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<p style="text-align:center;">Arizona Department of Homeland Security
Central Regional Advisory Council
MEETING MINUTES</p>

<p style="text-align:center;">August 22, 2024</p>

A regular meeting of the Arizona Department of Homeland Security (AZDOHS) Central Regional Advisory Council (CRAC) was convened on August 22, 2024 at 10:00 am. The meeting was held in-person with remote access available. Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.02, notice had been duly given (**Attachment A**). Present and absent were the following members of the CRAC:

Members Present:
Chairman, Glenn Jones, Emergency Management Coordinator, City of Peoria
Vice-Chairman, Robert Rowley, Emergency Manager, Maricopa County Department of Emergency Management
David Maxwell, Assistant Chief, Daisy Mountain Fire and Medical
Kane Nixon, Deputy Chief, Arizona Fire and Medical Authority
Joseph Dietrich, Captain, Proxy for Russ Skinner, Sheriff, Maricopa County Sheriff's Office
William (Bill) Smith, Epidemiologist, Maricopa County Health Department
Chris Briggs, Police Chief, Glendale Police Department
Chuck Kmet, Emergency Manager, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
Frank Griego, ACTIC Director, Arizona Department of Public Safety

Members Absent:
None

Arizona Department of Homeland Security (AZDOHS) Staff Members Present:
Belinda Torres, Strategic Planner
Kim Brooks, Strategic Planner

Public Members:
Members of the public were present.

REGULAR BUSINESS

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
Vice-Chairman Rob Rowley called the meeting to order at 10:02 am. It was determined a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Vice-Chairman Rob Rowley called for a motion to approved the May 2, 2024 RAC meeting minutes. A **motion** was made by David Maxwell and **seconded** by Chris Briggs to approve the May 2, 2024 meeting minutes as submitted **(Attachment B)**. **The motion passed unanimously.**

GENERAL BUSINESS

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY UPDATE (Attachment C)
Belinda Torres provided the Central RAC members with information on the following via PPT:
- Quarterly Reports
- FFY 2024 Award Notification
- Property Control forms and Grant Close-Outs
- FFY 2025 Grant Application Process
- THIRA/SPR
- Upcoming Events

REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL SELECTION OF FY 2024-2025 CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR
Glenn Jones was nominated by Rob Rowley to serve as Chair of the Central RAC. The nomination was seconded by Dave Maxwell. **The nomination passed unanimously.**
Dave Maxwell was nominated by Chris Briggs to serve in the position of Vice-Chair. The nomination was seconded by Kane Nixon. **The nomination passed unanimously.**

ACTIC/TLO UPDATE
Gabe Saenz with the Phoenix Fire Department provided an update on the ACTIC/TLO initiative, discussing the restructuring of field operations guide within the TLO program. He also shared TLO's classification information and highlighted the training opportunities available for TLO classification in remote areas, as well as the ongoing efforts to broaden the scope of training.

STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (SHSGP) PROJECT SUCCESS STORIES
Jeremy Kennedy with the Daisy Mountain Fire Department shared the outcomes of funding the CERT program. The CERT program has had a significant impact in the community. By supporting Fire Corps and implementing weekly shift duties for a certified team in a state of readiness, the program has been able to train hundreds of volunteers. In addition, the program has played a vital role in supporting community events and building resilience through deployments related to both natural and human causes. Furthermore, the program has provided valuable trainings to further enhance the skills and preparedness of its team. Melissa Deming with the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office shared the vision and results of the Domestic Violent Extremist (DVE) Analyst Project. She provided insight into the work produced by the analyst, including event briefs, preparations for upcoming events, and the organizational structure of the position. Mike Zelle with the Phoenix Police Department discussed the results of the funding for ARIA RAID project. He detailed the project's primary goal, assets acquired through the funding, contributions from the City of Phoenix, project sustainability, the lifespan of the technology, integration with other agencies and new developments with the technology. Nate Young with the Maricopa County Elections Office presented the results of the MCTEC Security Upgrade 2022/2023 Project, highlighting the proactive measures taken to strengthen the security of critical elections equipment and data infrastructure. These included updates to the voter registration system, the implementation of database security software enhancements, the installation of external lighting to ensure 24/7 building security, and the hiring of a contractor to revamp the electronic voting system.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC
None

NEXT MEETING
The next meeting TBD.

CALL TO ADJOURN
Vice-Chairman Rob Rowley requested a **motion** to adjourn the meeting. Chris Briggs **motioned** and Frank Griego **seconded** to adjourn the meeting at 11:21 pm. **The motion passed unanimously.**