



Arizona Department of Public Safety Tribal Consultation Annual Report

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Agency Overview

The Arizona Department of Public Safety is the state’s law enforcement agency with the mission of protecting human life and property by enforcing state laws, deterring criminal activity, and providing vital support to the State of Arizona and its citizens.

Tribal Consultation Policy

It is the Arizona Department of Public Safety’s policy to promote public safety by developing cooperative relationships with tribal governments. In carrying out this policy, the Department relies on mutual aid, intergovernmental agreements, and memorandums of understanding.

Issues such as jurisdiction and judicial authority cross political boundaries and require individual agreements customized for each sovereign entity. The costs of the services provided by the Department for the exclusive benefit of all residents under the sovereignty concept are recovered through direct charges or resources shared in multi-jurisdictional task forces.

The various agreements between the State and tribal governments are the basis for the Department’s relations with the tribal communicates and govern procedural issues, activities, and services provided under the Department’s statutory mandate.

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Tribal Consultation Activities

Goal	Objective	Activity and Performance Measure
Department personnel are expected to conduct themselves in a manner which will foster positive relations with Indian Country.	Establish MOU’s/IGA’s with Arizona tribes to create mutually beneficial cooperative relationships.	- Continued the process for entering IGA’s with tribes for Crime Lab Services. Last year, tribes were sent the estimate of value for forensic services and information about entering an IGA for the AZDPS Crime Laboratory to process their tribal or federal cases. As of June 30, 2018, ten tribes have entered into IGA’s and six tribes are still in the process of completing IGA’s, as is the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The six pending tribal IGA’s are with the Hualapai, Tohono O’Odham, Ak-Chin, Colorado River, San Carlos Apache, and Yavapai-Prescott tribes. The Navajo Nation will not be entering into an

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		IGA for forensic services. - There were no newly established or updated mutual aid agreements with any tribes this fiscal year.
	Engage in open, continuous, and relevant conversation concerning law enforcement.	Continue to organize and share law enforcement information, expertise and training through attendance and participation in the Indian Country Intelligence Network (ICIN) meetings.
	Outreach to tribal members and build state and tribal relationships.	Participated in Indian Nations Day at the Arizona Legislature.
	Provide assistance.	AZDPS assisted Arizona tribal law enforcement partners with almost 450 requests including search and rescue, criminal history records, traffic control, collisions, investigations, and various other enforcement activities.

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