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Speaker, LOC Leadership Congratulate New Gallup PD Chief

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – Navajo Nation Speaker Seth Damon (Bááháálí, Chichiltah, Manuelito, Tsé Lichíí, Rock Springs, Tsayatoh) and the Law and Order Committee leadership congratulate Franklin Boyd for starting his new position as the permanent police chief of the Gallup Police Department.

Prior to assuming his position on Monday, April 15, Boyd served as the deputy chief. He has been the acting chief since October.

Boyd is the first Navajo citizen to serve as the permanent chief of the Gallup Police Department. He started with the department in 1998.

“I commend Mr. Boyd for taking this position and working to protect the citizens and visitors of Gallup. It is critical to commit to, and implement, community-oriented policing,” Speaker Damon stated.

The new chief is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and was honorably discharged from the Marine Corps as a sergeant. He beat out 31 other applicants over a four-month nationwide search.

In a joint statement, the chair and vice chair of the Council’s Law and Order Committee, Eugenia Charles-Newton (Shiprock) and Otto Tso (Tó Nanees Dizi), respectively, congratulated Chief Boyd.

“Public safety in our region is interconnected between tribal, federal, state, municipal, and county jurisdictions. We applaud Chief Boyd for rising to the challenge to keep Gallup and the region safe,” the chair and vice chair stated.

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