

Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership
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Arizona Department of Veterans' Services
For Arizona veterans and those who care for them.

ADVS Role in Prevention and Treatment

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About ADVS

- The Arizona Department of Veterans' Services is a state agency that serves and provides advocacy to service members, veterans and their families.
- Our Mission: To be the catalyst in response to the evolving needs of Arizona's veterans and their families.



Veteran Benefits Counselors (VBCs)

- VBCs are accredited by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and advocate for Arizona's service members, veterans and their families with receiving federal and state veteran benefits. VBCs also advocate for American Legion clients.
- VBCs assist claimants by:
 - Educating them on eligibility requirements for benefits
 - Processing VA compensation and pension applications
 - Appealing VA decisions
 - Representing claimants at VA hearings
 - Filing for survivor's benefits
 - Referring claimants to other agencies for potential benefits
- Requires military service records and certifying DD-214s (discharge paperwork)
- Discussing State Veteran Benefits
- Virtual VBC



Arizona State Veteran Homes

- Arizona State Veteran Homes serve the long-term care and rehabilitative needs of the veterans of Arizona, with energetic and caring staff who provide:
 - Meals
 - Therapeutic Recreation
 - Social Services
 - Rehabilitative, Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapy
- Allow residents to enjoy an independent lifestyle with services customized to their needs
- Locations:
 - Phoenix - 200-bed facility
 - 4141 North S. Marana Way | (602) 248-1550
 - Yuma - 120-bed facility
 - 520 E. Ash Way | (925) 638-2150
 - Flagstaff - 80-bed facility (under construction)
 - 710 N. Garden St., Garden St. and E. Cedar Ave.
 - Yuma - 80-bed facility (under construction)
 - 400 E. John St. @ 33rd St. and S. Ave. 6E



New State Veteran Homes

- In June 2019, we broke ground on new State Veteran Homes in Yuma and Flagstaff
- Estimated construction completion: Summer 2021
- Each resident room will be furnished and private
- We will hire 125 employees to staff each home, including registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, dietitians and aides, housekeeping and administrative services
- Each home will be on 10 acres of land donated by the cities of Flagstaff and Yuma
- The homes will offer services and amenities similar to those of the current homes. We housekeeping, laundry services, a medication room, a gift shop, a barber/beauty shop and more



Arizona Veterans' Memorial Cemeteries

- Arizona Veterans' Memorial Cemeteries offer burials to all eligible members of the Armed Forces. For a fee, the veteran's spouse and qualifying dependents are also eligible.
- For more on eligibility, visit www.azvets.gov

Camp Navajo (Belmont) (928) 214-3473 Marana (520) 638-4889 Sierra Vista (520) 458-7144



Arizona Military Family Relief Fund

- Service Members and Veterans discharged under honorable conditions who meet all of the following criteria may be eligible for financial assistance:

<p>Deployment by the service member or Veteran</p> <p>Deployment includes any assignment from a military service member's home station to a deployment station</p> <p>1. Claimed Arizona as home of record while in service OR</p> <p>2. Deployed with an Arizona National Guard or Reserve unit OR</p> <p>3. Deployed from an Arizona military installation</p>	<p>Arizona Residency (one of the following must apply)</p> <p>1. Claimed Arizona as home of record while in service OR</p> <p>2. Deployed with an Arizona National Guard or Reserve unit OR</p> <p>3. Deployed from an Arizona military installation</p>	<p>Financial Hardship (one of the following must apply)</p> <p>For veterans: must demonstrate that an employment-related financial hardship</p> <p>For family members of a service member: must demonstrate that a financial hardship is due to the service member's current deployment</p> <p>For surviving families: service member or Veteran died or was wounded in the line of duty and family members need financial assistance with travel and living expenses</p> <p>*If a widow, widower or dependent (DD-214) deceased service member is applying for financial assistance, the service member must have died in the line of duty in a combat zone or a zone where the service was hazardous regardless of pay</p>
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Veteran Toolkit

- The Veteran Toolkit Program funds expenses associated with beginning employment for veterans
 - For example, if a veteran is getting a job in the medical field and needs scrubs before they start, the toolkit will buy the scrubs to make sure there are no barriers standing between the veteran and their new job.
- Qualifying veterans must:
 - Live in Arizona
 - Have a job offer and are in need of tangible items to start employment
 - Visit any ARIZONA@WORK office to apply



Be Connected

The Be Connected program is a statewide effort to strengthen access to support and resources for the service members, veterans and their families who call Arizona home.



CALL

A veteran, family member, or someone in the community can call 1-888-MATCHES to obtain resources, seek advice, or reach a crisis specialist for immediate assistance.



MATCH

Be Connected employs statewide resource navigators that offer personalized help connecting to resources. People can explore and be matched to resources online at www.BeConnectedAZ.org



LEARN

Be Connected also provides in-person and online training so everyone can gain the knowledge and skills to help.

State Opioid Response Grant

- Three Opioid Use Disorder resource navigators and a team lead
- Three dedicated SOR VBAs
- Increased outreach to ease warm handoffs between ADVS, Be Connected and community partners

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ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



- CAPTAIN TONY MAPP
- COMMANDER OF THE MAJOR OFFENDER DISTRICT

- The Arizona Department of Public Safety was founded on July 1, 1969. Governor Williams' mandate consolidated the functions and responsibilities of the Arizona Highway Patrol, the Enforcement Division of the State Department of Liquor Licenses and Control and the Narcotics Division of the State Department of Law.
- During its history, the Arizona Department of Public Safety has accepted many additional responsibilities and has evolved into a respected, nationally-recognized and multi-faceted organization dedicated to providing law enforcement services to the public while developing and maintaining close partnerships with other agencies that share similar missions and objectives.
- Today, the Department with its state headquarters in Phoenix, maintains offices in more than 80 Arizona communities and cities within the state's 15 counties. The close to 2,100 full-time department employees, along with more than 150 volunteers, help the agency fulfill its support and operational objectives in the critical areas of highway and public safety, criminal interdiction, scientific analysis, as well as technical and operational support of other criminal justice agencies.

ORGANIZATION

- Office of the Director
- Agency Support Division
- Criminal Investigation Division
- Highway Patrol Division
- Technical Services Division

HIGHWAY PATROL DIVISION

The Highway Patrol Division (HPD) is staffed by uniformed state troopers; they are highly recognizable by an all-tan uniform and Montana Peak (Smoky) hat.

HPD is comprised of troopers assigned throughout the state who help fulfill the ADPS mission of protecting human life and property by enforcing criminal and traffic law. Troopers patrol over 6,800 linear miles – which total 37,000 highway lane miles across 16 districts statewide and serve as the front line in deterring criminal activity along Arizona's highways.




HIGHWAY PATROL DIVISION

Highway Patrol

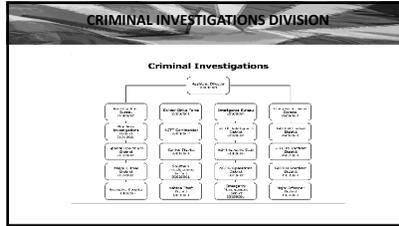


HIGHWAY PATROL DIVISION

- The Highway Patrol is our first line defense in our prevention efforts.
- Last year Highway Patrol officers conducted 515,184 traffic stops and made 17,000 arrests with over 9,000 being drug related.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

- The Criminal Investigations Division provides statewide criminal investigations, specialized enforcement activities, and high-risk tactical response in support of other federal, state, tribal, and local criminal justice agencies. The Division's primary investigative responsibilities are narcotic trafficking, fugitive apprehension, organized crime, intelligence, vehicle theft, gangs, human smuggling, computer and financial crimes, as well as major criminal investigations and sensitive special investigations when requested by other criminal justice agencies. The Division is responsible for the protection of the Governor and provides tactical high-risk response to acts of extraordinary violence and domestic preparedness incidents.



CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

In 2019 CID seized:

- Marijuana: 4,119 lbs
- Heroin: 171 lbs
- Meth: 4,485 lbs
- Fentanyl Powder: 109 lbs
- Fentanyl Pills: 53 lbs

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In 2020, Fentanyl Seizures doubled.

- Fentanyl Powder: 405 lbs
- Fentanyl Pills: 137 lbs



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Additional Prevention Efforts

- Community Outreach Manager
- Arizona Drug Overdose Fatality Review
- Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership
- Community Outreach Panels