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## **Governor Jan Brewer Announces Public Safety Stabilization Program Awards**

### **Issues Nearly \$10 Million in Grants to Local Public Safety Agencies**

PHOENIX – Governor Jan Brewer today announced funding for the Public Safety Stabilization Program to support the capacity of local public safety agencies and carry out basic public safety needs in local jurisdictions across the state.

“Public safety is a fundamental function of government and I will continue to honor my oath to prioritize and defend the safety and security of the citizens of Arizona,” said Governor Brewer. “This funding, authorized for all state governors to spend at their discretion, will provide important funding resources for first response capabilities across the State of Arizona.”

The Public Safety Stabilization Program will fund communities and jurisdictions that have the most clearly demonstrated public safety needs due to a lack of financial resources. A total of 139 jurisdictions applied for funding statewide, including towns, counties, cities, fire districts, tribes, and law enforcement entities. These jurisdictions demonstrated significant resource needs due to the economic slowdown and requested a total of \$15.6 million in funding.

“Local government budgets have suffered drastic cuts during this economic downturn,” said Payson Mayor Kenny Evans. “Among the hardest hit have been our local public safety agencies. We have had to defer critical replacement of equipment used by our frontline first responders who put their lives on the line daily providing us with vital public safety services. Governor Brewer’s Public Safety Stabilization Fund program comes at a critical time. It provides us with the financial resources to insure that our first responders can avoid additional cuts that could have severely limited their ability to deliver basic public safety services.”

For a full list of grant recipients and award amounts, click here:

[http://www.azgovernor.gov/dms/upload/PR\\_101410\\_PublicSafetyStabilizationProgramAwards.pdf](http://www.azgovernor.gov/dms/upload/PR_101410_PublicSafetyStabilizationProgramAwards.pdf)

Governor Brewer previously authorized the utilization of \$10 million to fund the program. Complete details of the program and guidance can be reviewed at:

<http://www.azgovernor.gov/dms/upload/PublicSafetyStabilizationProgramGuidance.pdf>.

The Public Safety Stabilization Program was established using the Governor's State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) Discretionary monies allocated from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009.

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