



State of Arizona Mutual Aid Compact (AZMAC) Frequently Asked Questions

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

What is latest version of the Arizona Mutual Aid Compact?

The most recent version of the [Arizona Mutual Aid Compact](#) is dated Oct. 1, 2014.

What Arizona Revised Statute (ARS) Governs The Arizona Mutual Aid Compact?

[ARS 26-308](#) and [ARS 26.309](#)

Do Arizona Revised Statutes require the filing of a completed, signed and filed Arizona Mutual Aid Compact with the Arizona Secretary of State?

No. In November 2009, ARS 11-952 was amended, and the requirement that intergovernmental agreements be filed with the Arizona Secretary of State was removed. Once a jurisdiction approves the Arizona Mutual Aid Compact, the filing authority is the Director of the Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs (DEMA).

How long does the Arizona Mutual Aid Compact stay in force upon filing with the Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs (DEMA)?

The compact, upon mutual consent of the parties concerned, may be extended for a period of time not to exceed 10 years. (see paragraph 14 of AZMAC for extensions)

PURPOSE & PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

What is the purpose of the Arizona Mutual Aid Compact?

The Arizona Mutual Aid Compact enables participating political subdivisions and tribal nations to share resources, personnel, etc. during emergencies and then be reimbursed for the resources the supporting party provided.

What are the benefits of participating in the Arizona Mutual Aid Compact?

Mutual aid agreements provide a mechanism to agencies, organizations and jurisdictions to quickly obtain emergency assistance in the form of personnel, equipment, materials and other associated services. The primary objective is to facilitate rapid, short-term deployment of emergency support prior to, during and after an incident. A signed agreement does not obligate the provision or receipt of aid, but rather provides a tool for use should the incident dictate a need.

Who may participate in the Arizona Mutual Aid Compact?

Any political subdivision, including counties; incorporated cities and towns; public education districts; irrigation, power, electrical, agricultural improvement, drainage and flood control districts; fire districts; and other tax levying public improvement districts. Additionally, all federally-recognized tribal nations and communities may participate.

Can non-governmental entities such as nonprofit agencies and other non-tax levying organizations participate in the Arizona Mutual Aid Compact?

No, only political subdivisions, federally-recognized tribal nations or other tax-levying organizations may participate in the Arizona Mutual Aid Compact.



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Are other state agencies required to participate in the Arizona Mutual Aid Compact?

No, the Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs (DEMA) signed on to the Arizona Mutual Aid Compact on Dec. 2, 2014. In the event another state agency requires mutual aid assistance, such aid will be requested, coordinated and approved by DEMA.

Example: If the Arizona Department of Health Services (Requesting Party) requests mutual aid from the Arizona Department of Agriculture (Providing Party) via the Arizona Mutual Aid Compact, all resources, personnel and material provided would be reimbursed to the Department of Emergency and Military Affairs (DEMA) who would reimburse the Arizona Department of Health Services.

If a jurisdiction wants to terminate their participation in the Arizona Mutual Aid Compact, what is required to do so?

Any party may, by resolution of its governing body, terminate its participation in the Arizona Mutual Aid Compact. The jurisdiction must file a copy of the resolution with the Director of the Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs (DEMA). Notice of termination will be given to the DEMA Director 20 days prior to termination.

PROCEDURES AND REIMBURSEMENT

What are the procedures for requesting assistance under the Arizona Mutual Aid Compact?

A Requesting Party which needs assistance in excess of its own resources and existing automatic mutual aid or local mutual aid due to an emergency is authorized to request assistance from any party that is signatory to the Arizona Mutual Aid Compact. (see paragraph 5 of AZMAC for further details)

Are signatories to the Arizona Mutual Aid Compact required to render assistance if requested by the requesting jurisdiction?

No. The Providing Party shall provide mutual aid as it is able, taking into account its own service needs and existing commitments within its own jurisdiction. The Providing Party shall be the sole judge of what mutual aid it has available to furnish the Requesting Party pursuant to this Compact.

How does reimbursement occur for services/resources provided by the Providing Party and the Requesting Party in accordance with the Arizona Mutual Aid Compact if the emergency event was not a state or federally declared emergency?

If the Providing Party desires reimbursement for the assistance they are providing, the Requesting Party shall reimburse the Providing Party for all costs incurred in the mutual assistance, regardless of whether an incident has been declared an emergency. The Providing Party shall submit a request for payment with documentation of actual expenses to the Requesting Party (see paragraphs 9 and 10 of AZMAC for specific details).





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Can a Requesting Party request reimbursement from the State of Arizona for the cost of mutual aid resources reimbursed to any Providing Parties under the Arizona Mutual Aid Compact?

Yes, as long as the Governor and/or President have declared the event an emergency. If a tribal nation is the Requesting Party, it would need to seek reimbursement from FEMA under a Presidential Declaration. If a tribal nation is the Providing Party, it would seek reimbursement from the Requesting Party in accordance with paragraph 9 of the Arizona Mutual Aid Compact.

Can jurisdictions that are signatories to the Arizona Mutual Aid Compact be reimbursed for self deployed resources?

No. In accordance with the Arizona Mutual Aid Compact, jurisdictions can only be reimbursed for resources mutually agreed upon between the Providing Party and the Requesting Party.

Who maintains supervision and control of the Providing Party resources and personnel under the Arizona Mutual Aid Compact?

Command and control of Providing Party personnel and resources remains with the Providing Party leadership structure. Operational Control of Providing Party personnel and resources is transferred to the jurisdiction in which the emergency occurred or with the Requesting Party.

TRIBAL NATIONS

If a tribal nation requests or provides mutual aid under the Arizona Mutual Aid Compact how does reimbursement occur for resources provided.

It depends on the political subdivision or jurisdiction involved.

Example 1: If a tribal nation provides mutual aid to a jurisdiction other than a state agency, reimbursement comes directly from the Requesting Party. If a Providing Party other than a state agency provides mutual aid to a tribal nation (Requesting Party), reimbursement comes directly from the tribal nation.

Example 2: If a tribal nation provides mutual aid to a state agency (Requesting Party), the state agency would reimburse the Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs (DEMA) who would then reimburse the tribal nation. If a state agency provides mutual aid to a tribal nation (Requesting Party), the tribal nation would reimburse DEMO who would then reimburse the state agency.

FILING REQUIREMENTS

What will occur after you file your completed Arizona Mutual Aid Compact?

Upon the Arizona Mutual Aid Coordinator receiving your completed compact, it will be reviewed and forwarded to the Director of the Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs (DEMA) for final approval and filing. The original copy of the compact will be given a file number and mailed back to the primary point of contact listed on Appendix B of the Compact. A copy of your approved compact will be kept on file with the Arizona Mutual Aid Coordinator and the DEMO Division of Emergency Management. Additionally, DEMO will update their website to reflect your jurisdiction as a signatory on the Arizona Mutual Aid Compact.



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What are the requirements for filing your Arizona Mutual Aid Compact?

Ensure that the compact is signed, dated and attested to by the authorizing executive in your jurisdiction, and that it is also signed and dated by your jurisdictions legal representative on page 10. Ensure you include the appropriate resolution or proclamation by the governing body of the jurisdiction. Include Appendix B, the Point of Contact form on page 13 with the jurisdiction contact information. Send an original completed copy to:

Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs
ATTN: Mutual Aid Coordinator
5636 E. McDowell Rd
Phoenix, AZ 85008

Who should I contact if I have a question or concern about the Arizona Mutual Aid Compact?

Any questions or concerns not covered in this FAQ should be addressed to the following.

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