

Native American Know Your Rights

- AGENDA -

Welcome

Tisha M. Leonardo-Santiago, Interim Director of Outreach & Community Relations
New Jersey Division on Civil Rights

Moderator

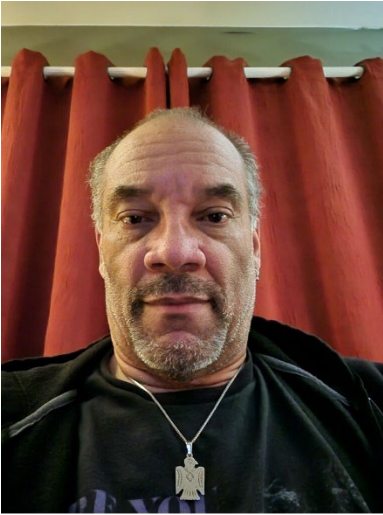
Patricia D. Williamson, Community Relations Specialist, New Jersey Division on Civil Rights

Speakers

- **Steven Burton**, Chair of the NJ Commission on American Indian Affairs
- **David Leonardis**, Training & Outreach Liaison for the Office of the Attorney General, Division of Criminal Justice, Prosecutors Supervision & Training Bureau
- **Patricia D. Williamson**, Community Relations Specialist/Moderator, Division on Civil Rights - The Division on Civil Rights (DCR) - Context and The Law Against Discrimination (LAD) - How to File a Complaint with DCR

Questions and Answers

Closing



Steven Burton

*Chair of the NJ Commission
on American Indian Affairs*

Steven Burton is a tribal member of the Ramapough Lenape Nation. He has served as a Commissioner on the New Jersey Commission of American Indian Affairs since 2014, and was elected as its Chair in 2021.

Mr. Burton retired from IBM in 2016 and is now teleworking as an Information Systems Analyst for a major medical firm. He is also an Information Manager for the Ramapough Lenape Nation.

Mr. Burton is a United States Air Force Veteran and has traveled throughout Europe and South America.



David S. Leonardis

*Captain, New Jersey State Police (Retired)
Training & Outreach Liaison
Interim State Chief Resiliency Officer
Prosecutors Supervision & Training Bureau
Office of the Attorney General,
Division of Criminal Justice*

Dave Leonardis is the Training & Outreach Liaison for the Office of the Attorney General, Division of Criminal Justice, Prosecutors Supervision & Training Bureau. In that role, he is responsible for specialized training for law enforcement officers, as directed by the Attorney General and the Director of the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice. His duties also include law enforcement and community outreach for the State of New Jersey. Dave works with law enforcement and government agencies, as well as community and faith-based organizations in order to enhance community relations on a local and State level. He is currently the Vice-President of the NJ Bias Crime Officers Association. Mr. Leonardis received the 2019 Community Outreach Award for the Division of Criminal Justice from Governor Phil Murphy and the 2019 Attorney General's Award for Outstanding Contribution to a Special Project. Dave currently is also the State Chief Resiliency Officer for New Jersey, overseeing the New Jersey State Law Enforcement Resiliency Program. He holds the title of Vice-President for the New Jersey Bias Crimes Officers Association and delivers Bias Awareness training to members of the community and law enforcement throughout New Jersey. In addition, he oversees the DELTA Leadership Course for the State of New Jersey.

Dave was the Chief for the Outreach and Special Projects Bureau at the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security & Preparedness (OHSP). He was responsible for overseeing special projects and developing private sector outreach programs. In that role, he has developed statewide outreach programs and partnerships with operators of malls, sports/entertainment venues, hotels, casinos, airports, motor coach, motor truck, taxi, limousines associations, correctional facilities, military bases and faith-based groups. He helped implement the NJ Interfaith Advisory Council for OHSP. For his outreach efforts, he received the 2011 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award from the NJ Retail Merchants Association and NJ Food Council, the Peace Island Institute (Turkish-Muslim organization) Government Achievement Award in 2012 and the Attorney General's Award for Excellence in Public Outreach in 2013.

Prior to being the Chief for Outreach and Special Projects, he was the OHSP Training Bureau Chief, responsible for development and delivery of counter-terrorism and domestic preparedness training programs. Prior to that position, he was the Chairman of the Domestic Security Preparedness Planning Group, which was part of the Domestic Security Preparedness Task Force, under the Office of the Attorney General. The Planning Group was responsible for developing homeland security plans for the State of New Jersey.

Dave served 29 years with the New Jersey State Police before retiring at the rank of Captain and the Executive Officer of the Investigations Section. Dave had a variety of criminal investigation assignments during his career with State Police, including Narcotics, Organized Crime, Arson, Cargo Theft & Robbery, Official Corruption and others. He was cited for his work involving terrorism-related cases that received national attention: the Brinks Armored Car Robbery in Nyack, New York, where four police officers, security guards were killed by members of the Weathermen Underground and the Black Liberation Army. He was also cited for his work on the Trooper Lamonaco homicide investigation and the capture of members of the United Freedom Front, a domestic terrorist group responsible for Tpr. Lamonaco's death. The United Freedom Front were on the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Ten Most Wanted List for a series of bombings and bank robberies that occurred prior to and after the murder of Trooper Lamonaco. All members of the group were captured in what turned out to be the largest manhunt since the Lindbergh kidnapping.

Dave served as the Commandant of the New Jersey State Police Training Academy where he received the "Team/Partnership Achievement Award" from Acting Governor Donald DiFrancesco, the Meritorious Award from New Jersey State Police Superintendent Carson Dunbar and the "Employee Recognition Award" from Attorney General John Farmer for his work in re-engineering the Academy's curriculum and in-service training program. He was cited by the federal monitors overseeing the Consent Decree on Racial Profiling for his part in designing a training plan to develop a positive organizational culture and structure.

Mr. Leonardis received a B.S. from William Paterson College and a Master's Degree in General Education from Seton Hall University. He was an adjunct professor in the Criminology Department at The College of New Jersey, and taught at Seton Hall University's Education and Human Resource Departments and currently teaches in the Monmouth University Criminal Justice Graduate program.