



ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

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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 providing public safety to the state of Arizona.

Tribal Consultation Policy

The Arizona Department of Public Safety’s policy is 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 governs procedural issues, activities, and services provided under the Department’s statutory mandate.

DPS Tribal Consultation Policy

Tribal Consultation Activities

Goal	Objective	Activity and Performance Measure
Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) personnel are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that will foster positive relations with Indian Country.	Establish MOU’s/IGA’s with Arizona Tribal Nations to create mutually beneficial cooperative relationships.	During FY21 DPS worked on updating current mutual aid agreements as well as establishing new agreements with Arizona Tribal Nations. As of June 30, 2021, three mutual aid agreements exist between Arizona Tribal Nations and the Department. DPS also continued its work to update MOUs for public safety radio towers that are located in Indian Country.

Goal	Objective	Activity and Performance Measure
	Engage in open, continuous, and relevant conversation concerning law enforcement.	DPS continued to organize and share law enforcement information and expertise with the Tribal Nations. During FY21, Tribal Nations throughout Arizona implemented mitigation strategies and prevention efforts to minimize the spread of the COVID-19 on their lands. Many Tribal Nations closed or restricted access to their lands and their governmental offices. DPS used technology and virtual interactions to maintain relationships with tribal leadership, elected tribal officials, and tribal law enforcement executives on criminal justice issues in Indian Country.
	Outreach to tribal members and build state and tribal relationships.	DPS provided instructors to teach academy course curriculum at the Navajo Police Training Academy. DPS also worked with Tribal Nations to upgrade the State’s microwave radio system. This radio system provides critical radio communications for over 12,000 users, including 12 state agencies and several local, federal, and tribal agencies.
	Provide assistance.	DPS assisted tribal law enforcement partners with 688 requests, including search and rescue, criminal history records, traffic control, collisions, investigations, and other enforcement activities.

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