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### **SERVICES FOR TOHONO O'ODHAM POLICE OFFICER BRYAN BROWN TO BE HELD TOMORROW AT DESERT DIAMOND CASINO SAHUARITA**

SELLS, Ariz. – Services for fallen Tohono O'odham Police Department Officer Bryan Brown will take place at Desert Diamond Casino Sahuarita at Pima Mine Road on Saturday, Sept. 12, 2020, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Services inside the Diamond Center will be limited to invited guests, with an overflow tent set up outside in the plaza. Law enforcement dignitaries from jurisdictions across Arizona and beyond are planning to attend. Media will not be allowed inside the Diamond Center, but may request authorization to cover the event outdoors. Media requests should be made to Treena Parvello, at 520-342-2905.

Safety measures including temperature screenings, mandatory face coverings, and social distancing will be in effect. Given these concerns and the high temperatures forecasted, interested parties are encouraged to watch the live stream of the service at [www.facebook.com/TON.Emergency.Management](https://www.facebook.com/TON.Emergency.Management), which will also be made available to media.

Officer Brown will receive full law enforcement honors, including a procession of law enforcement vehicles, 21-gun salute, and flyover.

Tohono O'odham Nation Chairman Ned Norris, Jr. said *"This tragic loss is felt most dearly by those who knew and loved Officer Brown, but our entire Nation is mourning his passing. During his long years of service, he touched many lives in our communities. I encourage everyone who wishes to celebrate Bryan Brown's life to watch the live stream this Saturday, and keep his family in your thoughts and prayers."*

Officer Bryan Brown lived a life of public service. A veteran of the U.S. Army, he was with the Tohono O'odham Police Department for 19 years, including 10 years as School Resource Officer for the Nation's Baboquivari Unified School District. Officer Brown is survived by his wife, seven children, four step-children, eight grandchildren, seven siblings, and his father. He was preceded in death by his mother.

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