

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

**February 25, 2026**

A regular meeting of the West Regional Advisory Council (WRAC) was convened on February 25, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was held virtually. Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.02, notice had 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  
Andrew Schurtz, Captain, Arizona Department of Public Safety  
Leslie Horton, Director of Community Health Services, Yavapai County Public Health  
Peter Pilafas, Chief, Lake Havasu City Fire Department  
Jack Yeager, Chief, Kingman Fire Department  
Jon Brambila, Deputy Chief, Prescott Police Department  
Danny Johnson, Chief, Verde Valley Fire District  
Brian Freudenthal, Chief, Cottonwood Police Department

**Members Absent:**

None

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

Susan Dzbanko, Deputy Director  
Belinda Torres, Strategic Planner  
Kim Brooks, Strategic Planner  
Michelle Raskey, Grants/Finance Specialist II  
Kelsie Blazier, Communications Manager

**Public Present:**

Members of the public were present.

<b>REGULAR BUSINESS</b>
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**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 William Ponce and **seconded** by Jon Brambila to approve the August 20, 2025 meeting minutes as presented (**Attachment B**). **The motion passed unanimously.**

## GENERAL BUSINESS

### ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY UPDATE (Attachment C)

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

- FFY 2026 Grant Application Process
- FFY 2025 DHS Updated Terms and Conditions
- Period of Performance
- Supplemental Applications Solicited in October 2025
- FFY 2025 Regional Allocation
- Upcoming Meeting

### ACTIC/TLO UPDATE (Attachment D)

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

TLO Course Descriptions:

- Basic TLO Course
- Statewide Threat Assessment & Mitigation Program STAMP Course
- Threat Vulnerability Assessment (TVA) Certification
- Field Intelligence Team (FIT) Certification Course

### FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FFY 2025 AND REALLOCATION FOR FFY 2022, 2023 & 2024 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (Attachment E).

Kim Brooks provided an overview of the final recommendations for FFY 2025 SHSGP funding and the FFY 2022, 2023 and 2024 reallocations for the WRAC. This included details on projects recommended for funding discussed during the April 16, 2025 meeting. Additionally, an overview was given regarding projects recommended for partial funding or no funding.

Prescott Fire Department was awarded funding in the amount of \$67,718 from FFY 2022, 2023 & 2024 for the purchase of a Gas Identification System. Additionally, Fort Mohave Mesa was awarded \$9,200 for the purchase of equipment to support the Rescue Taskforce.

Chairperson John Feddema requested a motion to recommend the FFY 2025 allocation of \$482,287, FFY 2024 reallocation of \$11,129, FFY 2023 reallocation of \$53,608 and FFY 2022 reallocation of \$10,718. A **motion** was made by Brian Freudenthal and **seconded** by Jon Brambila to recommend funding for the projects as discussed. **The motion passed unanimously.**

### CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

### NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held in person on April 15, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

### CALL TO ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:03 am.