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Interior Native Organizations Deeply Saddened by Recent Events in Tanana

Fairbanks, Alaska --- Doyon, Limited, Tanana Chiefs Conference and Tanana Tribal Council are deeply saddened by the tragic events that took place in Tanana, resulting in the deaths of two Alaska State Troopers, Sgt. Patrick "Scott" Johnson and Trooper Gabriel "Gabe" Rich. This is also a very sad time for the communities of Tanana, Fairbanks and Tok.

We rely on the Alaska State Troopers to protect the residents of the villages we serve; and actions of this nature are unacceptable. The Alaska State Troopers are made up of brave men and women who are here to protect our families and communities; in this case, these two brave men gave the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

Our thoughts and prayers go to the families of Sgt. Johnson, Trooper Rich, Tanana residents and the entire law enforcement community. We urge the public to let the officials continue their investigation to find their answers.

Unrelated to this event, Tanana residents request time and respect as they prepare to bury a community member today - a mother, grandmother and aunt.

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About Tanana Chiefs Conference: TCC is a non-profit organization that works toward meeting the health and social service challenges for more than 10,000 Alaska Natives spread across a region of 235,000 square miles in Interior Alaska.

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