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The Honorable James E. Doyle, Governor Members of the Wisconsin State Legislature Members of the Legislative Council Committee on State-Tribal Relations State Capitol Madison, Wisconsin 53702

Dear Governor Doyle and Members:

Section 165.90 of the Wisconsin Statutes requires the Department of Justice to report on the performance of cooperative county-tribal law enforcement programs receiving aid under this section. This letter constitutes our report.

This marks the seventeenth year that the Department has awarded grants for cooperative county-tribal law enforcement programs. The statutes require counties and tribes to develop **joint** program plans. The Department requires plans to include resolutions of support for the plan adopted by county boards and tribal governing bodies, to signify cooperation and mutual commitment.

This program pays for a variety of law enforcement services to Native American communities across Wisconsin. Grants have been used for the costs of patrol, investigation, crime prevention, K-9 units, information technology, law enforcement training, alternatives to drug abuse and gang involvement, diversity training, cultural awareness education, water rescue and other emergency equipment. An increasing number of grants are awarded to programs that include tribal police departments, while most generally help pay for services provided by county sheriffs to Native American reservations and communities.

The amount appropriated for this program in State Fiscal Year 2005 was \$708,400, an amount that hasn't been increased since 1995. Grant moneys come from Indian gaming receipts as appropriated in the biennial budget. For Calendar Year 2005, the Department issued 18 awards totaling \$708,400. These awards were in the following amounts:

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COUNTY	TRIBE	2005 AWARD
Ashland	Bad River	\$55,036
Barron	St. Croix	\$20,717
Bayfield	Red Cliff	\$63,223
Brown	Oneida	\$27,304
Forest	Potawatomi	\$43,456
Forest	Sokaogon	\$35,277
Jackson	Ho Chunk	\$33,418
Juneau	Ho Chunk	\$39,380
Menominee	Menominee	\$55,615
Monroe	Ho Chunk	\$24,582
Outagamie	Oneida	\$27,073
Polk	St. Croix	\$22,420
Sauk	Ho Chunk	\$26,283
Sawyer	Lac Courtes Oreilles	\$81,547
Shawano	Ho Chunk	\$ 5,358
Shawano	Stockbridge	\$58,373
Vilas	Lac du Flambeau	\$69,055
Wood	Ho Chunk	\$20,283
TOTAL		\$708,400

The Department of Justice's County-Tribal Law Enforcement Grant Program continues to help local law enforcement provide needed services in Native American communities. In addition, this program helps build a cooperative atmosphere and positive relationship between law enforcement and tribal governments and communities. Departmental staff is available to discuss this report and this important program.

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