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Officer Tucker Halstead Named Indian Country Officer of the Year 2025



At the mid-year meeting of the Indian Country Law Enforcement Section (ICLES) of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), Officer Tucker Halstead was named the Indian Country Officer of the Year.

Officer Halstead, a member of the Chickasaw Nation Lighthouse Police Department, responded to a call for service from Ardmore Police Department (APD) regarding a structure fire at an occupied apartment building.

When he arrived, Officer Halstead observed that the building was almost entirely engulfed in flames. He then noticed a woman and a young child trapped on a second-floor balcony who were unable to use the staircase to escape. Officer Halstead quickly ran toward the structure, scaled the side of the building, and reached the balcony where they were calling for help.

Officer Halstead was able to successfully evacuate both the child and mother without injury. After climbing down from the balcony, Officer Halstead then heard screams coming from the opposite side of the building and rushed around the building to locate those in need of assistance. Along with APD officers, Officer Halstead kicked open apartment doors to evacuate people who were in imminent danger. Thanks to their prompt actions multiple residents were safely evacuated from the burning building.

At this point, the entire building was on fire, and the second story was starting to collapse. While backing away to maintain a safe distance, however, officers soon heard more screams coming from the center of the building. Without hesitation, Officer Halstead and the APD officers re-entered the building in an attempt to locate

the trapped individuals. They found a man and woman stuck on another second-story balcony. With no other option, the couple jumped from the balcony. After they landed, they were unable to move, so the officers carried them to safety where medical personnel were waiting.



Thanks to Officer Halstead's bravery and selfless actions, countless individuals were rescued from the brink of disaster, preserving lives that could have been lost without their intervention.

Nominate the 2026 IACP Indian Country Officer of the Year!

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