

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

**February 24, 2026**

A regular meeting of the Arizona Department of Homeland Security (AZDOHS) South Regional Advisory Council (SRAC) was convened on February 24, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was held in 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 South RAC:

**Members Present:**

Vice-Chairperson Diana Gomez, Chief Health Officer, Yuma County Public Health Services District, proxy for Chairperson Robert Lozano, Captain, Northwest Fire and Medical  
Tammi-Jo Wilkins, Director, Southeastern Arizona Communications Center  
Kraig Fullen, Chief, Douglas Police Department  
Jose Arriola, Deputy Director, Santa Cruz County Public Health and Human Services  
Sheriff Mark Dannels, Cochise County Sheriff's Office  
Mark Savage, Chief, Fry Fire District

**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 Members:**

Members of the public were present

<b>REGULAR BUSINESS</b>
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**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Vice-Chairperson Diana Gomez called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. It was determined a quorum was present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Vice-Chairperson Diana Gomez requested a motion to approve the August 12, 2025 meeting minutes as submitted. Mark Savage **motioned** and it was **seconded** by Tammi-Jo Wilkins (**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 2023 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (Attachment E).**

Kim Brooks provided an overview of the final recommendations for the FFY 2025 SHSGP Spreadsheet and the FFY 2022, 2023 and 2024 reallocations for the SRAC. This included details on projects recommended for funding discussed during the April 30, 2025 meeting. Additionally, an overview was given regarding projects recommended for partial funding or no funding.

The Tucson Fire Department was awarded \$15,505 from FFY 2024, \$48,447 from FFY 2023 and \$3,180 from FFY 2022 reallocations to support the Southern Arizona Regional Technical Rescue Training.

Vice-Chairperson Diana Gomez requested a motion to recommend the FFY 2025 allocation of \$514,298 and the FFY 2023 reallocation of \$16,356. A **motion** was made by Mark Savage and **seconded** by Kraig Fullen 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 at Tucson Fire Department on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 10 am.

**CALL TO ADJOURN**

Vice-Chairperson Diana Gomez requested a **motion** to adjourn the meeting. Mark Savage **motioned** and Kraig Fullen **seconded** to adjourn the meeting at 11:09 a.m. **The motion passed unanimously.**

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

## South Regional Advisory Council

AGENDA\*

2/24/26

10:00 am



Governor Katie Hobbs



Director Kim O'Connor

Google Meet joining info  
Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/ypz-urzf-ikk>  
Or dial: (US) +1 505-658-4630 PIN: 818 507 317#

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-4258 notice is hereby given to members of the **South Regional Advisory Council** and the general public that the Council will hold a virtual meeting, open to the public, **Tuesday, February 24, 2026 at 10:00 am**. Members of the Council will attend via the internet or telephone. The Council was offered written materials pertaining to agenda items prior to the meeting. The Council retains the right to take agenda items out of order as needed for quorum or other purposes. Agenda items with staff presentations are noted. Staff is available to clarify or address any related comments. For additional information you may contact **Kim Brooks at 602.531.3409**

### REGULAR BUSINESS

- 1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**  
**Presentation:** AZDOHS Staff
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
**Presentation:** Robert Lozano, Chairperson  
**Possible Action:** Council approval of the August 12, 2025 meeting minutes as submitted

### GENERAL BUSINESS

- 3. ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY UPDATE**  
**Presentation:** AZDOHS Staff  
**Possible Action:** For information and discussion
- 4. STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (SHSGP) PROJECT SUCCESS STORY**  
**Presentation:** AZDOHS Staff  
**Possible Action:** For information, discussion and possible action
- 5. FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FFY 2025 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM & FFY 2022, 2023 & 2024 (SHSGP) REALLOCATIONS**  
**Presentation:** AZDOHS Staff  
**Possible Action:** For information, discussion and possible action
- 6. ACTIC/TLO UPDATE**  
**Presentation:** Aaron Adams, Phoenix Fire Department  
**Possible Action:** For information and discussion
- 7. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**  
This is the time for the public to comment. Members of the Council may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.01(H) action taken as a result of public comment is limited to directing staff to study the matter, responding to any criticism or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decisions at a later date.
- 8. NEXT MEETING – TBD**  
**Presentation:** Robert Lozano, Chairperson  
**Possible Action:** For information, discussion, and possible action
- 8. CALL TO ADJOURN**

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# ARIZONA

Department of Homeland Security

AZDOHS UPDATE

Regional Advisory Council Meeting

AZDOHS Staff



# FFY 2026 Grant Application Process

- Application portal notification sent January 6, 2026
- Applications are due February 27, 2026

## Internal Review

- Equipment/ EHP
- Interoperability Working Group (IWG)
- Cybersecurity Working Group (CSWG)
- Secretary of State Office (Election Security)

# FFY 2025 DHS Updated Terms and Conditions

Accepted on 2/13/2026

Integrating updated T & C into the Subrecipient Agreement

- We encourage your legal team to review the SRA prior to accepting the award

*Contact your planner if you would like additional information on these updated Terms and Conditions*



## Period of Performance

- Reallocation projects for FFY 2022 & FFY 2023 end July 31, 2026
- Reallocation projects for FFY 2024 will have a 12-month period of performance
- FFY 2025- anticipating one year period of performance  
Unknown start date



# Supplemental Applications Solicited in October 2025

**\*Border Crisis Response and Enforcement  
Support 10%**

**\*Enhancing Election Security 3%**

# FFY 2025 Regional Allocations

AZDOHS received an increase in SHSGP and UASI funding from FFY 2025

Arizona allocation: \$5,023,205

- 80/20 split
  - 80%=\$4,018,564
  - 20% AZDOHS and State projects=\$1,004,641

Regional Allocations:

- Central \$1,633,388
- North \$373,186
- East \$514,298
- South \$1,015,405
- West \$482,287

# Upcoming Events

-Application portal closes February 27, 2026 at 5 pm

-Application Scoring for FFY 2026 by RAC members, AZDOHS staff & working groups

-RAC Meeting  
Spring meeting Funding Recommendations

-Monitoring Program  
Desk reviews  
Site Visits  
Virtual and In -person

# Questions??

South RAC FFY 2025 Funding Recommendations

Project #	Jurisdiction or Agency	Project Title	National Priority	Requested Amount	Allowed Amount	FFY 2023 Reallocation - award complete	FFY 2025 Recommendation with updated risk formula	FFY 2024 Reallocation	FFY 2023 Reallocation	FFY 2022 Reallocation	Original FFY 2025 Recommendation
						\$0.00	\$ -	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 883,307.00
25-SOU-009	Pima County Emergency Management & Homeland Security	2025 Southern Arizona Multi-Jurisdictional Training and Exercise Initiative		\$246,940	\$246,940		\$ 50,000.00				\$ 222,940.00
25-SOU-001	Cochise County Sheriff's Office	SWAT Regionalization and Undercover Officer Protection		\$20,884	\$20,884	\$ 1,907.00	\$ 18,977.00				\$ 18,977.00
25-SOU-018	Tucson Fire Department	Tucson Fire Department Tethered Drones	STCP	\$120,000	\$120,000		\$ 60,000.00				\$ 60,000.00
25-SOU-007	Pima County Emergency Management & Homeland Security	Enhancing Public Safety at Regional Events: Request for Water Wall Barriers	STCP	\$20,000	\$20,000		\$ 20,000.00				\$ 20,000.00
25-SOU-017	Tucson Fire Department	Southern Arizona Regional Technical Rescue Training		\$157,255	\$157,255		\$ 11,494.02	\$15,505.61	\$ 48,447.24	\$ 3,180.13	\$ 78,627.00
25-SOU-006	Pima County Emergency Management & Homeland Security	2025 Pima County Community Resiliency Initiative		\$7,330	\$7,330		\$ 7,330.00				\$ 7,330.00
25-SOU-024	Yuma County Office of Emergency Management	Yuma County Office of Emergency Management-Citizen Corps-CERT		\$9,300	\$9,300		\$ 9,300.00				\$ 9,300.00
25-SOU-013	Tombstone Marshal's Office	Replacement Law Enforcement Communications Repeater		\$56,388	\$56,388		\$ 56,388.00				\$ 56,388.00
25-SOU-010	Pima County Sheriff's Department	Search & Rescue Helicopter Communication Platform		\$36,876	\$36,876						
25-SOU-002	Douglas Police Department	Outfit Douglas Police SRT with enhanced body armor		\$38,012	\$38,012		\$ 38,012.00				\$ 38,012.00

South RAC FFY 2025 Funding Recommendations

25-SOU-015	Tucson Fire Department	Southern Arizona Regional CBRNE and WMD-Equipment and Training		\$495,589	\$495,589		\$ 233,994.00				\$ 233,994.00
25-SOU-004	Pima County	Pima County Elections - Preparedness and Response	Elections	\$34,885	\$ 29,885.00		\$ 29,885.00				
25-SOU-014	Tubac Fire District	Santa Cruz County Regional Fire Communications Enhancement Project		\$835,881	\$835,881						
25-SOU-019	Tucson Police Department	Night Vision Goggles Continuation		\$150,000	\$150,000		\$ 50,000.00				\$ 35,111.00
25-SOU-003	Fry Fire District	An opportunity to assist a Regional SWAT medic team		\$80,000	\$80,000		\$ 80,000.00				\$ -
25-SOU-016	Tucson Fire Department	Southern Arizona Regional Technical Rescue Equipment		\$247,476	\$247,476		\$ 140,224.98				\$ 78,628.00
25-SOU-005	Pima County	Pima County Recorder Security for Public Service Counters	Elections	\$80,000	\$80,000		\$ 40,000.00				\$ -
25-SOU-022	Yuma County	Enhancing Election Security through Backup Power Infrastructure in Yuma County	Elections	\$70,152	\$70,152						\$ -

South RAC FFY 2025 Funding Recommendations

25-SOU-011	San Simon Fire District	Interoperable Communications - Dual-Band Portable Radios Project	Not a NP	\$57,624	\$57,624						\$ -
25-SOU-020	Tucson Police Department	Hardening Security at Tucson Police Main Station		\$500,000	\$500,000						\$ -
25-SOU-025	Yuma County Office of Emergency Management	Yuma County Emergency Operations Center Laptop update		\$48,248	\$48,248						\$ -
25-SOU-021	Whetstone Fire District	Operation Macaw		\$38,995	\$38,995						\$ -
25-SOU-008	Pima County Emergency Management & Homeland Security	Safety First: Lockdown Magnet Solutions for Schools	n/a	\$5,500	\$ -						
25-SOU-023	Yuma County	Strengthening Election Security: Advanced Technology for Cyber Threat Preparedness	Elections	\$28,600	\$28,600						\$ -
25-SOU-026	Yuma County Sheriff's Office	Cyber Security Software Upgrades/Enhancements	Cyber	\$121,000	\$121,000						\$ -
25-SOU-012	Tombstone Fire Department	Firefighters on the Frontline: Enhancing Anti-Terrorism Preparedness with Advanced Safety Gear in Tombstone		\$48,240	\$48,240						\$ -
25-SOU-027	Yuma Fire Department	HazMat & TRT Interoperable Communications		\$120,000	\$120,000	\$ -					\$ 24,000.00
25-SOU-028	Yuma Police Department	Crowd Protection Barrier System - Protecting the Public at Outdoor Crowded Events	STCP	\$112,740	\$112,740	\$ -					\$ -
Border Crisis Response Supplemental	Frye Fire	Cochise County Regional SWAT Border Response	Border	\$110,132							



South RAC FFY 2025 Funding Recommendations

AZDOHS Comments
PF: Yes. FFY 2025 req \$243,940 trainings, \$3,000 exercises. Funded at \$150,000 FFY 2024.
PF: ballistic vest and ballistic helmet at \$4137.00 If recommended, add sales tax into items.
PF: \$60,000 ea
PF: soft target, request 40 at \$500 each, partial funding 50%
PF: \$119,879 (TRT Courses and supplies), \$24,776 (training and conference), \$12,600 (Bi-Monthly Training) FFY 2024 funding \$71,000
CERT
PF: \$3,100 each class
No PF: \$14,624 (repeater and software), \$9,997.05 (Antenna and Feedline System ), \$20,714.28 (Power Supply), \$3,428.57 ( Radio Reprogramming), \$9,997.05 (accessories)
PF: \$25,000 to \$30,000
PF: \$2,924 each unit for Body armor for SRT team - 33 sworn, 13 swat

South RAC FFY 2025 Funding Recommendations

<p>PF: \$233,994 (training, maintenance, radiological recertifications, most frontline equipment), \$174,925 (frontline equipment) FFY 2024 funding \$141,000</p>
<p>PF: Magnetometer is priority at \$24,885. Public address system not authorized. Additional \$5k is for cybersecurity training. SOS office review- recommended funding for mangetometer.</p>
<p>PF: No. Capital project- to replace all agency radios, Tubac District, Rio Rico Fire District, Nogales Fire Department, and Sonoita Fire, 48 personnel, personnel project supports 12, req 154 radios. Mobile (65 at \$2,773 ea), base stations (14 @ \$3,440), portables (154 @ \$2,391 &amp; 154 @ \$659) &amp; accessories itemized in app</p>
<p>PF: 5 @ \$10,000 each. FFY 2024 funding \$50,000</p>
<p>PF: Funding the purchase of the vehicle- \$64,000.00. General use vehicle to transport SWAT Paramedics to support medical treatment and evacuation</p>
<p>\$134,866 (front-line equipment and regional training cache equipment), \$68,440 (additional front-line equipment), \$44,17 (remaining front-line equipment) FFY 2024 \$100,000</p>
<p>PF: Protective shield for each counter. SOS office review- partial funding recommended (security screen) 8 @ \$10,000 each</p>
<p>PF: \$46,796 (Equipment ), \$5,060 (Planning), \$18,296 (Installation, Training, and coordination of equipment). SOS review - partial funding recommended.</p>

PF: \$5,761 per radio. Support Wildland Firefighting Team. No nexus to terrorism.
PF: Multiphased, \$150,000 - \$250,000
PF: No. Req 37 @ \$1,304
PF: 8 @ \$3,545 = \$28,360
<b>Equipment not allowable</b>
PF: 18 @ \$1,300= \$23,400 for laptops to be used as backup for election days. SOS Office review - good use of funds but if funds are limited, feel Proj. 022 would be priority
PF: \$55,000 (Firewall software) , \$66,000 (Sandbox software), 5 year subscriptions
PF: No. 6 @ \$8,040. 15 FF in Dept., supports no specialized team
5 @ \$12000= \$60,000 or 2 = \$24000
PF: \$33,000 (trailer), \$2,215 x 18 = \$39,870 (vehicle barriers). Non-regional asset.
Duplicated from original request (increase of \$30k)

South RAC FFY 2025 Funding Recommendations

Handheld xray imager \$78,000, Surveillance Van \$168,042, K9 LE vehicle \$100,000
Materials \$14,000, Backfill \$55,000, Travel \$20,000
sUAS \$22,500, \$6,000 warranty and \$7,000 cloud-based software
Handheld gas meters 2 for \$9,000, thermo imaging 2 for \$10,000, SCBA mask & bottle 6 for \$19,800 (\$3,00 each), Certifications and trainings \$6,500
Dispatch console and licenses \$19,135, Base station& tower for \$20,935, Intallation \$18,470, 5 radios @\$19,010 each (\$95,050)
22 reserve laptops in the event of a cyberattack
Security Camera's for Electios department and recorders new building - <b>not currently occupied</b>



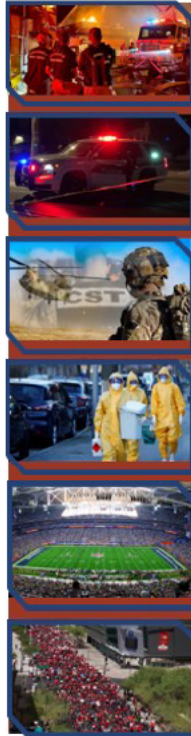
## TLO ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Threat Liaison Officer (TLO) Training

December 15, 2025



### TLO Course Descriptions



#### Basic TLO Course (40 hours)

The Basic TLO Certification Course will train individuals in suspicious activity reporting, intelligence collection requirements, TLO in public health, and provide a basic understanding of the operational tempo of threats nationwide, as well as current threat patterns in Arizona. During the course, students will receive an overview of the program and core capabilities of certified TLOs.

**Target Audience:** Sworn law enforcement, sworn firefighter, active/reserve military personnel, civilian crime analyst working for a law enforcement agency.

**Prerequisites:** Signed application \* IS-0100 \* IS-0200 \* IS-0700 \* IS-0800 \* Current 28 CFR Part 23 Certificate \* Current "B" level TOC Certificate (*applicable to all local, county, and state law enforcement members*).

#### Statewide Threat Assessment & Mitigation Program—STAMP Course (24 hours)

S.T.A.M.P. is a statewide initiative supporting the identification, investigation, assessment, management, and, when necessary, prosecution of individuals or circumstances associated with potential acts of targeted violence. This training enhances collaborative capabilities between law enforcement, fire service, emergency medical care, mental health providers, physicians, social workers, nursing professionals, and other allied stakeholders responsible for pre-incident intervention.

**Target Audience:** Public safety professionals, healthcare providers, behavioral health clinicians, threat assessment practitioners, and partner agencies involved in the prevention of targeted violence across Arizona.

**Prerequisites:** Current 28 CFR Part 23 Certificate \* Current "B" level TOC Certificate (*applicable to all local, county and state law enforcement members*).

*These courses are presented by the Arizona Counter Terrorism Information Center (ACTIC) in cooperation with Arizona Department of Military Affairs (ADEMA). See additional course descriptions and projected course dates on the following page.*



## TLO ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Threat Liaison Officer (TLO) Training

December 15, 2025



### TLO Course Descriptions *Continued*

2026 TLO Courses	
DATES	LOCATION
Basic TLO	
Mar 9-13	ACTIC
Oct 12-16	Northern AZ
FIT	
Mar 25-26	Phoenix
Oct 21-22	Phoenix
TVA	
Apr 29-30	Phoenix
Jul 22-23	Phoenix
Nov 18-19	Phoenix
STAMP	
Feb 10-12	Flagstaff
May 19-21	Phoenix
Aug 18-20	Southern AZ
Nov 17-19	Phoenix

*Additional information will be provided once courses are available on the ACADIS portal. Available courses can be found by searching "TLO" in the search term query.*

#### Threat Vulnerability Assessment (TVA) Certification Course (16 hours)

The TVA class is a detailed two-day program. The class is open to all TLOs and appropriate public safety first responders. The instruction will provide a general overall knowledge of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) concepts and target hardening methods and procedures. When complete, this course will enable officials to conduct assessments in their jurisdiction or area of responsibility, and conduct assessments assigned from the ACTIC.

**Target Audience:** First responders.

**Prerequisites:** None. Priority may be given to certified TLOs and those who will be conducting TVAs.

#### Field Intelligence Team (FIT) Certification Course (12 hours)

The FIT Certification Course is a counter surveillance detection course based on detecting terrorist activities at large events. FITs deploy as assets at various major events to perform covert counter surveillance operations. The FIT mission is to provide situational awareness to Event/Incident Command during an event. FITs will support Event Command to identify any suspicious activities that might have a terrorist nexus so that the appropriate first responders can be deployed for mitigation and investigation.

**Target Audience:** Certified Threat Liaison Officers (TLOs) and members of public safety (law enforcement applicants must be sworn).

**Prerequisites:** None. Preference will be given to Certified TLOs who meet the needs of the TLO Program.

**Registration:** Self-registration through the state's online registration system at [demattraining.az.gov](http://demattraining.az.gov) is required. New users will be required to create an account prior to enrollment. Instructions for applying for an ACADIS account can be found [here](#). To obtain access to a disabled account, email [training@azdema.gov](mailto:training@azdema.gov).

All TLO training courses are provided at no cost. Agencies are responsible for all travel expenses, if applicable. For course updates, visit [FNVISAGF Acadis®](https://www.fnvisagf.com).

Please contact Brenda Dowhan at [brenda.dowhan@phoenix.gov](mailto:brenda.dowhan@phoenix.gov) if you have any questions.

