



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

## General Administration

### What is the current version of the Arizona Mutual Aid Compact?

The 2014 version of the Arizona Mutual Aid Compact will no longer be valid as of 12:00 AM Mountain Standard time on December 31, 2023. The 2024 AZMAC will be effective on January 1, 2024.

### Once filed with the Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs, Emergency Management Division, what is the duration of the Arizona Mutual Aid Compact?

The Compact, upon mutual consent of the parties concerned, remains in effect for 10 years, to December 31, 2033, or until participation is terminated by the Party (see paragraph 14 of AZMAC for further details).

## Purpose and 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.

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

Mutual aid agreements provide a mechanism to participating parties to quickly obtain emergency assistance in the form of personnel, equipment, materials, and other related 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, the Compact provides a tool for use should the incident dictate a need.

### Who may participate in the Arizona Mutual Aid Compact?

All state agencies, any political subdivision, including counties; incorporated cities and towns; school districts; community college districts; and other tax levying public districts in the State of Arizona. Additionally, all federally recognized tribal nations 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.

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

No, the Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs (DEMA) signed the 2024 Arizona Mutual Aid Compact. In the event another state agency requires mutual aid assistance, DEMA/EM will coordinate.

### What is required if a jurisdiction wants to terminate its participation in the Arizona Mutual Aid Compact?

Any party, by resolution of its governing body, may 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, Division of Emergency Management (DEMA/EM). Notice of Termination is required to be delivered to the DEMA/EM Director, 20 days prior to the date of termination.



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## Procedures and Reimbursement

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

A Requesting Party that needs assistance in excess of its own resources and existing automatic 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, considering its own service needs and existing commitments within its own jurisdiction. The Providing Party shall be the sole judge of what mutual aid it can provide the Requesting Party pursuant to this Compact.

### How does reimbursement occur for services/resources if the emergency or event is not a state- or federally-declared emergency?

In accordance with the Arizona Mutual Aid Compact, if the Providing Party desires reimbursement for the assistance it is 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).

### 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?

Possibly. Regardless of eligibility for reimbursement from the state or the federal government, the Requesting Party shall fully reimburse the Providing Party's claim (see paragraph 10 of AZMAC for further details).

### 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?

From the time of arrival to the time of departure at the emergency scene, the Providing Party shall be considered for all purposes to be under the direction and control (other than for the purposes of Workers' Compensation) of the Requesting Party. In proceeding to and returning from the emergency scene, the Providing Party shall not be under the direction and control of the Requesting Party (see paragraph 24 of AZMAC for further details).

## Addendum #1 Cyber-Related Mutual Aid



### What is the Addendum?

The Addendum outlines the terms and procedures of the Arizona National Guard Cyber Joint Task Force (AZNG-CJTF), if cyber-related assistance is needed.



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#### Why is the Addendum solely for participating Tribal Parties?

AZMAC is the mechanism for tribal nations to receive cyber-related mutual aid assistance from the Arizona National Guard Cyber Joint Task Force (AZNG-CJTF). The AZNG-CJTF is available to other parties and political subdivisions in Arizona.

## Filing Requirements

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

1. Ensure that the **Signature Page** of the compact is signed, dated and attested to by:
  - the authorizing executive in your jurisdiction, and
  - your jurisdiction's legal representative.
2. Fill out the **Appendix B - Points of Contact form** with the jurisdiction contact information.
3. Send the original completed copy of both to: [logistics@azdema.gov](mailto:logistics@azdema.gov).

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

Upon DEMA/EM Logistics receiving your completed Compact:

- » Will be reviewed and forwarded to the DEMA/EM Director for final approval and filing.
- » The original copy of the Compact will be assigned a file number and filed at DEMA/EM.
- » A copy of the contract will be sent via mail to the points of contact listed on Appendix B of the Compact.
- » The DEMA website will be updated to reflect your jurisdiction as a signatory on the Arizona Mutual Aid Compact.

#### 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:

**Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs**

**Division of Emergency Management**

**ATTN: Arizona Mutual Aid Coordinator**

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