

March 20, 2026

Dear Senator,

On behalf of the Northern Arizona Police Association and in my capacity as a Chief of Police representing our regional chiefs' association, I am writing to express our strong support for funding to repair the driving track at the Northeast Arizona Training Center (NATC) in Taylor, Arizona.

Our association represents law enforcement agencies across Apache and Navajo Counties, serving approximately 180,000 residents over more than 20,000 square miles. In a region defined by its rural and remote nature, collaboration and shared resources are not just beneficial—they are essential. NATC stands as the cornerstone of that collaboration, providing critical training services to law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical personnel throughout northern Arizona, including our valued tribal partners.

The NATC facility serves as the primary regional training hub, offering both basic academy instruction and ongoing in-service training. By centralizing these services, NATC allows agencies to maximize limited resources, reduce travel costs, and avoid the duplication of expensive training infrastructure. Without this regional capability, many agencies would be forced to send personnel to distant urban centers, placing significant strain on already limited public safety budgets.

The driving track at NATC is a vital component of this training mission. It is essential not only for advanced and ongoing driver training, but also for the certification of new police officers, who are required to successfully complete driver training before becoming certified. Additionally, the track supports critical vehicle operations training for fire and emergency medical services personnel, ensuring safe and effective response in high-risk situations.

Currently, this multi-acre driving track is in need of significant repair and upgrades. It is the only facility of its kind serving Apache and Navajo Counties, making it an indispensable asset for all regional public safety agencies. The proposed \$1.2 million repair project is part of NATC's master facilities plan, which was developed and approved by the NATC board and its partners in 2020. Since that time, rising construction costs have made it increasingly difficult to complete the project without external financial assistance.

Without adequate funding, NATC will be forced to scale back improvements, which will directly impact the quality and availability of training for agencies across our region. This would have long-term consequences on the preparedness, safety, and effectiveness of the men and women who serve our communities.

As public safety professionals, we understand that training in the safe operation of emergency vehicles is fundamental to our mission. The ability to respond quickly and safely can mean the difference between life and death. Investing in the NATC driving track is an investment in the safety of our officers, firefighters, EMS personnel, and the communities they serve.

We respectfully urge your support for this critical project. Strengthening NATC ensures that rural public safety agencies continue to have access to high-quality, cost-effective training, and that we can meet both current and future demands for professional development across northeastern Arizona.

Thank you for your consideration and continued support of public safety in our region. Please feel free to contact me if you require any additional information.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Westover 1171". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the number "1171" written at the end.

Greg Westover

Chief of Police, Show Low Police Department

On behalf of the Northern Arizona Police Association



NORTHEASTERN ARIZONA FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

March 20th, 2026

Dear Senator:

As President of the Northeast Arizona Fire Chiefs Association, (NAFCA), and representative of NAFCA on the board of the Northeast Arizona Training Center (NATC), I am writing this letter to express my support to repair the driving track at the NATC facility in Taylor, Arizona. I think it is important for prospective funders to understand that NAFCA is comprised of thirteen fire chiefs from across Navajo and Apache Counties.

NAFCA is in favor of the proposed \$1.2 million driving track repair project because as an emergency services industry, training related to the safe operation of our vehicles is a necessary part of our standard operations in providing public services. Agencies rely on the regional resources like those at NATC to avoid the additional expenses of traveling to an urban area. And to avoid the duplication of training resources for every agency, it's important that rural organizations have a regional training option like NATC.

The driving track repair project is part of the master facilities plan, which was developed and approved by the NATC board and partners in 2020. Completion of the master facilities plan is crucial to meeting our current public safety training needs, and to building capacity for all NATC members. Since the plan was approved, construction costs have increased, making its completion prohibitively expensive. Without financial assistance, we are forced to scale back, adversely impacting the quantity and quality of training opportunities for public safety agencies across Navajo and Apache Counties who rely on NATC.

The professional development and expansion of public safety personnel across this rural, remote region is crucial, and NATC is the regional provider of education and training. Without NATC, agencies would have fewer local training resources, which would put an even greater strain on budgets. Prospective funders are welcome to contact me regarding this letter.

Respectfully,

Randy Chevalier

Randy Chevalier, NAFCA President



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Committee:

Northland Pioneer College (NPC) is honored to support the request of \$900,000 in Congressionally Directed Spending for Northeast Arizona Training Center's (NATC) First Responder Driving Track Repair in Rural Northeastern Arizona. NATC is the ONLY police, fire and EMT training facility in the Northeast quarter of the state. Without this facility our public safety partners would have to send trainees (and recertifications) to urban areas, which would be considerably more expensive.

Access to affordable, high-quality training can be a challenge in remote areas such as northeastern Arizona and these funds help ensure educational programs are accessible for our regional partners. Specifically, NATC facilities support 22 police and fire agencies throughout the region. Moreover, this funding is an important investment in the men and women who have chosen to serve our communities and represents an opportunity for them to gain and maintain the skills necessary to perform their responsibilities effectively.

Together, NPC and NATC are committed to a partnership that empowers our local emergency services partners, and we hope to continue to provide these regional training opportunities by addressing necessary repairs such as this, when needed. NPC stands ready to sponsor this request for Congressionally Directed Spending as a dedicated public sector entity. Thank you for your consideration of this critical effort.

Thank you,

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