KATIE HOBBS
GOVERNOR

J.M. "JESSE" TORREZ
DIRECTOR
GOVERNOR'S HIGHWAY SAFETY REPRESENTATIVE

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

GOHS – Southern AZ Regional DRE Coordinator

The Arizona Drug Evaluation and Classification program has gained national recognition for its effectiveness in identifying drug-impaired drivers. The primary objective of this program is to train and certify law enforcement officers as Drug Recognition Experts (DREs). DREs play a critical role in distinguishing between drug influence and medical or mental health conditions. These certified DREs are invaluable in addressing the significant impact of drug and alcohol-impaired driving on public safety. The DRE School, however, is highly demanding and requires a strong commitment from participants.

The Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) invests substantial resources in the training of law enforcement officers, reinforcing Arizona's leadership in the DRE program. Arizona extends its expertise beyond the state by offering training to officers from other states and countries. This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is intended to formalize the collaboration between **Patrol Sergeant Charles Schmidlin of the Pinal County Sheriff's Office** and GOHS in order to strengthen and expand these training initiatives.

- **GOHS Responsibilities:**
  - Allocate federal grant funding for coordinator positions dedicated to training activities.
  - Facilitate communication, logistics, and the coordination of training sessions.
  - Collect and analyze monthly activity reports submitted by coordinators to ensure compliance with National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) standards.

- **GOHS Southern AZ Regional DRE Coordinator Responsibilities:**
  - Develop and deliver comprehensive curricula and training materials for the identified focus areas.
  - Provide ongoing support, resources, and expertise to assist training coordinators.
  - Submit detailed monthly activity reports to GOHS, documenting the progress, scope, and outcomes of the training programs.

This MOU will be effective from Federal Fiscal 2025 Starting October 1, 2024 and remain in effect until September 30, 2025 unless terminated earlier by either party through written notice of 30 days.

By signing below, all parties agree to the terms and conditions outlined in this Memorandum of Understanding.

Mark Lamb, Sheriff
Pinal County Sheriff's Office

10/01/2024
Date

Charles Schmidlin, Patrol Sergeant
Pinal County Sheriff's Office

10/1/24
Date

J.M. "Jesse" Torrez, Director
Governor's Office of Highway Safety

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Date

This MOU represents a commitment to collaboration aimed at improving public safety through enhanced training for law enforcement professionals in Arizona and beyond.

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY

MOU – Drug Recognition Experts (DRE) Coordinator
Award Number: 2025-GOHS-500

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

_____ DATE: _____
Mike Goodman, Chairman

ATTEST

_____ DATE: _____
Natasha Kennedy, Clerk

Approved as to Form:

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Deputy County Attorney