Establish a review board to ensure collaboration and information sharing is happening effectively
* Increase/ establish DOJ-led training and technical assistance across all law-enforcement
* Increase resources to tribal LEAs to improve TAP utilization
* Other