



Robert James Taylor, deceased May 27, 2002. Officer Taylor served with the Chippewa Cree Law Enforcement Services, Box Elder, Montana. Officer Taylor drowned while trying to save a fisherman that had capsized in his boat.

The Indian Country Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial site is constructed with Native American symbolism and traditional plants incorporated into the design. The three granite stones are surrounded by a cement/aggregate surface forming a circle around the vertical slabs with an opening to allow for access. Sage, a plant with spiritual significance, is planted in the four directions to consecrate the hallow ground. Four planter areas are filled foliage surrounded by white, red, yellow, and black stones to signify the four colors of mankind on the Earth.

The original Indian Country Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial was dedicated on May 7, 1992 at the BIA's Indian Police Academy (IPA), in Marana, Arizona. The Memorial was later moved to Artesia, New Mexico and re-dedicated on May 6, 1993 when the BIA Indian Police Academy was relocated to New Mexico.

A 750 person department, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Office of Law Enforcement Services provide uniformed police services, detention operations, and criminal investigation of alleged or suspected violations of major federal criminal laws in Indian Country.

For specific information or directions to the event call 505-748-8153.

**Who: BIA Office of Law Enforcement Services**

**What: 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial Service for Fallen Law Enforcement Officers**

**When: Thursday May1, 2003 10:30 A.M. MDT**

**Where: BIA Indian Police Academy  
1300 West Richey Avenue  
Artesia, New Mexico**