



Arizona Department of Public Safety Tribal Consultation Annual Report

July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020

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 Arizona Department of Public Safety (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 communities 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 |
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| Department personnel are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that will foster positive relations with Indian Country. | Establish MOU’s/IGA’s with Arizona tribes to create mutually beneficial cooperative relationships. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continued the process for entering IGAs with tribes for Crime Lab Services. As of June 30, 2020, sixteen tribes have entered into IGAs. Two tribes (Hualapai and Tohono O’odham) have completed the process in FY20 - Continued to work on new or updated mutual aid agreements with tribes during the fiscal year. As of June 30, 2020, mutual aid agreements exist with four tribes, and four tribes are working towards establishing Mutual Aid Agreements. - Offered tribes access to a state database to be used as a management tool for sex offender registration. As of June 30, 2020, one tribe has entered in agreements to access the database. |

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| <p>Department personnel are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that will foster positive relations with Indian Country.</p> | <p>Engage in open, continuous, and relevant conversation concerning law enforcement.</p> | <p>Continue to organize and share law enforce information and expertise. The Tribal Nations throughout Arizona implemented prevention efforts to minimize the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic. Many tribal governments have been forced to close or restrict access to their lands and offices. Using technology and virtual interactions, maintained relationships with tribal leadership, elected tribal officials, and tribal law enforcement executives on criminal justice issues in Indian Country.</p> |
| | <p>Outreach to tribal members and build state and tribal relationships.</p> | <p>-Participated in 2020 Indian Nations Day at the Arizona Legislature. -Provided instructors to teach academy course curriculum at the Navajo Police Training Academy.</p> |
| | <p>Provide assistance.</p> | <p>AZDPS assisted Arizona tribal law enforcement partners with 853 requests, including search and rescue, criminal history records, traffic control, collisions, investigations, and other enforcement activities.</p> |

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