

**RESOLUTION OF THE
WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE OF THE
FORT APACHE INDIAN RESERVATION**

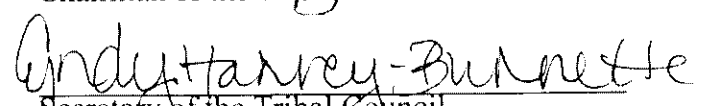
- WHEREAS**, the Indian Health Service Office of Environmental Health routinely collects severe injury data and conducts studies to identify injury trends on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation (FAIR); and
- WHEREAS**, these data are used to develop intervention strategies in an effort to reduce severe injury and trauma to Tribal members; and
- WHEREAS**, severe injury data collected on the FAIR indicate motor vehicle crashes as a leading cause of severe injury hospitalization and the leading cause of injury fatality among Tribal members; and
- WHEREAS**, the Indian Health Service Office of Environmental Health proposes to initiate a study which would analyze motor vehicle crashes occurring on paved Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) roads and state highways on the FAIR ; and
- WHEREAS**, data sources used for the study would include the Whiteriver Service Unit Severe Injury Surveillance System, Whiteriver Police Department crash records, and the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) crash data; and
- WHEREAS**, all provisions of the Privacy Act will be adhered to and no personal identifiers such as names or license numbers will be used; and
- WHEREAS**, a final report of the study findings will be completed and will discuss crash characteristics, any crash cluster sites, cluster site improvement needs, and/or general roadway problems or needs to help prioritize the expenditure of road construction dollars and expedite the correction of any identified crash cluster sites; and
- WHEREAS**, the study findings will be provided to the White Mountain Apache Tribe, White Mountain Apache Tribal Roads Committee, ADOT, BIA Roads Department, IHS.
- BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs the Indian Health Service Office of Environmental Health to complete the study of motor vehicles crashes occurring on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation as described herein and directs that such findings be provided to the Tribal Council, the White Mountain Apache Tribal Roads Committee, ADOT, BIA Roads department and the IHS Whiteriver Unit.

The foregoing resolution was on March 6, 2002 duly adopted by a vote of TEN for and ZERO against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (s), (t), and (u) of the Constitution of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe September 30, 1993, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November 12, 1993, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

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Chairman of the Tribal Council



Secretary of the Tribal Council

Motor Vehicle Crash Study

PURPOSE

- Attempt to reduce the number of injuries occurring on the Fort Apache Indian reservation due to motor vehicle crashes (MVC's).
 - Accomplished by determining what injuries have occurred in the past 5 years due to MVC's.
 - Analyze these injuries and determine those that occur most often.
 - Develop recommendations for interventions that are designed to reduce the number of MVC injuries on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.

METHODS

- Collect and analyze motor vehicle crash data on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.
 - Data will be collected and analyzed on improved (paved) highways (BIA and State).

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

- WMAT Police Department crash records, Arizona Department Of Transportation crash records (DPS investigated crashes)
 - WRSU personnel have collaborated with the ADOT and WMAT PD in the past on several occasions. There is a good working history.
 - Additional data may be used in the study. Some examples include: local seatbelt/child car seat usage rates and Whiteriver Hospital motor vehicle crash injury information.

RESULTS

- The results of the data analyses will be published in the form of a paper through the Indian Health Service Injury Prevention Fellowship Program.
 - The paper will not include confidential information regarding the BIA, IHS/patient records, or information pertaining to any WMAT Departments or Tribal members. (The Whiteriver Office of Environmental Health will follow the Privacy Act in regards to Hospital patient records and Tribal crash records)

DISTRIBUTION OF PAPER

- Final distribution of the paper will be to interested WMAT Departments, interested community members, Whiteriver Office of Environmental Health, and other Tribes.