

**Subpart G—Support Functions**

- 12.61 Can I be paid for information that helps solve a crime?
- 12.62 Who decides what uniform an Indian country law enforcement officer can wear and who pays for it?
- 12.63 Do Indian country law enforcement officers perform other duties as well?

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**Subpart A—Responsibilities**

**§ 12.1 Who is responsible for the Bureau of Indian Affairs law enforcement function?**

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs, or in the absence of a Commissioner, the Deputy Commissioner, is responsible for Bureau of Indian Affairs-operated and contracted law enforcement programs, and for overall policy development and implementation of the Indian Law Enforcement Reform Act, Public Law 101–379 (25 U.S.C. 2801 *et seq.*).

**§ 12.2 What is the role of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Director of Law Enforcement Services?**

The Director of the Office of Law Enforcement Services for the Bureau of Indian Affairs (Director) has been delegated the responsibility for the development of law enforcement and detention policies, standards, and management of all Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) criminal investigations, drug enforcement, training, internal affairs, inspection and evaluation, emergency response forces, and other national level Indian country law enforcement initiatives. The Director publishes these policies and standards in law enforcement manuals and handbooks. The Director is also directly responsible for developing crime prevention and outreach programs within Indian country law enforcement.

**§ 12.3 Who supervises Bureau of Indian Affairs criminal investigators?**

All BIA criminal investigators are supervised by other criminal investigators within the Office of Law Enforcement Services.

**§ 12.4 Who supervises the Bureau of Indian Affairs uniformed police, detention, and conservation enforcement functions?**

The agency superintendent is directly responsible for the operation and management of BIA uniformed police operations, detention facilities, and conservation enforcement operations at any agency having these programs. The agency superintendent must also ensure technical support is provided to any agency contracting the law enforcement and/or detention program.

**Subpart B—Policies and Standards**

**§ 12.11 Do I have to follow these regulations?**

You must follow the minimum standards outlined in the regulations in this part if you are part of a BIA or tribal law enforcement program receiving Federal funding or operating under a BIA law enforcement commission.

**§ 12.12 What about self-determination?**

The regulations in this part are not intended to discourage contracting of Indian country law enforcement programs under the Indian Self-determination and Education Assistance Act (Pub. L. 93–638, as amended, 25 U.S.C. 450). The Deputy Commissioner of Indian Affairs will ensure minimum standards are maintained in high risk activities where the Federal government retains liability and the responsibility for settling tort claims arising from contracted law enforcement programs. It is not fair to law abiding citizens of Indian country to have anything less than a professional law enforcement program in their community. Indian country law enforcement programs that receive Federal funding and/or commissioning will be subject to a periodic inspection or evaluation to provide technical assistance, to ensure compliance with minimum Federal standards, and to identify necessary changes or improvements to BIA policies.

**§ 12.13 What happens if I do not follow the rules in this part?**

Your BIA law enforcement commission may be revoked, your law enforcement contract may be canceled, and