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The Honorable Douglas A. Ducey  
Governor  
1700 West Washington  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

RE: Tribal Consultation Annual Report

Dear Governor Ducey:

The Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs respectfully submits its Annual Tribal Consultation Report for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. This report is pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes §41-2051 Section C.

The Department continues to make great efforts to build upon and further enhance and strengthen its relationships with the tribes in Arizona. This report reflects these ongoing efforts.

Respectfully,

MICHAEL T. McGUIRE  
Major General, AZ ANG  
The Adjutant General

cc: Ms. Kristine FireThunder, Policy Advisor, Tribal Affairs



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Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs  
Tribal Consultation Annual Report  
July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019

**Agency Overview**

The Department of Emergency and Military Affairs (DEMA) consists of the Army National Guard, the Air National Guard, the Division of Emergency Management (ADEM), the Division of Administrative Services, and the Joint Task Force. DEMA provides unique capabilities and services to the citizens of Arizona in three distinct roles: community, state and federal.

**Tribal Consultation Policy**

DEMA recognizes and honors the Government-to-Government relationship that exists between the State of Arizona and the Tribes. To that end, the Department created its first "Tribal Consultation Policy" in 2006, as part of Executive Order 2006-14, "Consultation and Cooperation with Arizona Tribes" and continues it today in compliance with Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) §41-2051 Section C. The Adjutant General, Major General Michael T. McGuire, on November 15, 2018, signed an updated "Tribal Consultation Policy" Policy Letter No. 10.20. This updated policy letter was disseminated internally, sent externally to the Governor's Office on Tribal Relations, and was shared with all of the Tribal Emergency Managers.

**Tribal Liaison**

DEMA met the obligation of having a dedicated Tribal Point-of-Contact (POC) when it created the Tribal Liaison position, as a necessary extension of Executive Order 2006-14. This position currently reports to the Adjutant General and the Director of Administrative Services, works closely with the Deputy Director of the Department of Emergency Management, and provides direct access between the tribes and DEMA. The Tribal Liaison advises DEMA staff on tribal related issues to include cultural awareness and sensitivity.

**FY19 Tribal Consultation Activities**

DEMA continued to work collaboratively and in partnership with Tribes in Arizona in compliance with A.R.S. §41-2051 Section C. To that end, DEMA conducted and/or participated in various activities throughout the past year with the intent to support Tribal efforts in increasing their emergency management capabilities. This has included providing a number of training opportunities, requesting Tribal participation in exercises including the 2019 PVGS Plume Phase Full-Scale Exercise, and supporting Tribes with their exercises. These exercises included the Navajo Nation's Operation Jinii Functional Exercise and the Gila River Indian Community's Annual Tabletop Exercise. DEMA continued to engage in information sharing with Tribal partners on a regular basis via various mechanisms including face-to-face meetings with Tribal Emergency Managers on Tribal lands, hosting quarterly meetings with Tribal and County Emergency Managers in its northern, central, and southern Regions, and through the DEMA Tribal Emergency Management Summit which was held in September 2018 focusing on "Supporting Tribal Emergency Management Response". DEMA continued to provide tribes with a number of public information resources including disaster campaign materials that covered various hazards. These materials allow Tribes to use, revise, and develop them in order to meet their Tribe-specific needs which include continued support for the statewide "Monsoon Awareness" campaign and the "Ready-Set, Go!" program that supports evacuations as the result of an emergency.

The DEMA Tribal Liaison also supported various agencies at the state and federal level with their efforts to work with and collaborate with the Tribes in relation to emergency management. This included supporting the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in their efforts to complete the FEMA Region IX Tribal Emergency Communications Annex, the Department of Public Safety (DPS) with communication issues on the Tohono O'odham Nation, and the Arizona Geological Survey in attaining Tribal participation in their Arizona ShakeOut Annual Statewide Earthquake Drill. The following table provides an overview of related activities:



Goal	Objective	Activity and Performance Measure
<p>DEMA will coordinate emergency management, state activities and Army/Air National Guard activities and/or assistance to Tribal governments</p>	<p>Participate in the “Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative Day” to provide Tribal leaders with information on DEMA role</p>	<p>January 2019 – DEMA staff attended and provided informational materials and engaged Tribal members, Tribal officials, Elected officials, and other attendees throughout the day</p>
	<p>Provide ongoing department information to help strengthen Tribal emergency management capabilities</p>	<p>Ongoing - Tribal Emergency Managers and other First Responders are regularly provided with information on DEMA activities including available training from DEMA and other State agencies, upcoming exercises, and grant opportunities</p>
<p>DEMA staff will engage in the consultation process with Tribes by various means, depending on the situation.</p>	<p>Meet with tribes to speak with officials and discuss hazards, issues, and concerns.</p>	<p>Ongoing - Meet with Tribal Emergency Managers on their lands to discuss potential hazards, Tribal issues and concerns, and needs. These meetings occur annually as well as following incidents on Tribal lands or as a result of requests by Tribal Council</p>
	<p>Conduct quarterly meetings with Tribal and County Emergency Managers in the Northern, Central, and Southern Regions to address new or emerging issues.</p>	<p>Various Dates – Quarterly meetings are held with County and Tribal Emergency Management representatives from each region to discuss new or emerging issues and how to address them. Attendees include the Arizona Division of Emergency Management (ADEM) Director, all ADEM Assistant Directors, and the Tribal Liaison</p>
	<p>Conduct an annual Tribal Emergency Management Summit to address new or emerging issues.</p>	<p>The 2018 Tribal Emergency Management Summit focused on “Supporting Tribal Emergency Management Response” and provided response support information from various State agencies to all attendees; a Listening Session was also held to help DEMA and other State agencies better understand how they can further support the Tribes during and after incidents</p>
<p>DEMA will assist Tribal governments in developing emergency management programs by providing training and technical assistance to the extent resources allow</p>	<p>Provide support through training.</p>	<p>Various Dates - DEMA offered 181 courses covering a variety of emergency management topics across the State and on Tribal lands with all Tribal officials afforded the same opportunities to attend which included 12 tribal deliveries; DEMA coordinated and supported the first National Emergency Management Basic Academy (NEMBA) offering on Tribal lands in the country which included graduates from 5 Arizona Tribes; the DEMA Tribal Liaison provided WebEOC training to the Gila River Indian Community Office of Emergency Management (GRIC OEM) so GRIC OEM staff can effectively utilize the DEMA crisis information management system for the incidents as well as their many planned events</p>



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DEMA will assist Tribal governments in developing emergency management programs by providing training and technical assistance to the extent resources allow (cont.)	Provide opportunities to Tribes to participate in various exercises to increase readiness and response.	Various Dates – Tribes participated in various regional and Statewide exercises including the 2019 PVGS Plume Phase Full-Scale Exercise
	Provide support through technical assistance as needed.	Various Dates - Provided technical assistance to Tribes renewing their Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plans including the Cocopah Indian Tribe and the San Carlos Apache Tribe; provided technical assistance to Tribes renewing their Emergency Operations Plans including the Tohono O’odham Nation
	Foster capacity building so Tribes can better respond to and recover from disasters.	Ongoing – DEMA provides FEMA Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) as pass-through funding to Tribes who apply to sustain/strengthen their programs
DEMA will assist Tribal governments in their response to and recovery from emergencies	Provide technical and personnel support to Tribal Nations during and after incident response as requested.	Various Dates – Served as an Agency Liaison to various Tribes during and after a number of incidents including (but not limited to) the San Carlos Apache Tribe and the Peridot Water Outage, the Havasupai Tribe with their disaster declaration (Havasupai Tribe Severe Storms, Flooding, And Landslides (DR-4389)); the Tohono O’odham Nation with their incident response and subsequent disaster declaration (Tohono O’odham Nation Severe Storms And Flooding (DR-4409)); and the Navajo Nation and their engagement with FEMA which lead to their disaster declaration (Navajo Nation Snowstorm And Flooding (DR-4436))

**Highlights**

The DEMA Tribal Liaison continues to support engagement between the Tribes and other State agencies, Federal partners, and Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (VOADs) before, during, and after incidents on their lands. This resulted in the DEMA Tribal Liaison being asked to speak about tribal engagement at various events including the HHS National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences Listening Sessions and the University of Arizona’s Tribal Forum “Disaster Response on Tribal Lands”.

**Recommendations from Tribal Representatives**

The Tribal Liaison has been asked to help deconflict the various meetings that the Tribes are asked to attend with various State agencies and the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA). The Tribal Liaison will work with these entities to create a calendar of events to help minimize meeting conflicts.

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