

Department of Public Safety

	FY 2024 ACTUAL	FY 2025 ESTIMATE	FY 2026 APPROVED
OPERATING BUDGET			
<i>Full Time Equivalent Positions</i>	2,105.7	2,167.7	2,178.7
Personal Services	139,696,400	149,895,200	155,729,600
Employee Related Expenditures	55,298,200	59,044,400	64,454,800
Professional and Outside Services	4,694,200	4,875,900	4,875,900
Travel - In State	473,900	492,600	492,600
Travel - Out of State	531,000	554,200	554,200
Other Operating Expenditures	57,599,700	49,954,000	56,054,300
Equipment	12,006,200	11,896,400	11,896,400
OPERATING SUBTOTAL	270,299,600	276,712,700	294,057,800
SPECIAL LINE ITEMS			
ACTIC	1,444,400	2,132,700	3,632,700 ^{1/}
Anti-Human Trafficking Grant Fund Deposit	0	0	1,600,000
AZPOST	6,081,900	6,100,000	6,100,000
Border Drug Interdiction	14,971,700	1,970,500 ^{2/}	18,103,200
Civil Air Patrol Infrastructure	4,938,900	0	0
Civil Air Patrol Maintenance and Operations	150,000	144,000	250,000 ^{3/}
DPS Crime Lab Assistance	400,000	200,000	200,000
Fentanyl Prosecution, Diversion and Testing Fund Deposit	3,000,000 ^{4/}	0	0
GIITEM	22,089,000	24,749,000	26,014,800 ^{5/6/}
GIITEM Subaccount	1,726,700	2,396,400	2,396,400
Land Mobile Radio Expansion and Upgrades	9,926,800	0	0
Law Enforcement Retention Initiatives	0	0	0
Local Border Support	10,425,200	5,000,000 ^{7/}	18,232,900 ^{8/9/10/}
Major Incident Division	7,600,500	15,500,000	16,197,700
Motor Vehicle Fuel	6,098,000	5,454,600	5,454,600
One-Time Vehicle Replacement	3,489,700	0	8,667,500 ^{11/}
Pharmaceutical Diversion and Drug Theft Task Force	668,400	704,200	668,400
Public Safety Equipment	1,695,300	3,660,000	2,890,000
Real-Time Crime Centers	4,100,000	0	0
Sex Offender Management Board Administration	0	0	400,000 ^{12/}
Yuma County Family Advocacy Center Distribution	0	0	750,000 ^{13/}
AGENCY TOTAL	369,106,100	344,724,100	405,616,000 ^{14/15/16/}
FUND SOURCES			
General Fund	300,712,800	264,461,100	313,660,800
<u>Other Appropriated Funds</u>			
Arizona Highway Patrol Fund	27,071,900	27,028,500	27,976,400
Border Security Fund	0	0	10,900,000
Concealed Weapons Permit Fund	2,955,100	3,388,400	3,393,900
Criminal Justice Enhancement Fund	2,941,900	3,049,900	2,964,300
DPS Forensics Fund	19,276,200	23,198,800	22,512,400
Fingerprint Clearance Card Fund	1,376,900	2,036,100	2,046,400
Gang and Immigration Intelligence Team Enforcement Mission Border Security and Law Enforcement Subaccount	1,726,700	2,396,400	2,396,400
Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance Enforcement Fund	729,400	1,003,300	968,300
Motorcycle Safety Fund	124,000	198,900	198,900
Parity Compensation Fund	3,022,200	3,156,800	4,549,000
Public Safety Equipment Fund	1,699,300	3,664,000	2,894,000

	FY 2024 ACTUAL	FY 2025 ESTIMATE	FY 2026 APPROVED
Risk Management Revolving Fund	1,102,500	1,141,900	1,155,200
State Highway Fund	6,367,200	10,000,000	10,000,000
SUBTOTAL - Other Appropriated Funds	68,393,300	80,263,000	91,955,200
SUBTOTAL - Appropriated Funds	369,106,100	344,724,100	405,616,000
Other Non-Appropriated Funds	50,914,100	82,099,200	79,762,400
Federal Funds	51,419,800	70,432,700	62,191,800
TOTAL - ALL SOURCES	471,440,000	497,256,000	547,570,200

AGENCY DESCRIPTION — The Department of Public Safety (DPS) is responsible for the enforcement of state criminal laws and traffic regulations. In addition to the Highway Patrol, DPS operates and maintains statewide communications systems, state crime laboratories and an automated fingerprint identification network, and performs aviation missions, special investigations, and other law enforcement activities.

FOOTNOTES

- 1/ Of the amount appropriated for the ACITC line item, \$1,500,000 shall be used on anti-human trafficking efforts. (General Appropriations Act footnote)
- 2/ In addition to the \$1,970,500, Laws 2024, Chapter 209, Section 3 amends the FY 2023 General Appropriation Act to allocate \$15,444,300 from the Border Security Fund to DPS in FY 2025 for Border Drug Interdiction.
- 3/ Of the amount appropriated for civil air patrol maintenance and operations, the department shall expend \$2,500 on dues to the national association for search and rescue. (General Appropriations Act footnote)
- 4/ Laws 2025, Chapter 237, Section 13 extends the Fentanyl Prosecution, Diversion and Testing Fund through the end of FY 2027.
- 5/ Of the \$26,014,800 appropriated to the GIITEM line item, only \$1,203,400 is deposited in the GIITEM fund established by section 41-1724, Arizona Revised Statutes, and is appropriated for the purposes of that section. The \$1,203,400 is exempt from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating to the lapsing of appropriations. This state recognizes that states have inherent authority to arrest a person for any immigration violation. (General Appropriations Act footnote, as adjusted for statewide allocations)
- 6/ Of the \$26,014,800 appropriated to the GIITEM line item, \$14,160,900 shall be used for one hundred department of public safety GIITEM personnel. The additional staff shall include at least fifty sworn department of public safety positions to be used for immigration enforcement and border security and fifty department of public safety positions to assist GIITEM in various efforts, including:
 1. Strictly enforcing all federal laws relating to illegal aliens and arresting illegal aliens.
 2. Responding to or assisting any county sheriff or attorney in investigating complaints of employment of illegal aliens.
 3. Enforcing Arizona's law known as the Legal Arizona Workers Act, strictly enforcing Arizona's SB 1070, Arizona's "Support Our Law Enforcement and Safe Neighborhoods Act" and investigating crimes of identity theft in the context of hiring illegal aliens and the unlawful entry into this country.
 4. Taking strict enforcement action.

Any change in the GIITEM mission or allocation of monies shall be approved by the joint legislative budget committee. The department shall submit an expenditure plan to the joint legislative budget committee for review before expending any monies not identified in the department's previous expenditure plans. (General Appropriations Act footnote, as adjusted for statewide allocations)
- 7/ In addition to the \$5,000,000, Laws 2024, Chapter 209, Section 3 amends the FY 2023 General Appropriations Act to allocate \$12,232,900 from the Border Security Fund to DPS in FY 2025 for Local Border Support.
- 8/ The \$18,232,900 appropriated for the local border support line item shall be used to fund local law enforcement officer positions for border drug interdiction to deter and apprehend any individuals who are charged with drug trafficking, human smuggling, illegal immigration and other border-related crimes. The monies shall also be used for grants to cities, towns and counties for costs associated with prosecuting and detaining individuals who are charged with drug trafficking, human smuggling, illegal immigration and other border-related crimes. The department may fund all capital-related equipment. (General Appropriations Act footnote)
- 9/ On or before September 1, 2025, the department of public safety shall submit an expenditure plan for the local border support line item to the joint legislative budget committee and the governor's office of strategic planning and budgeting. (General Appropriations Act footnote)

- 10/ Of the amount appropriated for the local border support line item, \$5,000,000 from the state General Fund is exempt from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating to lapsing of appropriations. (General Appropriations Act footnote)
- 11/ The appropriation in fiscal year 2025-2026 for onetime vehicle replacement is exempt from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating to lapsing of appropriations, until June 30, 2027. (General Appropriations Act footnote)
- 12/ The appropriation in fiscal year 2025-2026 for sex offender management board administration is exempt from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating to lapsing of appropriations, until June 30, 2027. (General Appropriations Act footnote)
- 13/ The \$750,000 appropriation for the Yuma county family advocacy center distribution shall be allocated to an advocacy center in Yuma county that has provided support for domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse and elderly abuse for at least twenty-five years. The funding is intended to backfill federal funding cuts to the victims of crime act of 1984 (P.L. 98-473; 98 Stat.2170). (General Appropriations Act footnote)
- 14/ General Appropriations Act funds are appropriated as an Operating Lump Sum with Special Line Items by Agency.
- 15/ Any monies remaining in the department of public safety joint account on June 30, 2026 revert to the funds from which they were appropriated. The reverted monies shall be returned in direct proportion to the amounts appropriated. (General Appropriations Act footnote)
- 16/ Of the amount appropriated in the total appropriation for the department of public safety, \$185,463,700 is designated for personal services and \$75,463,100 is designated for employee-related expenditures. The department shall submit an expenditure plan to the joint legislative budget committee for review before spending these monies for other than personal services or employee-related expenditures. (General Appropriations Act footnote, as adjusted for statewide allocations)

Operating Budget

The budget includes \$294,057,800 and 1,887.4 FTE Positions in FY 2026 for the operating budget. These amounts consist of:

	<u>FY 2026</u>
General Fund	\$220,395,800
Arizona Highway Patrol Fund	26,003,900
Concealed Weapons Permit Fund	3,393,900
Criminal Justice Enhancement Fund (CJEF)	2,830,000
DPS Forensics Fund	22,512,400
Fingerprint Clearance Card Fund	2,046,400
Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance Enforcement Fund	968,300
Motorcycle Safety Fund	198,900
Parity Compensation Fund	4,549,000
Public Safety Equipment Fund	4,000
Risk Management Revolving Fund	1,155,200
State Highway Fund	10,000,000

Adjustments are as follows:

Microwave Backbone Northern Loop Funding

The budget includes an increase of \$1,490,000 from the Arizona Highway Patrol Fund in FY 2026 for an inflationary increase in costs to upgrade the microwave backbone northern loop. The department received \$48,200,000 in FY 2022 to upgrade the northern loop of the microwave backbone statewide communication system. This funding will cover increased lease and utility costs of the project. Of this amount, \$1,300,000 is one-time for increased

construction materials and labor for construction of the new radio towers.

One-Time Aircraft Maintenance Funding

The budget includes a one-time increase of \$693,000 from the Arizona Highway Patrol Fund in FY 2026 for aircraft maintenance funding. The funding will be used to cover increased maintenance costs including a turbine overhaul, oil cooler overhaul, bleed valve overhaul, and inspections of DPS aircraft.

One-Time Recruitment Funding

The budget includes a one-time increase of \$150,000 from the General Fund in FY 2026 for recruitment funding. This new funding will be used for advertising, events, travel, and other expenses associated with the department's recruitment efforts.

Uniform Allowance Funding

The budget includes an increase of \$1,171,400 in FY 2026 for uniform allowance funding. This amount consists of:

Arizona Highway Patrol Fund	585,700
Parity Compensation Fund	585,700

The funding will be used to cover the inflationary increase in costs to maintain uniforms for sworn officers, roadside motorist assistants, detention transport officers, and telecommunication technicians.

911 Call Taker FTE Positions

The budget includes an increase of \$788,200 and 9 FTE Positions from the General Fund in FY 2026 for 911 call

takers. The funding will double the number of DPS 911 call takers from 9 to 18 employees. The new positions are intended to enable the department to properly respond to the number of 911 calls received.

Statewide Adjustments

The budget includes an increase of \$13,052,500 in FY 2026 for statewide adjustments. This amount consists of:

General Fund	14,780,200
Arizona Highway Patrol Fund	(1,756,300)
Concealed Weapons Permit Fund	5,500
Criminal Justice Enhancement Fund (CJEF)	(85,600)
DPS Forensics Fund	(686,400)
Fingerprint Clearance Card Fund	10,300
Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance Enforcement Fund	(35,000)
Parity Compensation Fund	806,500
Risk Management Revolving Fund	13,300

Of this amount, \$7,976,000 is for a 5% salary increase for AZPOST-certified staff and dispatchers.

(Please see the Agency Detail and Allocations section.)

ACTIC

The budget includes \$3,632,700 from the General Fund in FY 2026 for the operation of the Arizona Counter Terrorism Information Center (ACTIC). Adjustments are as follows:

One-Time ACTIC Increase

The budget includes a one-time increase of \$1,500,000 from the General Fund in FY 2026 for additional ACTIC funding. A budget footnote states that the \$1,500,000 shall be used by the department on anti-human trafficking efforts.

Created in FY 2005, ACTIC is a joint effort between federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies to combat terrorism, gang violence, and other crimes through information sharing. The salaries of participants are funded by their respective agencies, but DPS pays for the operational costs of the 40,000 square foot building in which ACTIC is housed. These monies fund those costs.

Anti-Human Trafficking Grant Fund Deposit

The budget includes \$1,600,000 from the General Fund in FY 2026 for the Anti-Human Trafficking Grant Fund Deposit. Adjustments are as follows:

One-Time Anti-Human Trafficking Grant Fund

Deposit

The budget includes a one-time increase of \$1,600,000 from the General Fund in FY 2026 for a deposit into the Anti-Human Trafficking Grant Fund.

The FY 2026 Criminal Justice Budget Reconciliation Bill (BRB) transfers the administration of the Anti-Human Trafficking Grant Fund from DEMA to DPS. The line item provides additional one-time revenues into the fund to be granted out to local entities for anti-human trafficking efforts. *(Please see the Department of Homeland Security agency section for more detail.)*

In addition to these monies, the department received \$1,500,000 one-time from the General Fund in FY 2026 in the ACTIC line item for anti-human trafficking efforts.

AZPOST

The budget includes \$6,100,000 and 31 FTE Positions from the General Fund in FY 2026 for the Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training Board (AZPOST). These amounts are unchanged from FY 2025.

Created in 1968, AZPOST consists of 13 members appointed by the Governor. The board was established to address the need for peace officer recruitment, selection, retention and training standards. AZPOST provides the curriculum and standards for all certified law enforcement training facilities. AZPOST services approximately 163 law enforcement agencies encompassing over 14,500 sworn peace officers and 14 police training academies throughout the state.

Border Drug Interdiction

The budget includes \$18,103,200 and 58.5 FTE Positions from the General Fund in FY 2026 for Border Drug Interdiction. Adjustments are as follows:

One-Time Border Security Fund Budget Shift

The budget includes a one-time increase of \$10,900,000 from the Border Security Fund and a corresponding decrease of \$(10,900,000) from the General Fund in FY 2026 for a Border Security Fund budget shift. The FY 2026 budget continues this shift in FY 2027. The fund shift is intended to provide General Fund savings in FY 2026 and FY 2027. The budget's 3-year spending plan restores the General Fund amount in FY 2028.

Restore General Fund for Border Drug Interdiction

The budget includes an increase of \$15,444,300 from the General Fund in FY 2026 to restore DPS' direct appropriation. The FY 2025 budget reduced the General

Fund appropriation and replaced those monies with a one-time allocation from the Border Security Fund. The FY 2025 budget's 3-year spending plan restores this General Fund amount in FY 2026.

Statewide Adjustments

The budget includes an increase of \$688,400 from the General Fund in FY 2026 for statewide adjustments. Of this amount, \$157,300 is for a 5% salary increase for AZPOST-certified staff.

The Border Drug Interdiction program is a multi-agency law enforcement task force that targets drug and human trafficking organizations and activities along the Arizona-Mexico border.

Civil Air Patrol Maintenance and Operations

The budget includes \$250,000 from the General Fund in FY 2026 for funding of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Maintenance and Operations. Adjustments are as follows:

One-Time Civil Air Patrol Maintenance Increase

The budget includes a one-time increase of \$106,000 from the General Fund in FY 2026 for additional civil air patrol maintenance and operations funding.

A footnote states that of the amount appropriated in this line item, \$2,500 shall be used on dues to the national association of search and rescue. This line item partially offsets the costs of operations and maintenance of aircraft used by CAP to aid in search and rescue and other emergency missions. *(Please see the FY 2018 Appropriations Report for historical funding information.)*

DPS Crime Lab Assistance

The budget includes \$200,000 from the General Fund in FY 2026 for DPS Crime Lab Assistance. This amount is unchanged from FY 2025.

This line item provides additional funding for the department's crime lab. The accredited crime lab provides forensic analysis of crimes occurring within the department's jurisdiction and on behalf of local governments. DPS has 4 crime labs located in the following cities: Phoenix, Flagstaff, Tucson, and Lake Havasu City.

Fentanyl Prosecution, Diversion and Testing Fund Deposit

The budget includes no funding in FY 2026 for the Fentanyl Prosecution, Diversion and Testing Fund Deposit. This amount is unchanged from FY 2025.

Created by the FY 2024 Criminal Justice Budget Reconciliation Bill (BRB), the new fund will be used by the department to allocate to local jurisdictions on a first-come, first-serve basis to assist with costs related to fentanyl prosecution and testing. DPS may use up to \$50,000 from the fund for administrative costs. The FY 2026 Criminal Justice BRB extends the fund until June 30, 2027. The FY 2024 budget deposited \$3,000,000 into the fund from the General Fund. The department reports expenditures of \$592,600 from the new fund in FY 2024.

GIITEM

The budget includes \$26,014,800 and 136.8 FTE Positions in FY 2026 for the Gang and Immigration Intelligence Team Enforcement Mission (GIITEM). These amounts consist of:

General Fund	25,646,800
Arizona Highway Patrol Fund	368,000

Adjustments are as follows:

Statewide Adjustments

The budget includes an increase of \$1,265,800 in FY 2026 for statewide adjustments. This amount consists of:

General Fund	1,294,500
Arizona Highway Patrol Fund	(28,700)

Of this amount, \$364,100 is for a 5% salary increase for AZPOST-certified staff.

The GIITEM line item is comprised of monies for the following GIITEM functions, including: 1) \$10,050,500 for gang enforcement, investigation, and interdiction; 2) \$14,160,900 for at least 50 sworn DPS positions to be used for immigration enforcement and border security and up to 50 DPS positions to expand GIITEM's public awareness, investigation, and intelligence efforts; 3) \$1,203,400 for local gang and immigration enforcement grants; and 4) \$600,000 for crime analysts associated with the state gang intelligence database (GangNet).

Monies deposited in the GIITEM Fund can be used for employer enforcement efforts, smuggling, gang, and immigration enforcement. Local grants are distributed to county sheriffs and do not require further approval by the

county board of supervisors. The local entity provides at least 25% of the cost of services.

Permanent law prohibits Maricopa County from receiving any monies from the fund and allocates \$500,000 in revenues to Pinal County. The remaining \$703,400 may be used for agreements with cities, counties, and other entities at a 3:1 match rate. Pinal County is excluded from the matching requirements.

Prior to distribution every year, DPS must submit an expenditure plan to JLBC for review regarding any monies not identified in the previous expenditure plans. *(For more information, please see the State Immigration Enforcement Assistance to Local Governments program summary on the JLBC website.)*

GIITEM Subaccount

The budget includes \$2,396,400 from the GIITEM Border Security and Law Enforcement Subaccount in FY 2026 for the GIITEM Subaccount, to be used for equipment and supplies for border security. This amount is unchanged from FY 2025.

The GIITEM Border Security and Law Enforcement Subaccount receives \$4 of a \$13 criminal fee. These revenues are estimated to total \$1,797,500 in FY 2026. The monies in the GIITEM Subaccount are for border security personnel and public safety equipment. The monies are to be provided directly to county sheriffs without approval by the respective Board of Supervisors.

The JLBC has given a favorable review of an FY 2025 GIITEM Subaccount expenditure plan. The plan includes \$420,000 for detention liaison officers, \$576,400 for county sheriff deputies and municipal police department officers to augment the GIITEM Task Force’s border district unit, \$350,000 for the Pima County Border Crimes Unit and \$1,050,000 for grants to county sheriffs for border security.

Law Enforcement Retention Initiatives

The budget includes no funding in FY 2026 for Law Enforcement Retention Initiatives. This amount is unchanged from FY 2025.

This line item provided \$2,000,000 of funding in the FY 2024 budget for state and local law enforcement professionals to procure online coaching services to improve recruitment and retention. The FY 2025 General Appropriations Act modifies a footnote from the FY 2024 General Appropriations Act to change how the monies from this line item are to be allocated. The monies are to

be allocated to the following agencies for online coaching services to improve recruitment and retention:

- 1) \$500,000 to DPS,
- 2) \$150,000 to Buckeye Police Department,
- 3) \$150,000 to Flagstaff Police Department,
- 4) \$125,000 to Oro Valley Police Department,
- 5) \$225,000 to Peoria Police Department,
- 6) \$175,000 to Queen Creek Police Department,
- 7) \$125,000 to Surprise Police Department,
- 8) \$350,000 to Tempe Police Department, and
- 9) \$200,000 to Yavapai County Sheriff's Office.

The footnote further makes the monies in the line item non-lapsing.

Local Border Support

The budget includes \$18,232,900 from the General Fund in FY 2026 for the costs of Local Border Support. Adjustments are as follows:

One-Time Local Border Support Funding

The budget includes a one-time increase of \$5,000,000 from the General Fund in FY 2026 for additional Local Border Support funding.

Restore General Fund for Local Border Support

The budget includes an increase of \$12,232,900 from the General Fund in FY 2026 to restore DPS' direct appropriation. The FY 2025 budget reduced the General Fund appropriation and replaced those monies with a one-time allocation from the Border Security Fund in FY 2025. The FY 2025 budget's 3-year spending plan restores this General Fund amount in FY 2026.

Remove One-Time Local Border Support Funding

The budget includes a decrease of \$(4,000,000) from the General Fund in FY 2026 to remove one-time additional Local Border Support funding.

The Local Border Support program is a multi-agency task force established to target drug and human trafficking organizations and activities along the Arizona-Mexico border. Monies in the line item may be used to fund local law enforcement officer positions for border drug interdiction to deter and apprehend any individuals who are charged with drug trafficking, human smuggling, illegal immigration and other border-related crimes. The monies may also be used for grants to cities, towns and counties for costs associated with prosecuting and detaining individuals who are charged with drug trafficking, human smuggling, illegal immigration, and other border-related crimes.

Major Incident Division

The budget includes \$16,197,700 and 60 FTE Positions from the General Fund in FY 2026 for the Major Incident Division (MID). Adjustments are as follows:

Statewide Adjustments

The budget includes an increase of \$697,700 from the General Fund in FY 2026 for statewide adjustments. Of this amount, \$159,400 is for a 5% salary increase for AZPOST-certified staff.

MID is charged with conducting independent investigations of critical force incidents. Investigators from the MID, along with the regional law enforcement task force, will investigate these incidents. Critical force incidents are defined as any time a peace officer discharges a firearm as a use of force encounter, any use of deadly force, or any use of force that results in death or serious bodily injury of an individual. Monies from this line item are exempt from the provisions of A.R.S. § 35-190, relating to lapsing of appropriations. The FY 2025 Criminal Justice BRB shifts the MID effective date from FY 2026 to FY 2028. The department has already hired positions for the new division and the delayed effective date will allow the department to train the personnel in preparation for the department's newly assigned duties.

Motor Vehicle Fuel

The budget includes \$5,454,600 in FY 2026 for Motor Vehicle Fuel. This amount consists of:

General Fund	4,384,200
Arizona Highway Patrol Fund	936,100
CJEF	134,300

This amount is unchanged from FY 2025.

The Motor Vehicle Fuel line item centralizes monies appropriated to DPS for motor vehicle fuel.

One-Time Vehicle Replacement

The budget includes \$8,667,500 from the General Fund in FY 2026 for the One-Time Vehicle Replacement line item. Adjustments are as follows:

One-Time Vehicle Replacement Funding

The budget includes a one-time increase of \$8,667,500 from the General Fund in FY 2026 to replace vehicles. This funding is expected to replace at least 102 vehicles. The department intends to purchase 43 Highway Patrol vehicles and 59 vehicles other department functions.

The FY 2026 appropriation is exempt from lapsing through FY 2027.

Pharmaceutical Diversion and Drug Theft Task Force

The budget includes \$668,400 and 3 FTE Positions from the Arizona Highway Patrol Fund in FY 2026 for the Pharmaceutical Diversion and Drug Theft Task Force. Adjustments are as follows:

Statewide Adjustments

The budget includes a decrease of \$(35,800) from the Arizona Highway Patrol Fund in FY 2026 for statewide adjustments.

While the total statewide adjustment results in a net decrease, this amount includes an increase of \$92,700 for a 5% salary increase for AZPOST-certified staff.

This line item funds a task force to combat the abuse and trafficking of prescription drugs and inappropriate prescriber behavior.

Public Safety Equipment

The budget includes \$2,890,000 from the Public Safety Equipment Fund in FY 2026 for sworn officers. Adjustments are as follows:

Remove One-Time Rifle Replacement Phase 1

The budget includes a decrease of \$(770,000) from the Public Safety Equipment Fund in FY 2026 to remove one-time funding to replace rifles for DPS Troopers.

The Public Safety Equipment Fund receives \$4 of a \$13 surcharge on fines, violations and penalties for criminal offenses and civil motor vehicle violations. In addition, DPS receives another \$4 of the surcharge if its officer issued the citation. These revenue sources are subject to appropriation.

Additionally, the fund receives the first \$1,200,000 collected from an assessment of up to \$1,500 on driving under the influence (DUI) offenses. This \$1,200,000 is not subject to appropriation.

The Public Safety Equipment line item monies can be used to purchase vehicles, protective armor, electronic stun devices and other safety equipment for DPS officers.

Sex Offender Management Board Administration

The budget includes \$400,000 and 2 FTE Positions from the General Fund in FY 2026 for the Sex Offender

Management Board Administration line item.
Adjustments are as follows:

One-Time Board Administration Funding

The budget includes a one-time increase of \$400,000 and 2 FTE Positions from the General Fund in FY 2026 to administer the Sex Offender Management Board.

This line item provides funding for the department to administer the Sex Offender Management Board. The board is charged with developing and prescribing standard procedures for evaluating, monitoring and treating sex offenders in the criminal justice system. The appropriation is exempt from lapsing through FY 2027.

Yuma County Family Advocacy Center Distribution

The budget includes \$750,000 from the General Fund in FY 2026 for the Yuma County Family Advocacy Center Distribution line item. Adjustments are as follows:

One-Time Yuma County Advocacy Center Distribution

The budget includes an increase of \$750,000 from the General Fund in FY 2026 to distribute to Yuma County for a family advocacy center.

This line item includes a footnote stating the monies shall be allocated to an advocacy center in Yuma County that has provided support for domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse and elderly abuse for at least twenty-five years. The funding is intended to backfill federal funding cuts to the victims of crime act of 1984 (P.L. 98-473; 98 Stat.2170).

Other Issues

Statutory Changes

The Criminal Justice BRB makes the following statutory changes:

- As permanent law, amends A.R.S. § 26-106 to make the Antihuman Trafficking Grant Fund be administered by DPS instead of DEMA.
- As session law, extends the Fentanyl Prosecution, Diversion and Testing Fund (established by Laws 2023, Chapter 137, Section 4 and amended by Laws 2024, Chapter 213, Section 8) until June 30, 2027.
- As permanent law, places the Sex Offender Management Board under the administration of DPS and modifies the appointing process of the board members. Sunsets the board on January 1, 2031.

Long-Term Budget Impacts

As part of the FY 2026 budget's 3-year spending plan, the Department of Public Safety's General Fund costs are projected to decrease by \$(18,173,500) in FY 2027 below FY 2026 and increase by \$10,900,000 in FY 2028 above FY 2027. These estimates are based on the removal of one-time funding in FY 2027 and a shift from the Border Security Fund to the General Fund in the Border Drug Interdiction line item in FY 2028. *(Please see the Border Drug Interdiction line item for further details.)*