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TO: Page Regional Domestic Violence Services
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RE: Support for Emergency Mobile Response Team

The Tuba City Judicial District (TCJD) supports Page Regional Domestic Violence Services (PRDVS) efforts to establish an Emergency Mobile Response Team (EMRT's) in Tuba City, Arizona. Victims of domestic violence and sexual assault from the Lechee, Coppermine, Kaibeto, Shonto and Bitter Springs area are able receive valuable services from the PRDVS soon after an assault occurs. Having such services in Tuba City would benefit not only residents of Tuba City but also victims from surrounding communities such as Coalmine Mesa, Red Lake/Tonalea, Cow Springs, Cameron, Gap/Bodaway and Cedar Ridge.

From January 3, 2012 through March 30, 2012, One hundred-twenty-three (123) individuals filed for a temporary protection order (TPO) with the Tuba City Family Court because someone committed an act of domestic abuse resulting in physical or emotional injury against them or damage to their property. Many victims come to the court in a distressful state and have nowhere to turn for further assistance. The protection orders are civil in nature and order the offender to stay away from the victim(s) and the victim's property.

Victims of domestic violence do not know they should also file criminal charges with the Office of the Prosecutor so the offenders will be held accountable for their criminal actions of assault, battery, threatening, or criminal damage. Most victims also don't seek medical treatment for injuries sustained from an assault. A local EMRT would inform victims of what services are available to assist them through their crisis. Referrals could be made to entities that provide emergency services such as the Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation, Mental Health, Office of the Prosecutor, a Shelter or Social Services.

TCJD is in full support of establishing an EMRT in Tuba City so victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in the surrounding areas can benefit from the same services provided to victims who receive services from the Page EMRT. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (928) 283-3140.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tina Tsingine", is written over a horizontal line.

Tina Tsingine, Staff Attorney
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Cc: Alice Huskie, TCJD Court Administrator