

Questions for the Record by Republican Members

Questions from Rep. Rob Bishop for Mr. Alejandro Benally, Sr., Chief of Police, San Carlos Apache Tribe:

1. According to your testimony, the San Carlos Apache law enforcement department is “understaffed, under-resourced” and that it “faces high rates of violence”. Implementing the Special Domestic Violence Jurisdiction costs a lot for tribes that opt to exercise this jurisdiction.
 - a. How does the San Carlos Apache tribe plan to take on the costly new responsibilities without allowing a drop-off in law enforcement quality?
2. In your testimony, you say the Bureau of Justice Statistics reported that San Carlos suffered 318 violent crimes in 2013, the third highest in Indian Country.
 - a. Is this the most current data on violent crimes in the San Carlos Apache tribal community?
3. Can you describe the San Carlos Apache Tribe judicial system, including how many tribal judges are employed by the tribe, what the minimum requirements to be a tribal judge are, what the tribe’s caseload is like, and how the tribal appeals system works (including how tribal appeals court judges are appointed)?
4. Are the tribe’s criminal laws publicly available?