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### **Missing and Murdered Diné Relatives Task Force Chair Amber Kanazbah Crotty receives Vanguard of Justice Award**



**MMDR Task Force Chair Council Delegate Amber Kanazbah Crotty speaking at the 1st Annual Office of the Prosecutor Awards Banquet and Ceremony**

**FLAGSTAFF, Ariz.** – On Tuesday, the Navajo Nation Office of the Prosecutor (OTP) honored Missing and Murdered Diné Relatives (MMDR) Task Force Chair Amber Kanazbah Crotty with the prestigious Vanguard of Justice Award. The award recognizes her unwavering dedication to protecting Diné communities and advocating for justice.

Chair Crotty expressed her gratitude and emphasized the importance of the collaborative efforts between the MMDR Task Force and the Office of the Prosecutor.

“The Missing and Murdered Diné Relatives Task Force has forged a critical partnership with the Office of the Prosecutor and the Office of Victims of Crimes, which provide essential support, advocacy, and education to victims and witnesses of criminal activity on the Navajo Nation,” said Crotty. “The OTP’s work has been integral to the MMDR Task Force’s mission of expanding protections and resources for all victims of crime across the Nation.”

The award was presented during the 1st Annual Office of the Prosecutor Awards Banquet and Ceremony, held at the Northern Arizona University High Country Conference Center in Flagstaff, Arizona. The event celebrated outstanding contributions to justice and public safety on the Navajo Nation.

Chair Crotty thanked the Navajo Nation Office of the Prosecutor for its commitment to ensuring that victims and witnesses have not only protection but also access to the judicial system and vital case information. This includes court dates, case statuses, dispositions, and the prosecution's objectives related to the case.

"The Task Force appreciates the Office of the Prosecutors responsibility in providing system-based advocacy for victims and witnesses while keeping them informed about their cases," Crotty said. "By doing so, they help us ensure that their voices are heard, and their rights are upheld within the judicial process."

The Office of the Prosecutor acknowledged Chair Crotty's leadership within the MMDR Task Force and her efforts to bring attention to the urgent issues regarding missing and murdered Indigenous people. Through partnerships with key offices like the OTP, the MMDR Task Force remains dedicated to delivering justice and expanding resources for those affected by crime on the Navajo Nation.

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