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**Arizona Department of Homeland Security
West Regional Advisory Council
MEETING MINUTES**

August 20, 2025

A regular meeting of the West Regional Advisory Council (WRAC) was convened on Wednesday, August 20, 2025. The meeting was held in-person with remote options and pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.02, notice having been duly given (**Attachment A**). Present and absent were the following members of the West Regional Advisory Council:

Members Present:

Chairperson, John Feddema, Operations Chief, Central Arizona Fire and Medical Authority
Vice- Chairperson, Robert Ticer, Chief, Prescott Valley Police Department
William Ponce, Sheriff, La Paz County Sheriff's Office
Jeffrey Schooch, proxy for Andrew Schurtz, Arizona Department of Public Safety
Leslie Horton, Director of Community Health Services, Yavapai County Public Health
Peter Pilafas, Chief, Lake Havasu City Fire Department
Lauren Wellborn, proxy for Michael Browning, Emergency Management Coordinator, Mohave County Office of Emergency Management and Jack Yeager, Chief, Kingman Fire Department
Jon Brambila, Deputy Chief, Prescott Police Department
Danny Johnson, Chief, Verde Valley Fire District

Members Absent:

Brian Freudenthal, Chief, Cottonwood Police Department

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

Kim Brooks, Strategic Planner
Belinda Torres, Strategic Planner

Public Present:

Members of the public were present.

REGULAR BUSINESS

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairperson John Feddema called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. It was determined a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A **motion** was made by Robert Ticer and **seconded** by Jon Brambila to approve the April 16, 2025 meeting minutes as presented (**Attachment B**). **The motion passed unanimously.**

GENERAL BUSINESS

Chairperson John Feddema was nominated by Leslie Horton to serve as Chairperson of the WRAC. The nomination was seconded by Robert Ticer. **The nomination passed unanimously.**

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Vice-Chairperson Robert Ticer was nominated by Chairperson John Feddema to serve as Vice-Chairperson of the WRAC. The nomination was seconded by Jon Brambila. **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. Dave Coffin of the Mohave County Sheriff's Office provided an update on the License Plate Reader project awarded from the West RAC. These LPR's have supported the investigation of three officer involved shootings, four homicides and a child abduction case out of Texas.

Support services Commander Gareth Braxton-Johnson of the Cottonwood Police Department shared information regarding the sUAS awarded through SHSGP funds in FFY 20223. Commander Braxton-Johnson shared footage taken of the recent case involving a homicide and potential more homicides that were planned to take place in the Sedona area **(Attachment F).**

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Sgt. Corey Kasun of the Prescott Police Department shared the successes of the Electronic Tactical Surveillance Camera Kit project funded by SHSGP funding in FFY 2021. Sgt. Kasun shared video footage of an attic that a suspect had utilized to attempt an escape from the Prescott Police Department. This footage taken by the camera kit enabled the Prescott Police Department to locate and supported the apprehension of the suspect.

Lauren Wellborn from the Mohave County Emergency Management Department shared the outcomes of the AIRS radio tower project funded in FFY 2022, extending radio coverage to Davis and Parker Dam in the event of a dam failure at the Hoover Dam **(Attachment G)**.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held virtually on December 9, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

CALL TO ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:12 am.