

Navajo Police kept busy during fourth curfew weekend

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WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. - The Navajo Police Department issued 274 citations during the Navajo Nation 57-hour weekend curfew, of those citations, 223 were for curfew violations and 51 were for traffic violations.

The police department's efforts were in response to an extension issued April 29 by the Navajo Health Command Operations Center to extend the weekend curfew for two additional weekends in May.

This is the Navajo Police Department's fourth 57-hour weekend curfew operation. The operation consisted of a saturation patrol in the eastern Navajo region. A noticeable increase of traffic on Highway 264 between Window Rock, Ariz., and Gallup was observed, although a majority of those traveling were essential workers and out-of-state travelers who were detoured due to the City of Gallup lockdown.

New Mexico Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham issued a three-day emergency lockdown of Gallup May 1 resulting in road closures at major access points into the city. The order was extended May 4 and extended again May 7.

The NPD Incident Command team will be working on the upcoming weekend curfew operation to begin May 8 at 8 pm, ending May 11 at 5 am.

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Curfew violators who receive a criminal nuisance citation could be fined up to \$1,000 and/or given up to 30 days in jail. The penalties and fees are determined by the Navajo Nation courts.

Anyone with questions regarding a citation they received during curfew hours is asked to call the ***Navajo Nation Office of the Prosecutor at (505) 775-3238.***

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