



ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY ANNUAL REPORT FY2023



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OPENING LETTER

Colonel Glover Letter to Governor Katie Hobbs

It is my privilege to submit to you the Arizona Department of Public Safety's (AZDPS) annual report for Fiscal Year 2023. The activities and significant accomplishments contained in this report reflect the quality and dedication of the employees of the AZDPS.

While one of our primary responsibilities is patrolling the highways throughout Arizona, this report demonstrates the vast array of other comprehensive services and programs we provide for our citizens and those visiting the state. Troopers and professional staff of the AZDPS are dedicated employees who take tremendous pride in the agency's mission. This report summarizes our mission to improve public safety by enforcing state laws, deterring criminal activity, and providing vital support to the state of Arizona and its citizens.

The following are ways that AZDPS has become more efficient in FY2023:

- The Information Management Bureau created and staffed a new Information Security Section (ISS), tasked with ensuring the information and cyber security of the Department and other state, county, and local partners. The ISS successfully partnered with the Arizona Department of Homeland Security and the Arizona National Guard to develop significant enhancements to the Department's information and cyber security initiatives and to identify ongoing opportunities for increased information and cyber security.
- Plans for the new Health and Wellness Center were completed and approved in January 2022. This facility was transformed into a first-class training and workout facility for AZDPS sworn and professional staff. The reuse of the 1957 building was completed by abating and demolishing the interior and providing a needed facility open to all staff.
- The Highway Patrol Division worked with the Technical Services Division to reduce redundancy in forms. This project continues as a significant efficiency improvement, leaving Troopers more time to be visible on our highways and respond to crimes and collisions.
- The Major Incident Division was officially established and acquired office space and equipment for initial and future members.

Thank you for your support and assistance during Fiscal Year 2023. The AZDPS will continue to strive to be a national model in the law enforcement community; driven by our dedication to professional service, our core values, and our commitment to the citizens we serve.

Sincerely, Colonel Jeffrey Glover, Director Arizona Department of Public Safety

INTRODUCTION

About the Arizona Department of Public Safety





In 1968, the Arizona legislature created the Arizona Department of Public Safety (AZDPS). The agency became operational on July 1, 1969, by Gov. Jack Williams' executive order. Gov. Williams' mandate consolidated the functions and responsibilities of the Arizona Highway Patrol, the Enforcement Division of the State Liquor Department and the Narcotics Division of the State Department of Law into one agency.

Since its inception, the AZDPS has been given many additional responsibilities and has evolved into a renowned, multi-faceted organization dedicated to providing state-level law enforcement services to the public, while developing and maintaining close partnerships with other local, county, tribal, state, and federal agencies.



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DEPARTMENT STATEMENTS

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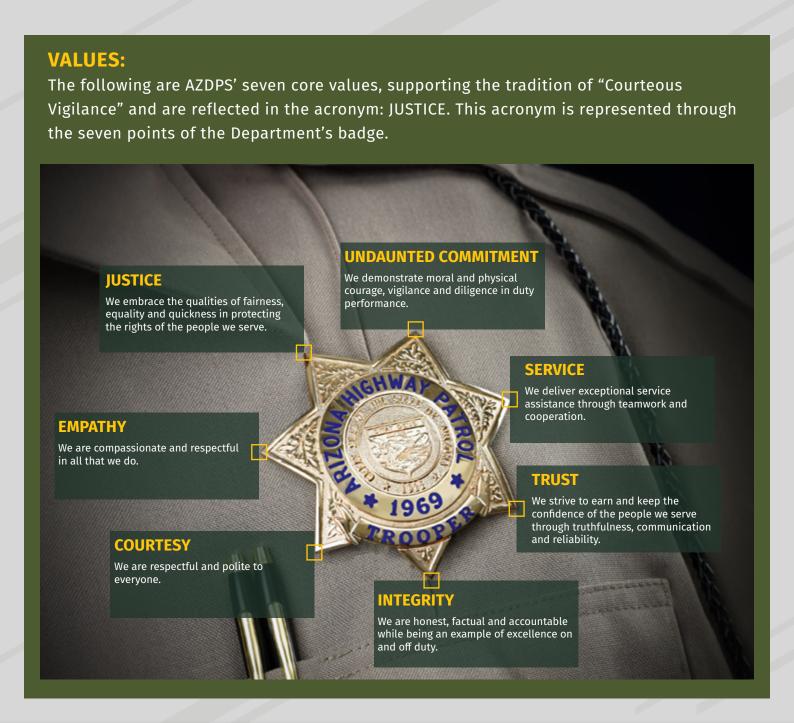
To provide public safety to the state of Arizona.

VISION:

To be the national model in providing state-level law enforcement services.

MOTTO:

"Courteous Vigilance" is the Department's motto and guiding principle, which reflects the pride of the Department. We provide quality, reliable, and respectful service to the citizens of Arizona, while being vigilant in the enforcement of the laws of the state.



ORGANIZATION

The Arizona Department of Public Safety is divided into five organizational divisions and the Office of the Director. Each division and the Office of the Director have unique responsibilities supporting the agency's mission. Each division is led by an assistant director, along with members of the Office of the Director, comprises the Department's Executive Staff.





Office of the Director

Under the director's oversight, the Office of the Director establishes the objectives and structure of the agency and, through the deputy director, directs its day-to-day operations. The Office of the Director oversees the agency's executive officer, legislative liaison, governmental relations, legal affairs, public affairs, internal affairs, executive security, and the budget office. In addition, the Office of the Director provides support to the Governor's Office of Highway Safety, the Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training Board, and the Law Enforcement Merit System Council.



Agency Support Division

The Agency Support Division (ASD) provides vital support to the State of Arizona and its citizens by supporting the entire Department and other governmental agencies. ASD houses several vital functions, such as Aviation, Human Resources, Training, Research and Planning, Department Records, Fleet Services, Facilities, Procurement, and Logistics.



Criminal Investigations Division

The Criminal Investigations Division's (CID) mission is to protect the public by deterring crime using innovative investigative and specialized enforcement strategies and resources. The CID protects human life and property by enforcing state laws relating to narcotic trafficking, organized crime, intelligence, vehicle theft, gangs, computer and financial crimes, and fugitive apprehension. The CID deters criminal activity by developing intelligence, using innovative investigative and specialized enforcement strategies to disrupt and dismantle criminal organizations and investigate crimes. The CID provides vital support to Arizona and its citizens by conducting criminal and

ORGANIZATION

administrative investigations for other agencies, hosting and participating in regional task forces, operating the Arizona Counter Terrorism Information Center (ACTIC) and providing tactical highrisk responses to acts of extraordinary violence and domestic preparedness incidents.



Highway Patrol Division

The Highway Patrol Division (HPD) is the largest division in the agency and is comprised of troopers assigned throughout the state. HPD combines enforcement, training, and public outreach to improve highway safety while striving to reduce collisions and increase the efficiency of the highway transportation system. Additionally, HPD enforces commercial motor vehicle laws and performs school bus and tow truck inspections. The HPD also includes the Vehicular Crimes Unit, which investigates collisions involving serious injury or death and result in criminal charges.



Technical Services Division

The Technical Services Division (TSD) protects human life and property by enforcing laws related to the regulation of security guards, private investigators, scrap metal dealers, sex offenders, and job applicants for specific occupations that require statutorily mandated background checks and fingerprint clearance cards. Additionally, TSD houses two regionally based operational communications centers throughout the state that provide statewide radio dispatch services to troopers, emergency medical services, and other law enforcement dispatch centers.



Major Incident Division

The Major Incident Division (MID) is a new addition to the AZDPS and was created to conduct criminal investigations of any law enforcement critical force incidents in the state. Additionally, at the written request of a chief of police or a county sheriff, the MID investigates criminal allegations against a peace officer whom the law enforcement agency employs. The MID comprises of two bureaus, the Scientific Analysis Bureau and the Special Investigations Bureau.



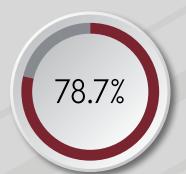
BUDGET

The Arizona Department of Public Safety expended \$521.6 million in FY2023. This amount consists of \$410.8 million in appropriated state funding, \$70.3 million in federal funding, and \$40.5 million in non-appropriated funding.

Total expenditures



State Appropriated Funding \$410,802,900



Federal Funding \$70,263,100



Non-Appropriated Funding \$40,498,100





PATROL

Through the work of the Highway Patrol Division (HPD) and select bureaus within the Criminal Investigations Division (CID), the AZDPS patrols state highways and decreases collisions and fatalities by issuing warnings, repair orders, citations, and conducting arrests on motorists who have violated criminal state statutes. Priority is placed on identifying and arresting impaired drivers and other hazardous drivers that increase the risk of causing a collision, in addition to enforcing occupant restraint laws and criminal interdiction.

DISTRICTS D1 - KINGMAN В D2 - FLAGSTAFF D3 - HOLBROOK D D4 - YUMA D5 - METRO CENTRAL D7 - METRO MOTORS Ε D10 - CAPITOL F D6 - CASA GRANDE G D8 - TUCSON G D17 - TUCSON NIGHT WATCH н D9 - SIERRA VISTA D11 - GLOBE D12 - PRESCOTT K D13 - METRO EAST D20 - NIGHT WATCH PHOENIX EAST D14 - METRO WEST D19 - NIGHT WATCH PHOENIX WEST M D18 - METRO SOUTH Ν D15 - COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT NORTH D16 - COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT SOUTH



TROOPERS PATROL OVER 27,800 HIGHWAY MILES.

TRAFFIC STOPS

TOTAL TRAFFIC STOPS

458,552

TOTAL CITATIONS

226,834

TOTAL ARRESTS

15,436

WARNINGS

167,275

HAZARDOUS CITATIONS

183,441

DUI ARRESTS

5,348

REPAIR ORDERS

23,096

RESTRAINT CITATIONS

19,389

DRUG-RELATED ARRESTS

3,074



COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT

Commercial Motor Vehicles (CMV) are present on every highway in Arizona. Focused education and enforcement of commercial vehicles prove beneficial for CMV drivers and the drivers around them. The two Commercial Vehicle Enforcement districts, North and South, contain specially trained troopers who are responsible for enforcing laws and regulations governing the safety operations of motor carriers, shippers, and vehicles transporting hazardous materials.







Troopers and Regulated Vehicle Inspectors within the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement districts are also specially trained to inspect school buses to ensure the safety of children.





COLLISION REDUCTION

Troopers have an important responsibility when patrolling state highways to respond to, investigate, and create detailed reports of collisions that occur. These collisions range from non-injury, minor collisions to multi-fatality, multi-vehicle crashes. Specially trained detectives in the Vehicular Crimes Unit provide expertise in the investigation of criminal conduct resulting in serious injury and fatal collisions.

THE THREE MAIN CAUSES OF COLLISIONS:



SPEED



DISTRACTED DRIVING



UNSAFE LANE CHANGE

TOTAL COLLISIONS INVESTIGATED: 37,572

INJURY COLLISIONS: 11,010

ALCOHOL-RELATED COLLISIONS: 1,487

IMPAIRMENT-RELATED COLLISIONS: 1,851

FATAL COLLISIONS: 352

FATALITIES FROM COLLISIONS: 430

UNRESTRAINED FATALITIES: 156

FATAL IMPAIRED DRIVER COLLISIONS: 60

FATALITIES FROM IMPAIRED DRIVER COLLISIONS:

72

The Criminal Investigations Division plays a significant role in not only enforcing state laws but also deterring and investigating criminal activity.

DRUG ENFORCEMENT AND INVESTIGATION BUREAU

- Canine District
- Northern Narcotics District
- Southern Narcotics District

GANG ENFORCEMENT BUREAU

- GIITEM Northern District
- GIITEM Central District
- GIITEM Southern District



INTELLIGENCE BUREAU

- ACTIC Operational Support District
- ACTIC Intelligence District
- Emergency Management

INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU

- Vehicle Theft District
- Major Crimes District
- Special Operations District

DRUG ENFORCEMENT AND INVESTIGATION BUREAU

The Drug Enforcement and Investigations Bureau (DEIB) is a comprehensive, statewide strategy relying on teamwork and technology to secure the Arizona-Mexico borders and effectively address and combat transnational organized crime. The DEI operations focus on roving criminal interdiction patrol details, a variety of narcotic investigation operations, and deterrent saturation patrols to identify, deter, disrupt, and dismantle criminal organizations. Confronting the fentanyl crisis has become a top priority with DEIB. By establishing and maintaining formal and informal partnerships with various, local, and federal agencies, it has allowed us to strengthen the collaborative approach to combat illegal fentanyl use. DEI results are primarily measured through illicit drug and currency seizures, drug trafficker arrests, and investigations conducted by the collaboration of bureau personnel and other agency partnerships. Three vital districts within the Drug Enforcement and Investigations Bureau are the Canine District, Southern Narcotics District, and Northern Narcotics District.



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As part of the Drug Enforcement and Investigation Bureau, the Southern Narcotics District is responsible for investigating border-related smuggling and associated crimes. The Southern Narcotics District conducts local-level narcotics distribution investigations and responds to calls for investigative assistance from the Highway Patrol, Canine Districts, and other work groups within and outside of DPS.



DRUG ENFORCEMENT AND INVESTIGATION BUREAU

As part of the Drug Enforcement and Investigation Bureau, the Northern Narcotics District is responsible for investigating border-related smuggling and associated crimes. The Northern Narcotics District conducts local-level narcotics distribution investigations and responds to calls for investigative assistance from the Highway Patrol, Canine Districts, and other work groups within and outside of DPS.











The Canine District is a criminal interdiction unit whose mission is to detect and apprehend criminal offenders and drug traffickers. The Canine District is comprised of five squads containing a total of 22 canines. During FY2023, the Canine District was responsible for 177 criminal interdiction seizure cases resulting in the seizure of illegal drugs, weapons, currency, and other fraudulent and criminal activity.





Fentanyl

1.352 lbs.



Heroin

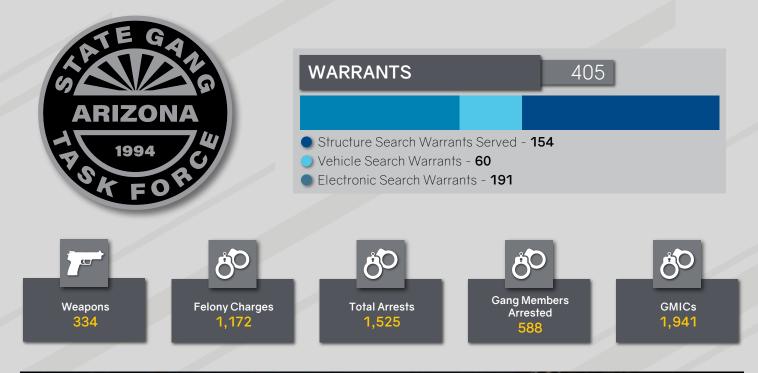




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GANG ENFORCEMENT BUREAU

The Gang & Immigration Intelligence Team Enforcement Mission (GIITEM) is a statewide multi-agency task force led by the AZDPS Gang Enforcement Bureau. The Arizona State Gang Task Force's mission is to suppress criminal gangs and transnational crime in collaboration with citizens, partnered agencies, and intelligence resources. The task force also aims to deter criminal gang activity through investigations, arrest, and prosecution, dismantle of gang-related criminal enterprises, and deter border-related crimes. The Gang Enforcement Bureau is comprised of three districts in Arizona: Northern, Central (to include the Detention Transport Officers), and Southern.



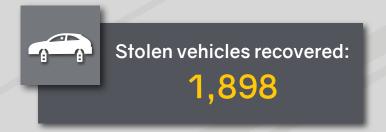


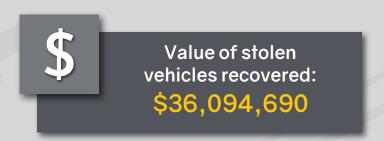
INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU

The Investigations Bureau is comprised of three specialized investigative districts: the Major Crimes District (MCD), the Vehicle Theft District (VTD), and the Special Operations District (SOD). These districts account for many of the service requests for felony crime investigations, high-risk search warrant service, and sensitive other-agency investigative requests within the Criminal Investigations Division.



The Vehicle Theft Task Force's (VTTF) mission is to reduce vehicle theft in Arizona through public awareness and community education and deter criminal activity through proactive enforcement and prosecution. The VTTF is a statewide resource for investigating property crimes involving vehicles, related components, and insurance fraud. The task force provides technical expertise, training, and investigative support to law enforcement agencies targeting vehicle theft and related crimes. The task force is comprised of local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies, along with other entities participating in a concerted effort to identify, apprehend, and prosecute individuals and criminal organizations that profit from the theft of motor vehicles, related criminal activity, and insurance fraud.





INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU

The Special Operations District (SOD) is comprised of the Special Weapons and Tactics teams and the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Unit designed to mitigate high-risk scenarios by providing employees with specialized training and equipment. The SOD is a resource to other workgroups and law enforcement agencies to protect the community from unique and highly-dangerous threats.

The Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team is equipped and trained for response to barricaded suspects, hostage situations, high-risk search warrants, and vehicle containments. SWAT also provides specialized training to other law enforcement agencies regarding tactics and specialized skills.





The Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Unit, or bomb squad, is a highly specialized unit within the Investigations Bureau. EOD responds statewide and is the primary unit responsible for handling explosive-related incidents for most law enforcement agencies in the state.



The Major Crimes District (MCD) responds to and investigates several types of crimes within Arizona and service requests from other law enforcement agencies. These high-profile incidents involve officer-involved shootings, homicides, human trafficking, sexual exploitation of minors, aggravated assault, and organized crime. MCD consists of the Northern Major Crimes Squad, the Southern Major Crimes Squad, the Maricopa County Major Crimes Squad, the Technical Operations Unit, and the Financial Investigations Resource Group (FIRG).











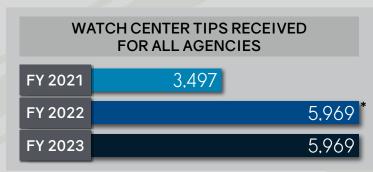


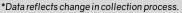
INTELLIGENCE BUREAU





The Arizona Counter Terrorism Information Center (ACTIC) is a joint effort between the Arizona Department of Public Safety, the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), the Arizona Department of Homeland Security (AZDOHS), the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office (MCSO), the Phoenix Police Department (PPD), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Phoenix Fire Department (PFD), and other participating agencies to form a collaborative information sharing environment. The ACTIC strives to provide accurate, timely, and relevant criminal intelligence, and investigative, and technical support to local, tribal, state, and federal law enforcement agencies critical to Arizona's public safety and our country's homeland security mission.











AVIATION BUREAU

The Aviation Bureau provides critical operational and air rescue support to the citizens of Arizona, as well as to the Department and local, state, tribal, and federal partners. To accomplish its mission, the Aviation Bureau operates and maintains a fleet of three Bell 429, two Bell 407 helicopters, and two King Air fixed-wing aircraft. The unit's fixed-wing aircraft are used to transport public safety personnel, other state employees, and equipment across the state and region; the helicopters are utilized for various missions.









AVIATION FLEET

5 Rotor

Bell 407 - 2

Bell 429 - 3

AVIATION FLEET

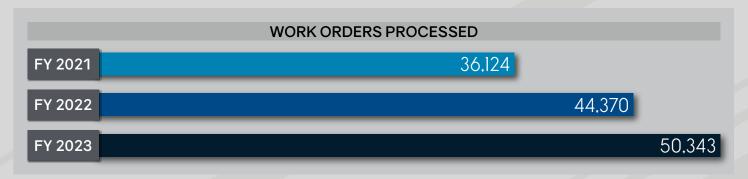
2 Fixed Wing

King Air B250 - **1**

King Air B200 - 1

INFORMATION MANAGEMENT BUREAU

The Information Management Bureau (IMB) supports the technology needs of the Department and other law enforcement agencies statewide. Within the Department, IMB designs, develops, maintains, and operates automated computer systems to support the enforcement, investigative, and administrative functions of the Department and manages the Department's information and cyber security programs.



OPERATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS BUREAU

The Operational Communications Bureau (OpComm) is the vital link between the public, troopers, and other law enforcement personnel across the state, operating 24/7 from communication centers in Phoenix and Tucson.



SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU

The Special Investigations Bureau is the investigative arm of the Major Incident Division and was created to comply with House Bill 2860, and Arizona Revised Statute § 41-1762E.

Over the past year, the Arizona Department of Public Safety has made it a goal to successfully stand up the Major Incident Division by investing in resources and highly qualified personnel capable of delivering the finest possible critical force incident investigations in the nation. These highly trained and experienced members of the Major Incident Division include the tenured supervisors, multiple squads of veteran detectives, and a staff attorney.

Per statute, a "Critical force incident" means:

- Any discharge of a firearm by a peace officer due to a use of force encounter, regardless of whether it results in the injury or death of an individual.
- An incident involving a peace officer's intended use of deadly force or use of force by any other means that results in death or serious bodily injury of another person, either during an on-duty incident or off-duty incident while acting under the color of authority.





SCIENTIFIC ANALYSIS BUREAU

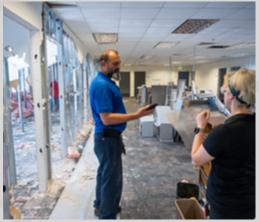
The Scientific Analysis Bureau (SAB) provides a wide variety of critical services to law enforcement agencies throughout the state with laboratories in Tucson, Phoenix, Flagstaff, and Lake Havasu City. SAB services include the scientific analysis of evidence, technical crime scene assistance, secure storage of evidentiary items, training, and expert testimony.



FACILITIES SECTION

The Facilities Section supports the entire Department and is responsible for the maintenance and improvement of all Department-owned and leased facilities throughout the state. The Facilities Section includes a maintenance unit, design and construction, and the coordination of leases, utilities, and building services. The Facilities Section maintains and manages approximately 234 buildings throughout the state and 214 other structures (sheds, storage buildings, garages, etc).





NOTABLE



PROJECTS

- Flagstaff Air Rescue Hangar Door Replacement: \$380,707
- Three Area Office Replacement Modulars: \$1,406,132
- Refurbish Phoenix Headquarters Elevator: \$266,386
- * Notational Thodaix Treadquarters Elevator. 9200,300
- Knutson Station Remodel, Fence, and Gates: \$970,283
- Two Bathroom Remodels to be ADA Compliant: \$193,903

FLEET SERVICES

Fleet Services is responsible for procuring, coordinating build-up, maintaining, and disposing of the agency's vehicle fleet. The Department's vehicle fleet includes patrol and undercover vehicles, motorcycles, tow trucks, trailers, and other specialty vehicles. Fleet Services manages approximately 2,288 vehicles.















HUMAN RESOURCES BUREAU

The Human Resources (HR) Bureau manages various employment services, including recruitment, sworn and professional staff hiring, promotions, and retirements, as well as the employee assistance program, classification and compensation, and employee benefits for department employees and retirees. During the fiscal year 2023, the Department hired 64 sworn and 161 professional staff employees.























FINANCIAL SERVICES

The Financial Services Bureau (FSB) provides financial services by maintaining strong fiscal discipline and regulatory compliance. The Bureau is responsible for cash management, vendor payments, payroll, travel arrangements, claim processing, fixed assets, and general accounting.

During the reporting period FSB processed:

Over 32,000 invoices within an average of 14.9 business days.

2,206 travel claims for a total cost of \$983,030.

585 flights booked for a total cost of \$266,104.

3,481 cash receipt documents for a total revenue of \$100,635,167.

6,229 Fixed Asset additions totaling \$76,585,876.

2,781 Fixed Asset disposals totaling \$51,92,133.

254 Fixed Asset adjustments totaling \$2,141,635.

The Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Administration Unit is responsible for administering the federal VOCA Victim Assistance awards and the state-level Victims' Rights Enforcement Fund. Solicitations for funding are conducted to pass through funds to organizations that provide support and services to citizens affected by violent crimes. Services include but are not limited to, crisis response, information and referral, counseling and therapy, personal advocacy, legal services, enforcement of rights, and criminal justice support and advocacy.

In FY 2023, the unit conducted the following:

Combined funds administered:

\$46.3 million

Number of subawards:

153

Number of subrecipient agencies:

106

Number of subaward site monitoring completed:

20

Number of subaward amendment requests/ project modifications completed:

442

Number of individuals served:

248,094

PROCUREMENT BUREAU

The **Procurement Bureau** achieved \$1.5M in cost avoidance through supplier negotiations and price benchmarking. In addition, AZDPS Procurement averages 97 contracts per procurement officer, which is well above most other state agencies.

Many units at the AZDPS interact directly with Arizona citizens through services in addition to the law enforcement functions the Department does every day. These units, mostly comprised of professional staff employees, offer citizens customer service functions directly to the public through the Public Service Center.

FINGERPRINT CLEARANCE CARD TEAM

The Fingerprint Clearance Card Team (FCCT) is responsible for processing applications for individuals required by state statute to have a Fingerprint Clearance Card. These individuals include teachers, school employees, school bus drivers, persons requiring licensure through various state agencies, and those who have direct contact with potentially vulnerable populations, such as children, older adults, and those with disabilities.



SGPI LICENSING UNIT

Through the Security Guard and Private Investigator (SGPI) Licensing Unit, the Department provides service by issuing private investigator, security guard, security guard trainer registration certificates, and identification cards to qualifying individuals and agencies. Additionally, the unit accepts complaints from the public and enforces statutory laws and administrative rules pertaining to those entities.

SECURITY GUARD CERTIFICATES PROCESSED - 22,680

SECURITY GUARD TRAINER CERTIFICATES PROCESSED - 388

SECURITY GUARD AGENCY LICENSES PROCESSED - 212

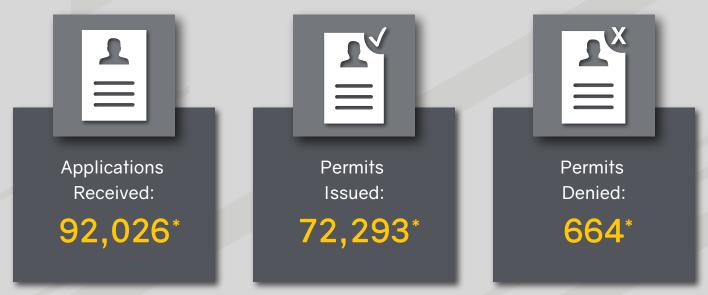
PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR CERTIFICATES PROCESSED - 606

PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR AGENCY LICENSES PROCESSED - 457

COMPLAINTS AGAINST CERTIFICATE AND LICENSE HOLDERS - 310

CONCEALED WEAPONS PERMIT UNIT

The Concealed Weapons Permit Unit (CWPU) serves citizens by managing all aspects of issuance and governance of Concealed Weapon Permits for qualifying parties and coordinates with other states on matters of permit reciprocity.

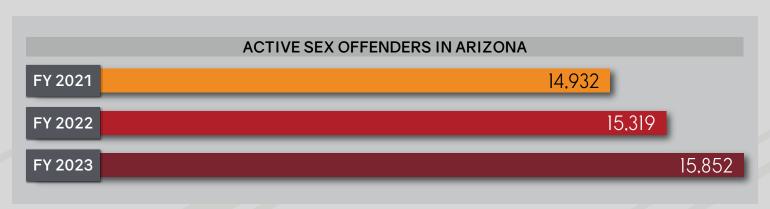


^{*}The disparity between received and finalized applications is due to a large backlog of applications which carried over into fiscal year 2024.

SEX OFFENDER COMPLIANCE UNIT



Per Arizona Revised Statute §13-3827, the Sex Offender Compliance Unit is required to annually verify the address of all active sex offenders, enter data into the sex offender database, and maintain the public website for offenders who meet the statutory requirements for publication on the website.



DEPARTMENT & PUBLIC RECORDS UNITS

The Department Records Unit (DRU) Records I Unit, the Public Records Unit (PRU) Records II Unit, and the Redaction Unit are responsible for fulfilling records requests for both internal and external customers. DRU Records I, PRU Records II, and the Redaction Unit play an important role in ensuring transparency and accountability for the Department. The Body-Worn Camera (BWC) Field Video Support Unit works in tandem with these three units and provides first-line support to internal customers and external law enforcement partners.

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

The DRU Records I process requests for police dispatch recordings, offense and incident reports, and other Department communications and records requests.

The PRU Records II process requests for collision reports and scene photographs. The unit handles requests for traffic citations, warnings issued by troopers, and background requests from other government agencies.

The Redaction Unit processes and redacts BWC video, dashboard camera video, and police dispatch recordings.

The BWC Field Video Support Unit provides first-line support for BWC, dash cameras, vehicle-based mobile routers, and logistics support for the Department's electronic conductive weapon program. The unit also performs duties as the Department's Evidence.com administrator.







OPERATIONAL TRAINING

The Operational Training Section (OTS) is responsible for critical Department functions related to training, education, and training management. The OTS develops, implements, and manages basic and advanced training for the Department's professional and sworn employees. The OTS provides highly specialized instruction and program management in firearms training, driver's training, use of force training, defensive tactics training, curriculum development, and management and leadership. The training programs for sworn troopers exceed the Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training Board (AZPOST) requirements. The OTS also manages the Department's Health and Wellness Center.









Operational Training administers the Leaders in Training (LIT) program, which is a 200-hour college-level leadership program. Students who complete the program earn 10 college credit hours. The LIT program is now offered to employees from other law enforcement agencies. The Department provided 100 training courses to internal and external customers during Fiscal Year 2023.

STATE TROOPER ACADEMY

The Recruit Training Section is responsible for administering the 32 to 33-week **State Trooper Academy (STA)**, which prepares new AZDPS recruits for assignment as troopers throughout the state. The STA is hosted at the Phoenix Regional Police Academy (PRPA). The AZDPS staff also works in partnership with AZPOST and the Phoenix Police Department to administer the academy curriculum to police recruits from agencies throughout Arizona.

The STA is a rigorous police training academy and ensures that each newly-minted trooper is ready to enforce laws, protect the public, and provide the highest level of service.

The STA also administers a 10-week **State Trooper Transition (STT)** program for lateral-hire police officers. This rigorous training program prepares pre-certified officers for assignment as troopers and includes specialized training in collision investigation, DUI enforcement, tactical firearms, tactical driving, and physical fitness. The laterals join the current class of recruits, at PRPA, as they finish the last 10 weeks of their basic academy.













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