FirstNet

TRIBAL LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSPECTIVE

Why Tribes?

- Approximately 110 recognized tribes
- 20% of all tribes nationally are in CA
- Tribal governments have an inherent responsibility to protect their constituency
- Resources and capabilities

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- Government to government relationship between tribes and federal government
- Federal trust responsibility
- Written into law establishing FirstNet

FirstNest, tribal representation:

- At the federal level
- At the state level
  - Cynthia Gomez, Governor's Office tribal representative and CalFRN board member
  - CalFRN tribal advisory committee:
    - Dore Beitz, Toulumne Band of Me-wuk Indians
    - Michael DeSpain, Mechoopda Maidu Indians
    - Lenore Lamb, BIA
    - Matthew Rantanen, Southern CA Chairman's Association
    - Bill Denke, Sycuan Police Department

Challenges

- No two tribes are the same:
  - rural to urban interface
  - robust economic development to no development
  - comprehensive infrastructure to little infrastructure
  - established public safety departments to none
- Coordination with local partners
  - Challenge to benefit

Opportunity

- FirstNet could bring communication infrastructure to all tribes
  - To either their own public safety departments or those agencies providing the service for the tribe

Coordination and collaboration

- planning, partnerships, memorandums of understanding

Lessons learned

- Regional Communications System, San Diego and Imperial County
  - Reworking of governing board's policies
- Sensitive law enforcement information sharing
  - Clearly defining tribal police agencies

Conclusion

- Communication, coordination, and collaboration

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