

UNAPPROVED

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

August 13, 2024

A regular meeting of the Arizona Department of Homeland Security (AZDOHS) South Regional Advisory Council (SRAC) was convened on Tuesday, August 13, 2024. 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:

Vice-Chairman, Robert Lozano, Captain, Northwest Fire and Medical
Diana Gomez, Chief Health Officer, Yuma County Public Health Services District
Chris Anderson, Assistant Chief, Tucson Fire Department
Tammi-Jo Wilkins, Director, Southeastern Arizona Communications Center
Kraig Fullen, Chief, Douglas Police Department
Roy Bermudez, City Manager, City of Nogales
Jose Arriola, Deputy Director, Santa Cruz County Public Health and Human Services
Paul DeAnda, Public Safety Director, Cocopah Tribe
Mark Dannels, Sheriff, Cochise County Sheriff's Office
Walter Mercer, Major, Arizona Department of Public Safety
Mark Savage, Chief, Fry Fire District

Members Absent:

Chairman, Greg Wilkinson, Member At-Large

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

Vice-Chairman Robert Lozano called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. It was determined a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A **motion** was made by Mark Dannels and **seconded** by Kraig Fullen to approve the April 30, 2024 meeting minutes as presented (**Attachment B**). **The motion passed unanimously.**

GENERAL BUSINESS

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (AZDOHS) UPDATE

Kim Brooks updated the South RAC on the following (**Attachment C**):

- Quarterly Reports
- FY 2024 Award Notification
- Property Control forms and Grant Close-Outs
- FY 2025 Grant Application Process
- THIRA/SPR
- Upcoming Events

REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL SELECTION OF FY 2024-2025 CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Robert Lozano was nominated by Mark Dannels to serve as Chair of the South RAC. The nomination was seconded by Kraig Fullen. **The nomination passed unanimously.**

Diana Gomez was nominated by Kraig Fullen to serve in the position of Vice-Chair. The nomination was seconded by Jose Arriola. **The nomination passed unanimously.**

ACTIC / TLO UPDATE

Captain Gabe Saenz from Phoenix Fire Department was unable to attend the meeting.

STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (SHSGP) PROJECT SUCCESS STORIES

Sergeant Derek Welch with Pima County Sheriff's Office shared information on an Urban Backpack Xray System. They explained how the device works and how it has been used at recent call-outs. Sergeant Carl Larimer with the Cochise County Sheriff's Office shared information on how the Office uses their small tactical throw robot and shared video of a recent call-out which Offices used the robot to support officer safety (**Attachment D**). Jeremy Jeffcoat of the City of Yuma shared the benefits of the Vulnerability Management Solution and the Regional Cybersecurity funding through AZDOHS (**Attachment E**).

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held December 3, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in-person at the Tucson Fire Department.

CALL TO ADJOURN

Jose Arriola **motioned** and Mark Dannels **seconded** to adjourn the meeting at 11:47 a.m. **The motion passed unanimously.**