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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 2015-2016 fiscal year. This report is pursuant to Executive Order 2006-14, Consultation and Cooperation with Arizona Tribes.

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

Respectfully-

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The Adjutant General

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Liaison Checklist 4<sup>th</sup> QTR FY 2016



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## Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs 2016 Annual Report

### **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. 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 "Tribal Consultation Policy" initially in 2006, as part of Executive Order 2006-14, "Consultation and Cooperation with Arizona Tribes." DEMA's last revision of the policy was September 2012; however, with the new appointment of The Adjutant General, Major General Michael T. McGuire, policies of DEMA were subject to review and revision. The Department's "Tribal Consultation Policy," Policy Letter No. 10.20 will be reviewed and revised.

### **Tribal Liaison**

As a necessary extension of Executive Order 2006-14, "Consultation and Cooperation with Arizona Tribes", in 2010 the Department met the obligation of having a dedicated Tribal Point-of-Contact (POC) when it created the Tribal Liaison position. This position, which currently reports to the Adjutant General and the Director of the Division of Emergency Management, is within the Director's Office under Administrative Services and provides direct access between the tribes and DEMA/ADEM. The Tribal Liaison advises DEMA/ADEM staff on tribal related issues to include cultural awareness and sensitivity.

### **FY16 Tribal Consultation Activities**

DEMA has continued to work collaboratively and in partnership with Tribes in Arizona as no jurisdiction has the standalone capacity to attend to all emergencies and disasters. In that respect, 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 training opportunities, requesting Tribal participation in exercises, and information sharing with the Tribal partners on a regular basis via various mechanisms including face-to-face meetings with Tribal Emergency Managers on Tribal lands to better understand their concerns and needs, hosting quarterly meetings with Tribal and County Emergency Managers in the Northern, Central, and Southern Regions, and holding an annual summit with Tribal Emergency Managers and Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Coordinators. DEMA has provided tribes with information on potential hazards including a series of El Nino briefings that were done in partnership with the National Weather Service (NWS) and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). Finally, DEMA has provided technical and personnel support to Tribal Nations during incident response including the Gold King Mine spill and the Cedar Fire. An overview of these activities and others is offered in the following table:



Goal	Objective	Activity and Performance Measure
Increase sharing of emergency management information with the Tribes and Tribal members.	Participate in the “Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative Day”	January 19, 2016 – DEMA staff provided informational materials and engaged Tribal members, Tribal officials, Elected officials, and other attendees throughout the day.
	Provide information to help strengthen their emergency management capabilities.	Ongoing - Tribal Emergency Managers and Tribal Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Coordinators are regularly provided with information on available training, upcoming exercises, and grant opportunities.
	Provide an understanding of DEMA mission-ready assets that can be requested during an emergency.	June 10, 2016 – Met with Tribal Representatives at the AZ Army National Guard Armory in Show Low to discuss Guard mission-ready capabilities.
	“Supporting Tribal Nations in Arizona” overview pamphlet.	May 2016 – After distributing nearly 2000 copies the pamphlet will be updated to accurately provide an overview of additional services and support that DEMA can and will provide to the Tribes.
Understand and address issues affecting Tribes in Arizona.	Meet with tribes on their lands to speak with officials and discuss potential hazards and hear their issues and concerns.	Ongoing – Tribal Liaison meets with Tribal Emergency Managers on their lands to discuss potential hazards, Tribal issues and concerns and needs and reports them back to ADEM staff. This year also provided El Nino briefings to Tribes in partnership with the National Weather Service (NWS) and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA).
	Conduct quarterly meetings with Tribal and County Emergency Managers in the Northern, Central, and Southern Regions to address new or emerging issues.	Various Dates – Quarterly meetings are held with Emergency Management representatives from each region, including Tribal Emergency Managers, to discuss new or emerging issues and how to address them. Attendees include the Arizona Division of Emergency Management (ADEM) Director, all of the ADEM Assistant Directors, and the Tribal Liaison.
	Host annual conference to bring Tribal officials together with State and Federal agencies that deal with and/or support emergency management.	May 18, 2016 - Held summit in partnership with the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS). In all sixty people attend the event including representatives from fifteen Tribes, two Federal agencies, and five State agencies. The Summit focused on Tribal Emergency Management programs and the successes they have had as well as lessons learned. The day ended with listening sessions covering volunteer support on Tribal lands and logistical support from the State.





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Assist Tribal governments in developing their emergency management programs.	Provide support through training.	Various Dates -ADEM offered over 256 courses across the State with all Tribal officials afforded the same opportunities to attend. Eighteen of these courses were requested by Tribes to be delivered on Tribal lands.
	Provide opportunities to Tribes to participate in various exercises to increase readiness and ability to respond.	Various Dates – In all Tribes participated in eight (8) State-led exercises last year. This included State Cyber Tabletop Exercises and the Statewide Recovery/Mitigation Tabletop Exercise.
	Provide support through technical assistance as needed.	Various Dates - Provide technical assistance to Tribes renewing their Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approved Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plans as well as Emergency Operations and Emergency Response Plans.
	Coordinate opportunities for consultation with FEMA on Emergency Management capabilities.	Various Dates – Coordinated with FEMA Region IX to come to Arizona and meet Tribal staff and discuss proposed changes to Tribal Declaration and Tribal Mitigation processes.
Support Tribes during and after incidents.	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 incidents including the Navajo Nation and the Gold King Mine spill, the Hopi Tribe during a monsoon flooding incident, the San Carlos Apache Tribe during a sheltering operation, and the White Mountain Apache Tribe during the Cedar Fire.
Promote Tribal capacity building in Emergency Management programs.	Foster capacity building so Tribes can better respond to and recover from disasters.	Ongoing – DEMA provides the FEMA Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) program funding as a pass-through to Tribes who apply so they can sustain and/or strengthen their programs.

### Significant Events

Over the past year the Tribal Liaison has been asked to come out and participate in training and exercises with various Tribes as well as being asked to assist Tribal response efforts on Tribal lands. This includes coordination over the phone with the Hopi Tribe and the San Carlos Apache Tribe, traveling to Window Rock on the Navajo Nation to liaison between the Tribe and DEMA and other State agencies during the Gold King Mine spill, and traveling to the White Mountain Apache Reservation to work with the Tribe's Emergency Manager and provide technical support and serve as a liaison between the Tribe and other State agencies during the Cedar Fire. These requests to come onto tribal lands and work with the Tribes are a reflection of the efforts that have been made to further strengthen the Department's relationship with Tribal governments. DEMA views this as a fundamental component to accomplishing our Vision and Mission and will continue to take these efforts in the future.

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