

Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons-DOJ Anchorage Assembly Public Safety Committee Presentation

DISTRICT OF ALASKA
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- Welcome
- Introductions to the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Program History, Coordinator, Alaska-MMIP working group, and Pilot Project.



MMIP COORDINATOR INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

DOJ - MMIP COORDINATORS

- Attorney General William P. Barr's MMIP Initiative announced in November 2019
- Eleven (11) MMIP Coordinators across the United States
- MMIP Coordinators are contract employees with the US Attorney's Office in these districts:
 - Alaska, Arizona, Montana, Oklahoma, Michigan, Utah, Nevada, Minnesota, Oregon, New Mexico, and Washington
- Alaska's MMIP Coordinator, E. Ingrid Cumberlidge, located in the Anchorage - US Attorneys Office, since July 2020



Alaska – Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Working Groups

- Thank you to all our dedicated working group members.



MMIP GOALS AND OBJECTIVES



Gloria Simeon

AK-MMIP Working Group Member

Orutsaramiut Native Council Member
of Bethel

Connections & Collaboration
for a Safer Alaska


NATIONAL MMIP INITIATIVES

- Attorney General Barr's MMIP Initiative: National strategy to address MMIP 11/22/2019
- President Trump's Executive Order 13898 (November 26, 2019)
 - Establish a Task Force to address the issue of Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives
 - Operation Lady Justice,
<https://operationladyjustice.usdoj.gov/>
- Savanna's Act (10/10/2020 Became Public Law No: 116-165)



NATIONAL MMIP INITIATIVES Continued

- Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Coordinator



Charlotte Rand
AK-MMIP Working Group Member
Assistant Attorney General
Special Assistant to the Attorney General
Department of Law, State of Alaska

Prevention and awareness efforts:

- Human Trafficking Prevention
- Other MMIP prevention and awareness efforts with ANTHC



DISTRICT OF ALASKA - JURISDICTION

- PL-280 State
- Alaska State Troopers Primary Jurisdiction
 - Village Public Safety Officers
- Municipal Law Enforcement Primary Jurisdiction, Anchorage Police Dept.
- Metlakatla Tribe Primary Jurisdiction
- Federal Law Enforcement Partner Jurisdiction




Anchorage Police Department

Sergeant Bianca Cross & Lieutenant Jack Carson

AK-MMIP Working Group Member

- Anchorage APD/AK Clearinghouse missing persons list efforts to clear missing persons with medical admissions
- APD Municipal efforts to fund genetic testing for non-violent unidentified remains



Alaska – Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Working Groups




Tribal Community Response Plans (TCRP's)

- Operation Lady Justice TCRP working group
- Develop Guidelines to respond to cases of Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives
- Assist tribal governments in developing TCRP's




National MMIP Pilot Project Goal Tribal Community Response Plans (TCRP's)

- (6) Six Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Coordinator Districts are participating in the MMIP Tribal Community Response Plan Pilot Projects
 - Alaska, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Oklahoma, Oregon



Identify Resources and Opportunities to
Collaborate –
Rochelle Liedike
Deputy United States Marshal
Public Affairs Officer
District of Alaska

- United States Marshal resources to support MMIP Cases



Identify Resources and Opportunities to
Collaborate –
Lyle Kessler
CDR Chief, External Affairs
United States Coast Guard
District of Alaska

- United States Coast Guard resources to support MMIP Cases



ALASKA BASED COLD CASE OFFICE

- BIA Cold Case Investigator in Anchorage announced by DOI/White House
 - ← Alaska Cold Case Task Force Office opened, August 26, 2020

Pilot Project

Tribal Community Response Plans (TCRP's)

- Goal of (3) three Community Response Plan Models:
 - Communities with no law enforcement
 - Communities with limited law enforcement (VPSO, TPOs,...)
 - Hub Communities with law enforcement (Municipal and often State Law Enforcement)
 - Volunteer Tribal Pilot Sites



Pilot Project - Goal

Tribal Community Response Plans (TCRP's)

- Each Tribal Community Response Plan will consider up to four guidelines in the areas of:
 - Community Outreach
 - Victims Services
 - Law Enforcement
 - Media /Public Communications



ALASKA – MMIP Work Continues



DATA GOALS



ALASKA – MMIP Work in Anchorage

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Any Questions

