

**JANUARY 2005 - Tesuque Tribal Police Department becomes the first police department in New Mexico to receive a compliance letter from DPS stating that they met all the requirements specified by the DPS and Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) 2004 regulations.**

In 1999, the Tesuque Tribal Police, under the direction of Chief Robert Frenier, began planning for a Tribal Police Department that would become one of the most technologically advanced police departments in New Mexico. To that end, Chief Frenier applied and received several federal and Tribal Resource Grants that would allow the department to realize this dream. "Officer Safety is the most critical issue of police work," says Chief Frenier. "I want my officers in the field to have the most up-to-date and real-time information available. When an officer approaches a vehicle or walks into any situation, he needs to know that he has been provided with as much information as is available. Too many officers have been injured or have lost their lives because information was not provided that could have made a difference. Since the information is available through the Department of Public Safety and NCIC, I felt that we should have that same information available to our officers."

In 2000, the Tesuque Tribal Police began building their offices. The design included security and technology that would require the most advanced resources available for the officers in the field. In 2002, with the offices complete, the Tribal Police Department contracted with a local company, IS Solutions, LLC (now, Grants & Technology Veterans, LLC) to design, construct and implement the solutions required by the Tribal Police. GTV created a technology infrastructure that included IP Telephony phone systems, servers connected to the Department of Public Safety (DPS) and wireless communications from patrol vehicles to the DPS for rapid response on queries.

This process included:

- Software (Access Data Sleuth) CAD and Records Management system
- ITRONIX ruggedized Notebook computers mounted in the vehicles
- Wireless connectivity (Verizon Air Cards) to DPS
- Encryption technology (Radio IP®) for secure communications and CJIS Compliance
- Two-Factor Authentication (ActivCard®) for officer security and CJIS Compliance
- GlobalStar Satellite Communication for second mode of communications when outside the CDMA areas.

By January 2005, the implementation was complete and the Tesuque Tribal Police Department became the first police department in New Mexico to receive a compliance letter from DPS stating that they met all the requirements specified by the DPS and Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) 2004 regulations. "Our officers and staff now have up-to-the-minute information regarding any criminal activity that passes through our jurisdiction. The vision of our Police Force and hard work and efforts of many, including GTV, made this dream our reality and I'm very proud of their support and efforts," says Frenier.

GTV has succeeded in implementing technologies that meet and exceed the current 2004 CJIS regulations for wireless communications. Through strategic partnerships, GTV has provided a one-stop shop for police and other public safety departments that encompasses all aspects of hardware, software and communications capabilities to allow them to obtain total compliance with DPS, CJIS and FBI mobile communications regulations.

Robert Frenier

Chief, Tesuque Tribal Police