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&
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“Courteous Vigilance”

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INTRODUCTION

Arizona Revised Statute 41-751 (D) requires the Department of Public Safety to prepare an advisory recommendation on salaries of its personnel. The recommendations for fiscal year 2018 support several compensation objectives essential to maintaining the current service levels provided to the citizens of Arizona. The objectives include:

- Narrow the difference in compensation between Department personnel and overall public and private labor markets in Arizona in an effort to become a competitive employer.
- Reduce the costly effects of turnover by providing monetary incentives that encourage employees to remain in state service.
- Retain sufficient personnel to provide ethical, effective, efficient, and customer-oriented state-level law enforcement services to the citizens and visitors of Arizona as outlined in the Department’s mission.
- Increase the department's ability to compete with local agencies for qualified applicants, where municipal agencies have attractive monetary incentives to entice applicants who would otherwise consider the department as a career.

Recruiting and retaining the most highly qualified employees for the Department of Public Safety are critical to these objectives. Research and surveys confirm Department employee salaries are still well below their market competitors and continue to fall further behind.

CURRENT STATUS

As of July 1, 2019, there were 1,920 full-time employees with the Department of Public Safety of which 1,127 (59%) were sworn and 793 (41%) were professional staff(civilian).

Based on the most recent salary survey conducted in August 2019 (see Appendix A), the average department sworn salary is 15.1 % behind market competitors. Only twelve of the 42 law enforcement agencies surveyed statewide have officer salaries below the department's maximum trooper pay.

A salary survey conducted in August 2019 on a sampling of professional staff classifications within different job families shows that professional staff salary levels would currently require an average increase of 22.8% to reach their market competitors (see Appendix B).

Due to salary levels, the department is experiencing significant difficulties filling a number of critical vacant positions within the Information Technology Bureau, the Telecommunications Bureau, and the Operational Communications Bureau. The department is continuing efforts to employ new state troopers to reduce the 16% vacancy rate in the Highway Patrol Division and the 18% vacancy rate in the Criminal Investigations Division.

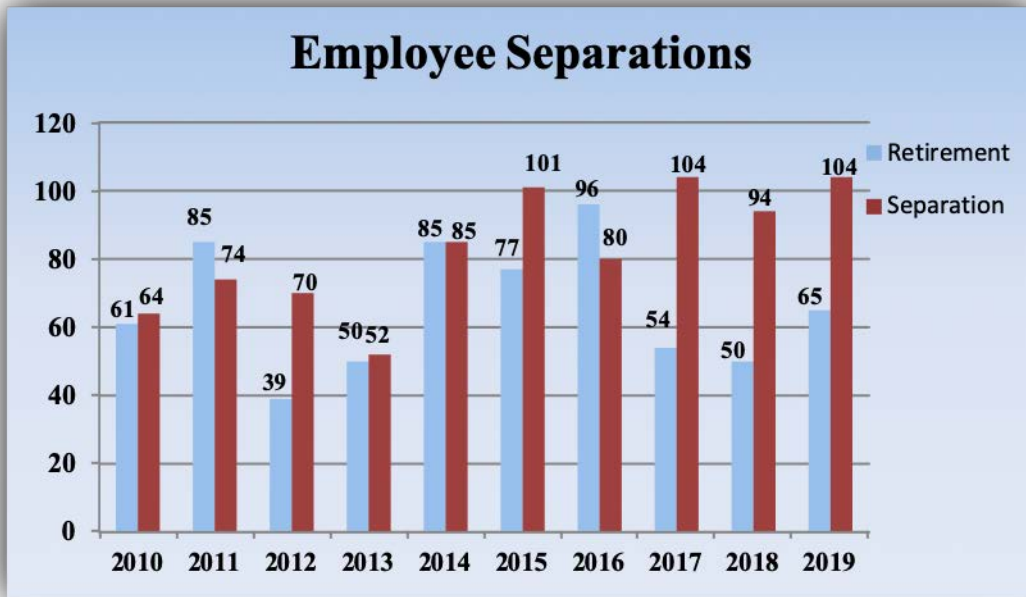


TURNOVER

In FY 2019, the department experienced a turnover rate of 7.4% for sworn personnel and 12.9% for professional staff. There were 185 employee separations from the department, including retirements, of which 86.5% were regrettable attrition (see Appendix C).

There were 83 separations of sworn personnel during the fiscal year, of which 45 (54%) were a result of retirement. The sworn regrettable attrition rate was 86.7%. The professional staff regrettable attrition rate was 86.3%; of the 102 separations during the fiscal year, 29 were retirements.

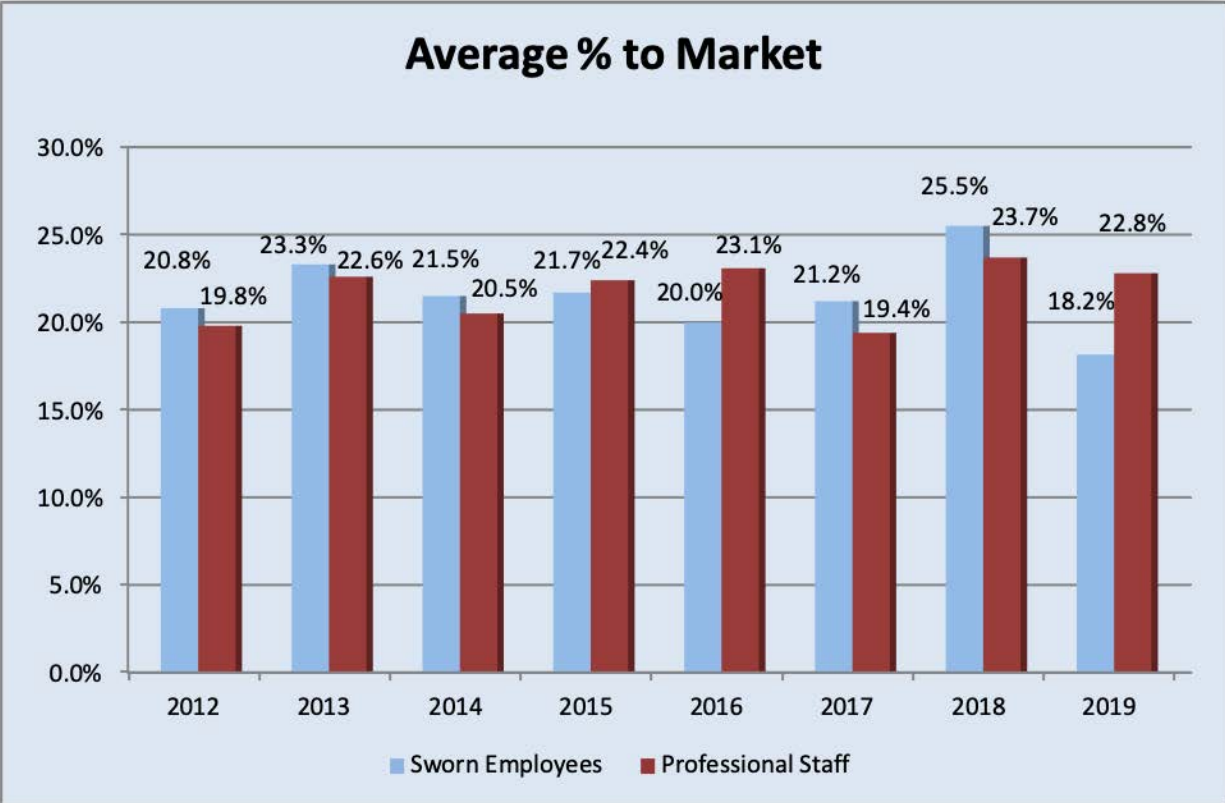
Public safety services have a significant impact on the welfare of the state and its citizens, requiring employees to have a considerable amount of training, knowledge, and experience. The experience required to become fully proficient normally takes employees three to five years to acquire. During this past year, employees with more than three years of employment represented 56 (50.4%) of all non-retirement separations, thus requiring the department to rely on a less-tenured employee population to service the growing and diverse needs of the state. The retention of experienced employees continues to be of significant concern to the department and will require additional resources to reverse this trend, promote internal equity, and to meet the staffing needs of the department.



COMPENSATION

The department's sworn employees received a 10% adjustment for FY 2020. At the same time sworn salaries of competing agencies around the state have continued to increase with no reductions. Department sworn salaries would need an average increase of 15.1% to reach compensation objectives in terms of base pay. As shown in Appendix D, the cost to bring sworn salaries to market levels in FY 2020 is \$28.73 million.

The department's professional staff received a 5% salary increase for FY 2020. As with all state employees, compensation was reduced by 2.75% in FY 2011 with the elimination of performance pay. The department estimates professional staff would need an average salary increase of 17.9% to achieve compensation objectives. As shown in Appendix D, this increase would cost a total of \$9.39 million in FY 2020.



OVERTIME

Given the current sworn and professional staff salary base, the department would require an additional \$11.9 million (including Employee Related Expenditures) in FY 2020, after the appropriate market salary adjustments, in order to reach an industry average overtime budget of 4.8% of total payroll.

CONCLUSION

The Department of Public Safety is unable to offer competitive salaries which directly impacts the retention of current employees and the recruiting of highly qualified new employees. Department pay is more than 16% behind the compensation objective of paying competitive salaries at the market rate. In the long-term, the department seeks the ability to make small, regular adjustments to employee pay to meet increases in the cost of living. In the short-term, the department is optimistic that the state can provide a modest pay adjustment to prevent salaries from falling even further behind.

APPENDIX A
ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
SWORN SALARY SURVEY - Updated August 2019

	CADET STATE TROOPER		STATE TROOPER		SERGEANT		CAPTAIN Second Line Supervisor		MAJOR Third Line Supervisor		ASST. DIRECTOR		ROTARY WING PILOT	
	ENTRY	MAXIMU	ENTRY	MAXIMU	ENTRY	MAXIMU	ENTRY	MAXIMU	ENTRY	MAXIMU	ENTRY	MAXIMU	ENTRY	MAXIMU
Apache Junction	\$44,335	M\$70,708	\$70,539	M\$90,296	\$81,658	M\$104,529	\$99,256	M\$127,056	\$93,955	M\$131,537	\$93,955	M\$131,537		
ASU PD	\$44,123	\$76,598	\$69,335	\$110,936	\$69,840	\$124,160			\$79,950	\$166,050				
Avondale PD	\$37,408	\$83,117	\$83,658	\$104,520					\$109,075	\$158,159				
AZ DPS	\$44,302	\$72,413	\$79,656	\$90,528					\$129,453	\$148,967			\$72,413	\$79,656
Buckeye PD	\$48,005	\$78,499	\$75,400	\$98,030	\$95,555	\$119,454	\$84,652	\$126,978	\$89,745	\$134,616				
Casa Grande PD	\$32,561	\$72,613	\$67,755	\$93,444	\$79,489	\$109,849			\$89,206	\$123,242				
Chandler PD	\$53,414	\$77,355	\$81,224	\$102,226	\$112,739	\$124,295	\$130,510	\$143,887	\$158,276	\$166,189				
Cocoonino CSO	\$49,239	\$74,689	\$59,533	\$87,513	\$72,821	\$107,047	\$86,273	\$131,894	\$110,075	\$161,811				
Cottonwood PD	\$49,709	\$73,254	\$63,443	\$93,492					\$85,019	\$125,287				
El Mirage PD	\$38,480	\$76,876	\$80,724	\$98,114	\$97,125	\$135,975	\$97,125	\$135,975	\$107,880	\$151,031				
Flagstaff PD	\$50,331	\$51,654	\$75,637	\$96,059	\$91,214	\$116,573			\$107,883	\$138,209				
Gilbert PD	\$49,026	\$76,696	\$83,824	\$101,875	\$106,059	\$122,793	\$97,700	\$146,600						
Glendale PD	\$55,116	\$77,554	\$89,574	\$98,757	\$84,571	\$126,857	\$106,857	\$160,286						
Goodyear PD	\$53,769	\$75,975	\$72,314	\$92,568	\$107,350	\$124,493			\$124,493	\$159,347				
Kingman PD	\$42,149	\$59,308	\$51,230	\$72,072	\$65,374	\$88,192	\$75,694	\$102,106						
Lake Havasu PD	\$47,133	\$70,637	\$66,851	\$91,104	\$79,227	\$107,973	\$89,107	\$133,661						
Marana PD	\$46,350	\$69,784	\$71,628	\$79,345	\$85,252	\$114,246	\$93,777	\$131,954	\$97,827	\$146,741				
Maricopa CSO	\$46,758	\$51,584	\$75,608	\$77,771	\$98,030	\$121,472	\$109,512	\$140,400	\$120,578	\$183,040				
Maricopa PD	\$49,708	\$68,029	\$70,576	\$89,301	\$87,811	\$105,885	\$93,507	\$134,650						
Mesa PD	\$56,634	\$57,117	\$79,789	\$82,784	\$107,806	\$124,613	\$117,250	\$144,248	\$117,686	\$138,392				
Mohave CSO	\$38,605	\$59,862	\$49,254	\$76,419	\$57,013	\$88,483	\$65,998	\$102,440						
NAU PD	\$47,000	\$70,715	\$57,257	\$91,463	\$68,027	\$108,667								
Oro Valley PD	\$49,086	\$73,006	\$73,811	\$87,770	\$90,030	\$135,044	\$104,220	\$156,331	\$109,431	\$164,147				
Paradise Valley PD	\$61,279	\$91,218	\$70,098	\$104,226	\$84,147	\$126,295								
Peoria PD	\$34,881	\$77,210	\$81,071	\$99,669	\$99,669	\$121,800	\$127,890	\$139,766	\$146,754	\$160,370				
Phoenix PD	\$39,853	\$55,182	\$46,238	\$72,426	\$72,238	\$99,216	\$86,445	\$124,696	\$99,925	\$184,369				
Pima CSO	\$33,040	\$68,515	\$73,358	\$90,417	\$103,020	\$114,650	\$119,267	\$132,558	\$67,620	\$149,989				
Pinal CSO	\$42,564	\$45,969	\$71,252	\$89,759	\$71,604	\$114,566	\$76,616	\$122,586	\$93,858	\$150,173				
Prescott PD	\$43,243	\$47,570	\$66,602	\$87,402	\$81,910	\$114,670								
Prescott Valley PD	\$42,640	\$65,042	\$68,349	\$87,484	\$77,500	\$108,472	\$108,472		\$89,856	\$125,777				
Safford PD	\$46,726	\$65,416	\$59,351	\$83,091	\$74,598	\$103,679	\$77,537	\$116,306						
Sahuarita PD	\$45,760	\$66,351	\$59,894	\$83,852	\$80,192	\$108,259								
Scottsdale PD	\$57,866	\$84,115	\$77,522	\$112,715	\$85,467	\$124,280	\$103,896	\$151,050	\$120,266	\$174,866				
Sedona PD	\$47,736	\$68,827	\$58,011	\$83,658	\$66,976	\$96,554	\$73,840	\$106,454						
Show Low PD	\$43,368	\$48,653	\$69,200	\$90,880	\$83,026	\$118,172								
Sierra Vista PD	\$48,027	\$49,067	\$72,800	\$94,182	\$79,639	\$106,038	\$88,487	\$123,393	\$103,664	\$144,406				
Surprise PD	\$55,328	\$55,328	\$81,723	\$97,240	\$105,147	\$123,077	\$124,205	\$143,987	\$119,515	\$179,272				
Tempe PD	\$57,805	\$78,128	\$91,303	\$102,762	\$122,769	\$133,661	\$147,027	\$123,957	\$123,957	\$167,342				
Tolleson PD	\$49,300	\$51,765	\$78,624	\$73,252	\$102,553	\$135,713	\$84,821	\$135,713						
Tucson PD	\$47,133	\$66,789	\$79,468	\$84,614	\$88,067	\$118,414	\$98,238	\$132,330	\$122,928	\$165,381				
U of A PD	\$47,000	\$48,628	\$59,717	\$81,557	\$83,000	\$97,262	\$95,000	\$103,205	\$127,838	\$172,838				
Yavapai CSO	\$46,229	\$69,517	\$50,967	\$76,642	\$61,951	\$113,236	\$83,021	\$124,842	\$105,958	\$159,334				
Yuma CSO	\$38,726	\$51,121	\$84,411	\$104,894	\$66,372	\$125,528	\$80,704	\$127,566						
Yuma PD	\$52,000	\$54,217	\$76,205	\$92,715	\$83,261	\$116,566	\$91,404	\$128,665	\$101,445	\$142,023				

APPENDIX B

CLASSIFICATION	% TO MARKET	
	Entry	Maximum
Administrative Assistant	10.92%	21.42%
Applications Developer	23.31%	26.16%
Associate Forensic Scientist		7.51%
Automotive Technician	11.37%	21.17%
Computer Systems Analyst	-17.49%	-8.85%
Criminal Intelligence Analyst	6.38%	13.37%
Criminal Records Specialist	20.96%	29.35%
Evidence Custodian	9.54%	20.66%
Facilities Maintenance Technician	11.36%	15.34%
Financial Services Specialist	12.30%	19.55%
Fingerprint Technician	0.42%	12.76%
Forensic Scientist I		17.16%
Forensic Scientist II		17.15%
Forensic Scientist III		17.14%
Forensic Scientist IV		14.15%
Human Resources Analyst	22.57%	39.49%
Personal Computer Specialist	12.60%	21.63%
Police Communications Dispatcher	12.74%	23.52%
Telecommunications Technician	5.65%	14.06%
Webmaster		76.89%
Wide Area Network Engineer		9.68%
AVERAGE % TO MARKET	10.19%	20.44%

	Entry	Maximum
Criminal Analyst Supervisor	11.97%	11.91%
Evidence Supervisor	6.64%	11.79%
Facilities Supervisor	2.36%	10.72%
Fleet Service Supervisor	25.79%	41.74%
Human Resources Supervisor	18.40%	14.23%
Police Communications Supervisor	14.75%	25.12%
Records Supervisor	23.36%	31.63%
Supervising Forensic Scientist		24.07%
Telecommunications Supervisor		
AVERAGE % TO MARKET	14.75%	21.40%

	Entry	Maximum
Applications Manager		30.34%
Facilities Manager		14.80%
Fleet Administrator		31.43%
Information Technology Manager	27.82%	35.50%
Scientific Analysis Superintendent		41.45%
Telecommunications Manager		0.54%
AVERAGE % TO MARKET	27.82%	25.68%

APPENDIX C

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEPARATION REPORT FISCAL YEAR 2019

Classification Type	Retirement Separations	Non-Retirement Separations	Separations for Fiscal Year 2019
Sworn	45	38	83
Professional Staff	29	73	102
Agency Totals	74	111	185

Classification Type	Regrettable Retirement Separations	Regrettable Non-Retirement Separations	Regrettable Attrition for Fiscal Year 2019
Sworn	43	29	72
Professional Staff	29	59	88
Agency Totals	72	88	160

Classification Type	Regrettable Attrition of Employees with more than 3 years service	Regrettable Attrition of Employees with less than 3 years service	Regrettable Attrition for Fiscal Year 2019
Sworn	57	15	72
Professional Staff	35	53	88
Agency Totals	92	68	160

APPENDIX D

Current Cost to Bring DPS Pay to Compensation Objective

	<u>FY 2020</u>
Professional Staff Salaries ^{1/}	\$ 7,636,000
Employee Related Expenditures (22.96%)	<u>1,753,200</u>
Subtotal - Professional Staff Pay	\$ 9,389,200
Sworn Salaries ^{2/}	\$ 13,442,000
Employee Related Expenditures (113.70%)	<u>15,283,600</u>
Subtotal - Sworn Pay	\$ 28,725,600
Overtime	\$ 5,948,100
Employee Related Expenditures (100.09%) ^{3/}	<u>5,953,500</u>
Subtotal - Overtime ^{4/}	\$ 11,901,600
 TOTAL	 <u><u>\$ 50,016,400</u></u>

^{1/} Current DPS professional staff salaries require an estimated average increase of 17.9% to achieve the Department's compensation objective.

^{2/} Current DPS sworn salaries require an estimated average increase of 15.1% to achieve the Department's compensation objective.

^{3/} Employee Related Expenditure rate represents a blended rate between professional staff and sworn rates based on assumed overtime usage.

^{4/} The amount necessary to bring the overtime budget to an industry standard of 4.8% of total payroll (after market salary adjustments).