

Methamphetamine Enforcement Training *and* Technical Assistance *for* Tribal Communities



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Tribal Community Methamphetamine Enforcement Training and Technical Assistance

Through funding provided by the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, the Tribal Community Methamphetamine Enforcement Training and Technical Assistance Program (part of the Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse Program established by Public Law 106-553) provides training and technical assistance to tribal law enforcement agencies, other criminal justice personnel, first responders, select social service providers, and community leaders interested in enhancing their enforcement and prevention responses to methamphetamine. The program offers instruction on interdiction and investigative strategies, forensic techniques, clandestine lab detection, enforcement, clean-up and safety, and demand reduction strategies. The program also provides task force development technical assistance to assist tribal communities in creating a multi-agency, multi-disciplinary, multi-jurisdictional approach to combat methamphetamine.

Training

Communities across the United States are confronting the critical threat of methamphetamine, which demonstrates significant challenges for law enforcement, child welfare, substance abuse treatment, and prevention agencies. The meth epidemic has disproportionately affected Native American communities. The rapid spread of methamphetamine abuse is an increasing challenge for law enforcement and other human service providers. In addition to more effective law enforcement strategies, there is a critical need for improved coordination of services with human service agencies and treatment facilities to combat methamphetamine at the community level.

In response to this challenge, the Bureau of Justice Assistance offers a series of regional training events for tribal law enforcement agencies to ensure that methamphetamine investigations are implemented safely and effectively. There is no registration fee, however participants must cover their own travel expenses. For upcoming events, please visit <http://www.tribaljusticeandsafety.gov>.

The two-day training includes a general overview of methamphetamine, signs and symptoms of abuse, drug endangered children, and community approaches to addressing the methamphetamine problem. This session is appropriate for all tribal criminal justice personnel, social service providers, and community leaders.

The second day of training is restricted to law enforcement personnel and topics will include manufacturing of methamphetamine, investigation techniques, raid planning, first response safety procedures, and lab clean up.

Technical Assistance

Following regional training events, participating tribes may request follow up technical assistance on topics including drug task force development, collaboration techniques, operational and tactical strategies, and communication methods in creating multi-agency, multi-disciplinary, and multi-jurisdictional approaches to methamphetamine.

For More Information

For more information about the Methamphetamine Enforcement Training and Technical Assistance Program, please contact FirstPic, Inc. at 1-866-662-5321. To find dates and locations of schedules trainings or to register for an upcoming training session, visit <http://www.tribaljusticeandsafety.gov>.