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SUBJECT: Tribal Consultation Annual Report

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

Dear Governor Ducey:

The Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs respectfully submits its Annual Tribal Consultation Report for the 2019-2020 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael T. McGuire".

Michael T. McGuire
Major General, AZ ANG
The Adjutant General

cc:
Ms. Kristine Fire Thunder, Policy Advisor, Tribal Affairs



Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs
Tribal Consultation Annual Report
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Agency Overview

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

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 maintains it today in compliance with Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) §41-2051 Section C. On 15 NOV 2018 The Adjutant General, Major General Michael T. McGuire, signed an updated "Tribal Consultation Policy" Policy Letter No. 10.20 which supersedes Policy Letter No. 10.20 dated 13 MAR 2017. 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

As an extension of Executive Order 2006-14, DEMMA met the obligation of having a dedicated Tribal Point-of-Contact (POC) when it created the Tribal Liaison position. This position, in compliance with A.R.S. §41-2051 Section C., reports to the Adjutant General and the Director of the Division of Administrative Services, works closely with the Director of the Division of Emergency Management, and provides direct access between the tribes and DEMMA. The Tribal Liaison also advises DEMMA staff on tribal related issues to include cultural awareness and sensitivity.

FY20 Tribal Consultation Activities

DEMA has continued to work collaboratively and in partnership with Tribes in Arizona in compliance with A.R.S. §41-2051 Section C. To that end DEMMA has conducted and/or participated in various activities throughout the past year with the intent to support Tribal efforts in increasing their emergency management capabilities as well as their response to the COVID-19 Pandemic. This has included providing training opportunities, providing use of the state's WebEOC system, and requesting Tribal participation in exercises including the 2019 National Crimson Contagion Statewide Functional Exercise.

DEMA has 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 DEMMA Tribal Emergency Management Summit which was held in September 2020 with a focus on "Protecting the People, Protecting the Lands". DEMMA has also continued to provide tribes with a number of public information resources including disaster campaign materials that cover various hazards so Tribes can utilize and revise them and develop material that is Tribe-specific and meets Tribal needs; this includes continued support for the statewide "Ready, Set, Go!" program which supports evacuations as the result of an emergency.

The DEMMA Tribal Liaison continues to support engagement between the Tribes and other State agencies, Federal partners, Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (VOADs) and other organizations before, during, and after incidents on their lands. This has resulted in the DEMMA Tribal Liaison being asked to speak about tribal engagement at various events including the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) Tribal Health Care Coalition meetings, the ADHS Arizona Tribal Executive Committee (AzTEC) meetings, and serving as a Panel Member on the National Indian Health Board at its Tribal Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Summit. The DEMMA Tribal Liaison has also supported various agencies at the state and federal level with their efforts to work with and collaborate with the Tribes including supporting the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in providing multiple Tribal Disaster Declaration Process Workshops to all Tribal partners in Arizona. An overview of related activities and others is offered in the following table:



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>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, upcoming exercises, grant opportunities and program support related to COVID-19</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 Councils and Tribal Emergency Managers on their lands to discuss potential hazards including COVID-19, Tribal issues and concerns, and resource needs that have developed as the COVID-19 Pandemic has progressed</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 DEMA Tribal Liaison</p>
	<p>Conduct an annual Tribal Emergency Management Summit to address new or emerging issues</p>	<p>The 2020 Tribal Emergency Management Summit focused on “Protecting the People, Protecting the Lands” and provided response information from the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC) on the Flooding Event at Talking Stick Resort, Tropical Storm Rosa Lessons Learned from the Tohono O’odham Nation (TON), strategies on partnering with the American Red Cross, and wildland fire information on protecting tribal cultural and natural resources from the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) Fire Archaeologists program</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 a number of in-person courses covering a variety of emergency management topics across the State and on Tribal lands before COVID-19 required the department to stop in-person training; DEMA Tribal Liaison provided WebEOC training to Tribal Emergency Managers and their staff to show them how to provide Situational Awareness updates on the COVID-19 impacts to their members, their governments, and their lands</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 National Crimson Contagion Statewide Functional Exercise
	Provide support through technical assistance as needed.	Various Dates - Provided exercise evaluation support to the SRPMIC for their Point-of-Dispensing (POD) Exercise; provided technical assistance to the San Carlos Apache Tribe (SCAT) and its Tribal Emergency Response Commission (TERC) as it renewed its Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan
	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 the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) Agency Liaison to all twenty-two Arizona Tribes during the COVID-19 response; worked with the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation, the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe, the Navajo Nation, the SCAT, and the White Mountain Apache Tribe during wildland fire events on their lands.

Other Issues of Interest

As the lead agency for Emergency Management in Arizona, DEMA has continued to operate and provide support to its Tribal partners throughout the COVID-19 response. A serious challenge DEMA faced early on was the systematic closure of Tribal lands to non-Tribal members. This was addressed and overcome through various meetings with Tribal Emergency Managers and the DEMA Tribal Liaison to identify how DEMA could respect the Tribes decision to close their lands but still support their programs. This allowed DEMA to provide various services including:

- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) resource delivery
- PPE training classes to staff from the Hopi Tribe, the Navajo Nation, and the White Mountain Apache Tribe on the proper use of PPE and PPE conservation
- Support of testing site operations and food stocking and distribution operations
- Coordination of food and water donations, and food and water distribution

As the response continued, DEMA opened its’ “Cooperator’s Calls” to all State agencies involved in the response efforts. This ensured that all State agencies were operating from the same Common Operating Picture and could provide immediate support to Tribes as requests for assistance were received. DEMA also conducted a number of calls with both Arizona Legislators and Congressional Delegates to discuss the COVID-19 impacts that the tribes and/or tribal community members were experiencing to ensure they provided targeted support to the Tribes.

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