



Hauling water
for hydration

Hauling
wood for
heat



Cultivating for
food

Ranching
for
subsistence



The Office of the Assistant Secretary for
Preparedness and Response

Presents a Seminar on

Tribes Living Prepared

As part of the

American Indian, Alaska
Native Heritage Month, 2009

Hubert Humphrey Building
Small Auditorium
200 Independence Ave.
Washington, DC
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10:00 am - 11:00 am



Being prepared is a living!

CDR Darrell LaRoche

CDR Darrell LaRoche has been the Director of Emergency Services for the Indian Health Service (IHS) since February of 2009. The IHS Emergency Services is responsible for trauma services, emergency medical services, emergency management, continuity of operations and physical security. CDR LaRoche has over 18 years of experience with the IHS health facilities engineering program and with emergency management at all levels of the organization. He served as the Deputy Logistics Chief for the Region VI IRCT and most recently joined the RIST for the National Capital Region. He has deployed with HHS to Hurricane Ivan in 2004 and with IHS to the North American Indigenous Games in 2006 and the California Wildfires in 2007. He currently serves as the IHS Incident Coordinator for the H1N1 response. CDR LaRoche is a graduate of the Harvard University National Preparedness Leadership Initiative. CDR LaRoche is second generation Commissioned Corps Officer and a member of the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe in South Dakota.

Ms. Michelle Begay

Ms. Michelle Begay, a Navajo, is a graduate of University of Arizona with a BA and of Northern Arizona University with a MS Management with Honors. Since 1996, Michelle worked in law enforcement and FEMA for 11 years, tribal, state and federal level. She was honored in April 2001 for Outstanding Service by the United States Attorney's Office, District of Arizona for serving victims of crime. In 2003, she was promoted to Lieutenant and was in command of Patrol, Community Policing, Grants and Training Divisions. In 2006, Michelle completed the IHS Injury Prevention Fellowship focusing on interpersonal violence. Her research project, *"Improving Domestic Violence Law Enforcement Response on the Tohono O'odam Nation"* is published in the October 2007 issue of the IHS Health Provider. More recently, she completed the Federal Emerging Leaders Program. Michelle is involved with communities by serving on several boards. She enjoys running long distances and participates in half and full marathons; one being the Mayor's Midnight Sun Marathon in Anchorage, Alaska for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Team in Training. Michelle enjoys travel and family time.

Agenda

Moderator

CAPT Christine Benally

10:00 am

Welcome and ASPR Overview

RADM Nicole Lurie

10:15 am

CDR Darrell LaRoche

10:35 am

Ms. Michelle Begay

10:55 am

Q/A and Closing Remarks

Special thanks to Jackie Burwell