



NATIVE AMERICAN RESOURCES, LLC

Training and Technical Assistance to Tribal Organizations

REYNOLDS NEJO

Mr. Nejo is a **Northern Diegueno**, enrolled as a member of the Mesa Grande Band of Mission Indians from the Mesa Grande Indian Reservation, San Diego County, CA.

He attended Palomar Community College, in San Marcos, Ca, and graduated with an Associate of Arts Degree in Police Science. He worked 12 years in street drug enforcement in uniform, plain clothes and undercover capacities. During this time he received training in the recognition of crystal methamphetamine from the Phoenix Police Academy, the AZ Police Officer's Standards & Training center in Phoenix, the AZ Narcotics Officer Association's Training Course in Phoenix, the National Institute of Drug Enforcement Training in Tucson, AZ, and the US DEA Training Center in San Diego, CA.

As a certified AZPOST instructor, he has provided training to field officers from several police departments, in the area of clandestine meth labs. He has received specialized training in the investigative area of meth labs from the US DEA training center in San Diego, CA. and the Clandestine Lab Investigators Association's Training courses in Las Vegas, NV, and Orlando, FL; where he also received training as a lab site safety officer and trainer for law enforcement officers in clandestine lab investigations. In his final assignment as a narcotics detective, he was also attached to the Maricopa County Provisional Meth Lab Task force from 1996-2000.

Currently he is employed as the Acting Chief of Police of Gila River Police Department, in Sacaton, AZ. While working as a sworn tribal peace officer serving on an Indian Reservation, he is involved in the on-going interdiction of crystal meth coming into that community. As a result he has authored and served several search warrants due to investigations undertaken where meth was suspected to be sold or used.

He has spoken to local Tribal Leaders about the effects of meth and the increasing problem faced in their community; as well as Tribal Leaders from other communities like Hawaii to speak to their Native People about the drug, Quechan, Ft. Mohave, Tonto Apache, Prescott Yavapai, Hopi, Navajo, San Carlos Apache, Ft. McDowell, & Gila River Nations, as well as AZ ITCA-Phoenix, IHS-Phoenix, SCTCA-Youth Sovereignty Conference in San Diego County, among others, as the meth problem continues to worsen across Indian Country. He has provided community group presentations and one-on-one counseling support to community members jailed for their meth use. He currently provides information to families both from the Reservation and outside the Reservation, to medical in-home care-givers, social workers, maintenance personnel, and any who ask, on what to look for if they suspect their family members may be using meth or they go into a home or location where they suspect meth is being manufactured.

As an American Indian, from the Reservation himself, he understands the threat to Indian culture and the potential destruction of future generations. He is currently dedicated himself to spread the information about meth and substance abuse across Indian Country.

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