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Arizona Department of Homeland Security South Regional Advisory Council MEETING MINUTES

August 12, 2025

A regular meeting of the Arizona Department of Homeland Security (AZDOHS) South Regional Advisory Council (SRAC) was convened on Tuesday, August 12, 2025. The meeting was held in-person and pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.02, notice having been duly given (**Attachment A**). Present were the following members of the SRAC:

Members Present:

Chairperson Robert Lozano, Captain, Northwest Fire and Medical
Vice-Chairperson Diana Gomez, Chief Health Officer, Yuma County Public Health Services District
Tammi-Jo Wilkins, Director, Southeastern Arizona Communications Center
Kraig Fullen, Chief, Douglas Police Department
Jose Arriola, Deputy Director, Santa Cruz County Public Health and Human Services
Tom Alinen, Proxy for Sheriff Mark Dannels, Cochise County Sheriff's Office
Walter Mercer, Major, Arizona Department of Public Safety
Mark Savage, Chief, Fry Fire District

Members Absent:

None

Arizona Department of Homeland Security (AZDOHS) Staff Members Present:

Belinda Torres, Strategic Planner
Kim Brooks, Strategic Planner
Michael Stidham, Critical Infrastructure Coordinator

Public Members:

Members of the public were present

REGULAR BUSINESS

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairperson Robert Lozano called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. It was determined a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairperson Robert Lozano requested a motion to approve the April 30, 2025 meeting minutes as submitted. Mark Savage **motioned** and it was **seconded** by Kraig Fullen (**Attachment B**). **The motion passed unanimously.**

GENERAL BUSINESS

Chairperson Robert Lozano was nominated by Mark Savage to serve as Chairperson of the SRAC. The nomination was seconded by Kraig Fullen. **The nomination passed unanimously.**

Vice-Chairperson Diana Gomez was nominated by Chairperson Robert Lozano to serve as Vice-Chairperson of the SRAC. The nomination was seconded by Walter Mercer. **The nomination passed unanimously.**

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY UPDATE (Attachment C)

Kim Brooks provided the South members with information on the following via PPT:

- FFY 2024 Period of Performance
- FFY 2025 Award Information
- FFY 2025 AZDOHS In-House Preparation
- FFY 2025 National Priorities
- FFY 2025 DHS Updated Terms & Conditions
- FFY 2026 Grant Application Cycle
- THIRA/SPR
- Upcoming Meeting

ACTIC/TLO UPDATE (Attachment D)

Captain Aaron Adams from the Phoenix Fire Department provided the following update:

- TLO Program Update
- Fusion Center Outreach with Community & Unity Support (FOCUS)
- Advanced Fire TLO Course
- Roster Audits
- Foundational TLO Course
- QR Code-Tips & Leads
- Division Filmed

NATIONAL SPECIAL EVENTS (Attachment E)

Trooper John Gutt from the Arizona Department of Public Safety provided the following update:

- National Special Events Data Call
- Process for Special Events Entry
- Arizona Risk Profile
- FFY 2024 SHSGP and UASI Risk Methodology
- Successes
- Opportunities for Improvement
- 2025 Open Call

STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (SHSGP) PROJECT SUCCESS STORIES

Lt. Bill Heiple with Sierra Vista Police Department presented a success story regarding their FFY 2022 sUAS project. The discussion included the specific goals and items funded. He highlighted the significant

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impact on the region, the increased officer safety due to the awarded sUAS and stressed the program's sustainability (**Attachment F**).

Sgt. Richard Gradillas with the Tucson Police Department presented a success story regarding the FFY 2023 Mobile camera, light and sensor trailer. The presentation outlined the critical supported provided to the region and addressed the trailers ability to serve as a deterrent against terrorist activities, both foreign and domestic. Sgt. Gradillas stated that this trailer has been deployed on a regular basis to support all areas of Tucson during soft target events. Members of the SRAC and the audience were invited to view the trailer, which had been brought by Tucson PD to demonstrate several of its capabilities.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held virtually on December 2, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

CALL TO ADJOURN

Chairperson Robert Lozano requested a **motion** to adjourn the meeting. Mark Savage **motioned** and Jose Arriola **seconded** to adjourn the meeting at 11:01 a.m. **The motion passed unanimously.**