



PM-ISE Welcomes Tribal Advisor Joe LaPorte

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Good morning. I recently joined the office of the PM-ISE as a Tribal Advisor after spending many years in law enforcement. In my new role, I will represent the concerns and interests of Indian Country Law Enforcement as it relates to the Information Sharing Environment. I feel very fortunate that I will be able to continue my passion representing Indian Country while continuing to help protect the Nation.

Earlier this month, I had the opportunity to attend the [National Native American Law Enforcement Association](#) ^[1] (NNALEA) conference in Las Vegas. I delivered a speech regarding the importance of Tribal Law Enforcement partnering up with State, local and Federal agencies within their jurisdictions. My message was simple: Realizing that the criminal will always exploit our weaknesses, we can close those gaps by communicating and collaborating. As we are all well aware of, our criminal is their criminal and theirs, ours.

Beyond the presentation, I enjoyed the one-on-one conversations with those from Indian Country and several of our Federal partners. I heard about a lot of very good best practices and success stories where the Tribes and Federal agencies collaborated in the interest of public safety and were very successful in their missions. These types of missions help ensure the safety and security of our people and property. I was also extremely fortunate to receive the NNALEA Director of Public Safety of the Year Award. I am humbled and very grateful for the recognition.

The men and women who work to enable the ISE understand and have great interest in the inclusion of Indian Country LE as a mission partner. I look forward to collaborating with Indian Country from my new position; sharing their concerns with PM-ISE; and seeing the positive results as we work to secure the country.

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