



FirstNet

TRIBAL LAW ENFORCEMENT  
PERSPECTIVE



# Why Tribes?

- Approximately 109 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
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# 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
      - Matthew Rantanen, Southern CA Chairman's Association
      - Bill Denke, Sycuan Police Department
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# 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
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# 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
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# Conclusion

- Communication, coordination, and collaboration
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