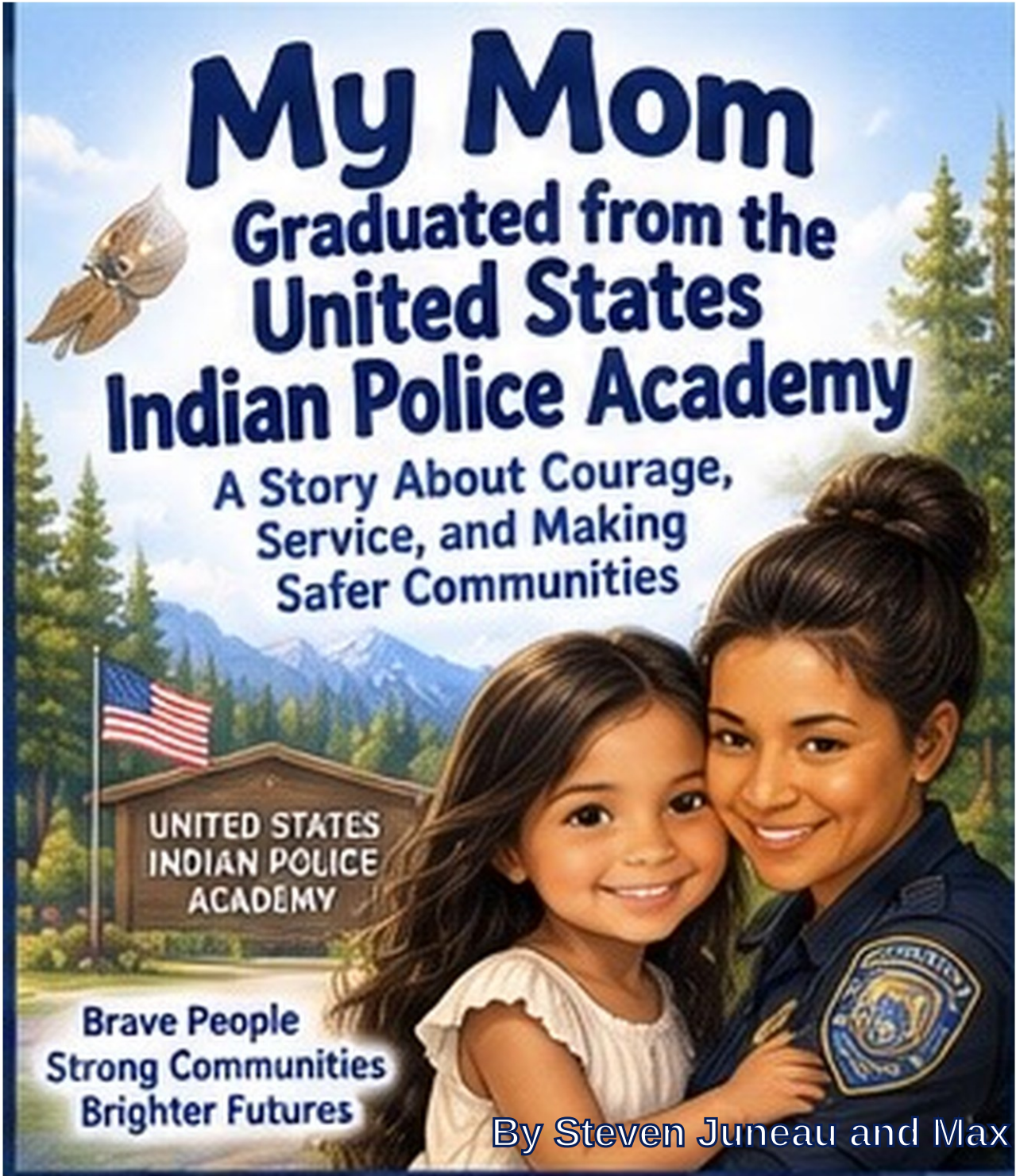




My Mom **Graduated from the** **United States** **Indian Police Academy**

**A Story About Courage,
Service, and Making
Safer Communities**

**Brave People
Strong Communities
Brighter Futures**

By Steven Juneau and Max

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Saying Goodbye

My mom hugged me tight and said she had to go away for a little while. She was going to the United States Indian Police Academy for 13 weeks!

I felt sad, but I was also proud. My mom was going to learn how to keep our people safe!



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Arriving at the Academy

My mom arrived at the United States Indian Police Academy!

The academy was huge!
My mom said she was excited
and a little nervous too.



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Living in the Dorms

My mom stayed in a dorm room with other trainees. It was simple, clean, and helped her focus on learning.

My mom said the dorms helped her make new friends from different Native Nations.



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Learning Federal Law

My mom studied lots of federal laws. She learned what the laws mean and how to follow them the right way.

U.S. CONSTITUTION

FEDERAL LAW

INDIAN LAW

CRIMINAL LAW

My mom said knowing the law helps her make fair and safe decisions.



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Indian Country Jurisdiction

My mom learned about Indian Country jurisdiction—understanding which laws apply in Native communities.



My mom said this helps her respect tribal sovereignty and work with tribal, state, and federal partners.

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Police Report Writing

My mom practiced writing police reports. She said good reports tell the truth and help solve problems.



My mom said clear and accurate reports help keep our communities safe.

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Pursuit Driving

My mom learned how to drive safely and make quick decisions during high-speed chases.



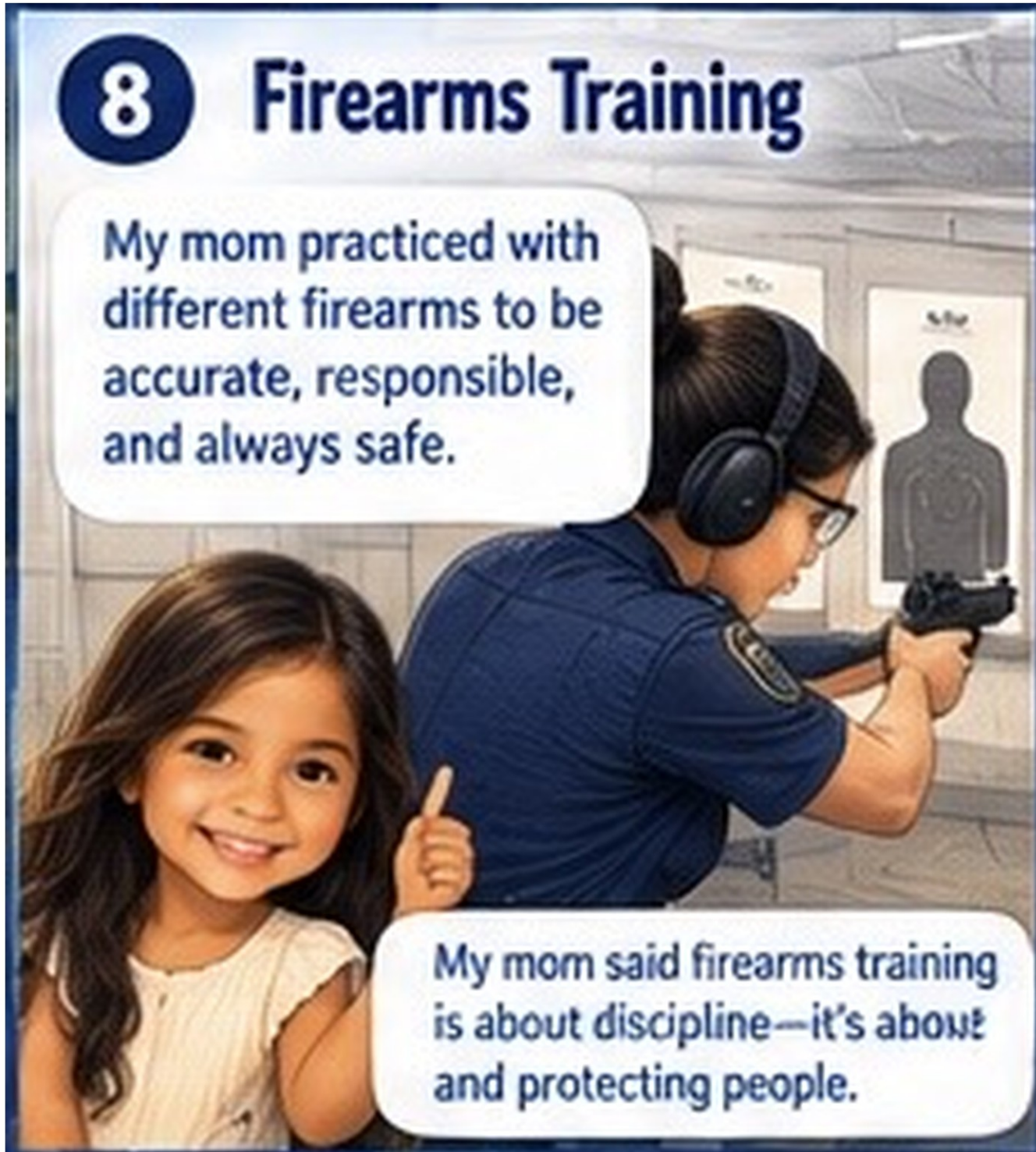
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Firearms Training

My mom practiced with different firearms to be accurate, responsible, and always safe.

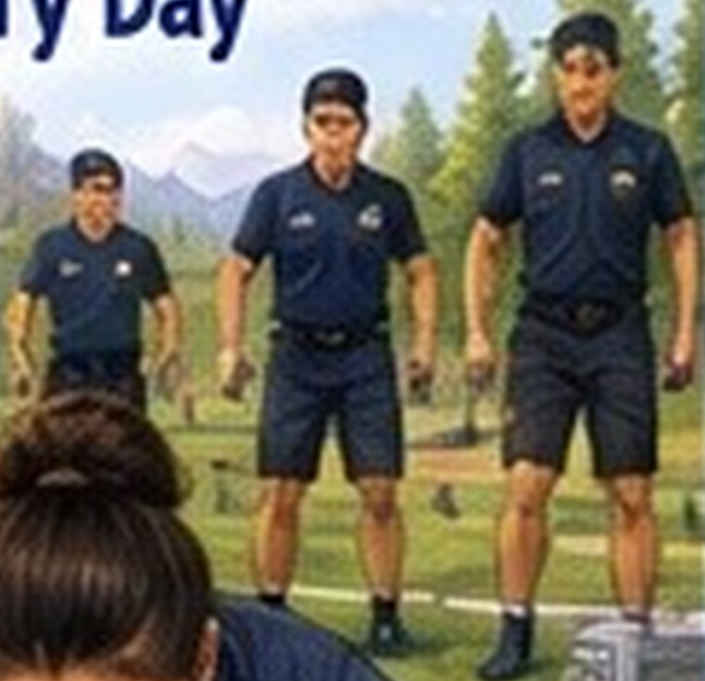
My mom said firearms training is about discipline—it's about and protecting people.



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Fitness Every Day

My mom worked out every day—running, push-ups, and team training. She said being strong helps her help others!



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Crime Scene Investigation

My mom learned how to use handcuffs and keep everyone safe and respected.

My mom said fitness gives her the strength and energy to serve our people.



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Interviewing Victims and Suspects

My mom practiced talking with victims and suspects to get the truth and help people.

My mom said listening with respect helps people feel safe and share what happened.



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Handcuffing Techniques

My mom learned
the right way to use
handcuffs and keep
everyone safe
and respected.

My mom said handcuffing is not
about punishment—it's about safety
and protecting people.



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Helping People

My mom learned that being an officer is not just about arresting people—it's about helping and protecting.

My mom said officers help people during their worst days and make things better.



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Graduation Day!

After 13 weeks of hard work, my mom graduated as a police officer! I was so proud!



My mom worked hard, learned so much, and now she protects our people.

15 My Hero

My mom is my hero.
She serves and protects
our people. I'm so proud
of her—and all the officers
who keep Native
communities safe!

"Brave people, strong communities,
brighter futures!"



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