



BIOGRAPHY

My name is Lawrence Garnanez, Program Director of, the Navajo Department of Highway Safety, Division of Public Safety, Window Rock, Arizona. I reside in Shiprock, New Mexico with my wife Freda of 37 years and one child Sheldon 29.

I was hired as a Safety Technician in 1974, promoted to Assistant Director in 1978 and became Department Director in 1980.

My work consists of the administration of a comprehensive Navajo Tribal, Highway Safety Program, in collaboration with State, Federal and BIA Highway Safety Programs. Totally responsible for grant proposal and processing of Federal, State, Foundations, and Private funds and coordinate State Legislation sponsorship to pass new laws to improve traffic safety affecting the Navajo People.

Positions and training in the following categories:

- Levels I, II, III, IHS Injury Prevention.
- Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician
- IHS and Federal grant proposal writing training.
- Supervision of employee training.
- Bicycle Safety Instructor
- Certified Defensive Driving Course Instructor
- Certified Food handler's Permit.
- Directorship of Program Training
- DUI/DWI Task Force
- IHS Tribal Steering Committee
- Certified radar Instructor for police
- Certified Intoximeter and Breathalyzer unit instructor for Police.
- Sponsorship of Navajo Safe Kids Coalition
- Fire Chief.
- Supervised Information Management Section, Department of Law Enforcement.

The implementation of Comprehensive highway safety programs along with the experience and qualifications of my standing involvement in the National Tribal Steering Committee for Injury Prevention affords me the opportunity to serve my tribal members so they can have a better way of life. I contributed to obtain funding to hire additional Safety Technicians to provide traffic safety education and training for the common people to understand traffic laws and to prevent injuries, fatalities, and property damages on the Navajo Nation.