



**How Tribes are Overcoming  
Data  
Collection Challenges**

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Conference**

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8:30a.m.-10:00a.m.

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- The Pueblo of Tesuque is a Federally Recognized Traditional Pueblo, with a land base consisting of 17,000 acres nestled within the foothills of the Sangre De Cristo Mountains just a few miles north west of Santa Fe, New Mexico. Tesuque has a Tribal Population of 570 Members and a total population of approximately 880 People.

**Introduction**

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- There is approximately twenty six miles of roadways with approximately 16,000 vehicles traveling daily
- Types of Roadways
  - Bureau of Indian Affairs Roads
  - Tesuque Tribal Roads
  - Santa Fe County Roads
  - State of New Mexico Highways
  - United States Highways

**Introduction cont.**

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- The Tesuque Tribal Police Department was established in 1983 and provides 24 hour Law Enforcement services
- When fully staffed the Department consists of 15 sworn Officers, 6 Radio Communications Officers, and 3 Support Staff.

**Introduction cont.**

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- In 2004, the Tesuque Tribal Police Department had a dire need for funding for equipment and overtime to help combat the problems associated with injuries and deaths attributed to motor vehicle crashes.
- The Department set out to seek funding from County, State and Federal programs.
- During the search for funding, there was one common component: "TRAFFIC DATA" (motor vehicle crashes, traffic citations, and DWI's).

**Need For DATA**

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- Needing the DATA, a search ensued and it became clear that all data was paper copy. There was no uniformity or an electronic system in place for capturing and housing citations and crash data.
- Unfazed by the setback, several months were dedicated to collecting the needed DATA to justify funding

**Need For Data cont.**

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- As a result of the DATA collection process the Police Department was awarded several overtime and equipment grants.
- As a direct results of the grants, traffic and DWI enforcement overtime was being worked and the Highways and Roadways were becoming safer.
- However, one not forgotten problem was still lingering (DATA Collection). The Departments Citations and DWI arrests almost doubled.

**Funding Approved**

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- As the DATA started building up it became harder to compile the DATA
- Several electronic data collection systems were introduced to the Police Department that was faced with many trials and errors because the needs of Tribal Departments were difficult to meet with standard software.

**A Need for a Data Collection System**

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- In 2008 the Tesuque Tribal Police Department, working with the traffic safety program in the State of New Mexico became the first Tribal law enforcement agency to pilot TRACS (Traffic and Criminal Software).
- Since the implementation of TRACS, the Police Department has digitally created and saved:
  - 21,927 traffic citations
  - 313 DWI reports and citations
  - 133 motor vehicle crashes

### TRACS Software & Equipment

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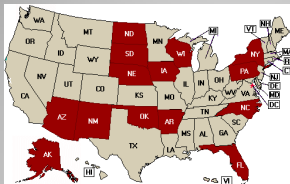
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### TRACS States



There are currently **14** states and **1** province that are members of the National Model. For more information contact your local State Highway Office or TRACS  
[www.tracsinfo.us](http://www.tracsinfo.us)

TRACS Equipment includes  
 Ruggedized Laptop  
 HP Mobile Printer  
 Barcode Scanner  
 Mag Stripe Reader  
 Laptop in car Cradle

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- The transition to TRACS was somewhat easy
  - Equipment was purchased
  - Officers attended 8 hours of training
  - the New Mexico Traffic Code was already adopted and used in its entirety
  - the TTPD already used all State Forms
    - Traffic Citations
    - DWI Citations
    - Crash Reports
    - Offense Incident

### Transition to TRACS

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- Monthly DWI Arrests, Traffic Citations and MV-Crashes are reported monthly to:
  - The Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Highway Safety Program
  - The New Mexico Dept. of Transportation (NMDOT), Traffic Safety Bureau
  - The Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Justice Services Northern Pueblos agency and District IV
- DWI arrests (both Native and Non) are reported to the New Mexico Motor Vehicle Division
- MV Crashes are reported to the NMDOT Crash Section.

### DATA Sharing

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- The Tesuque Tribal Police Department worked through these efforts with the continued support of the Pueblo of Tesuque Tribal Council to ensure that professional, effective, an efficient law enforcement services are provided for the Pueblo of Tesuque Community utilizing accepted law enforcement techniques and practices to provide for protection of lives and property for persons visiting, residing or traveling within the exterior boundaries of the Tesuque Reservation.

### Support

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