



**ARIZONA STATE SENATE**  
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**PROGRAM PRESENTATION**  
Arizona Department of Homeland Security

Background

The Arizona Department of Homeland Security (Department) was established in 2006 to enhance the ability of the State of Arizona to prevent and respond to acts of terrorism and other critical hazards (A.R.S. § 4252).

The Department is administered by a director who is appointed by the Governor. Statute requires the director to appoint a deputy director and assistant directors as determined by legislative appropriations. To be eligible for appointment as director, a person is required to have experience in public administration, disaster response, law enforcement or business administration. Organization of the Department is left to the director's discretion.

The Department is required to:

- 1) formulate policies, plans and programs to enhance the ability of Arizona to prevent and respond to acts of terrorism.
- 2) develop a statewide homeland security strategy.
- 3) request appropriations or grants for homeland security purposes.
- 4) provide to the Arizona Department of Homeland Security Coordinating Council (Coordinating Council) a list of appropriations or grants that are requested from the federal government for homeland security purposes.
- 5) receive all monies granted to Arizona by the federal government for homeland security purposes and provide to the Coordinating Council the amount of monies and the director's determination as to the allocation of the monies.
- 6) distribute monies to eligible local jurisdictions and other organizations.
- 7) coordinate with other agencies to publish a guide for grantees of Homeland Security grants to ensure that monies distributed are coordinated across all levels of government, avoid duplication and eliminate security gaps in every level of government.
- 8) conduct preparedness training exercises to put state disaster plans into practice and identify shortcomings.
- 9) assist in the development of regional response plans, including collaborative efforts with other states.
- 10) partner with and involve the private sector in preparedness efforts.

The Coordinating Council consists of two members of the House of Representatives who are appointed by the Speaker of the House and who are from different political parties, two members of the Senate who are appointed by the President of the Senate and who are from different political parties, the Director of the Department of Agriculture, the Director of the Department of Health Services, the Director of the United States Customs and Border Protection and 18 members

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appointed by the Governor according to prescribed criteria.

The Coordinating Council is required to hold quarterly public hearings to receive a list of requests for grant monies for programs that are developed by each regional advisory council and to receive from the Director a list of grants to Arizona and the allocation of the grants.

The state has 5 Regional Advisory Councils that consist of 12 members each who are appointed by the Governor. The Regional Advisory Councils:

- 1) develop, implement and maintain regional homeland security strategies and support and assist in the implementation of Arizona's statewide risk assessment.
- 2) support and assist an integrated regional approach to homeland security.
- 3) establish baseline prevention and response capabilities through anchor cities consistent with state and regional plans.
- 4) collaborate with other regional councils and organizations to ensure successful integration of homeland security programs and initiatives.
- 5) develop a list of requests for state homeland security grant program monies.
- 6) recommend allocation of state homeland security grant program monies to eligible jurisdictions based on regional, state and federal criteria.

### Fiscal Information

The Department is funded by federal grants and receives no state monies. According to the Department's 2008 Allocation and Expenditure Report, the Department spent \$2,063,221 on management, administration and planning in FY 2007-2008. In FY 2008-2009, the Department received \$14,702,700.

### Committee Activity

- 1) The Committee was introduced to Leesa Berens Morrison, Director of the Department.
- 2) Director Morrison made herself available for questions and explained that the Department's role is to seek and distribute federal funds intended for the enhancement of homeland security efforts.
- 3) The Department receives no state funding.

### Attachments

Department of Homeland Security Total Expenditures FY 2005-FY 2009.

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