

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2004-23

Creating an Inspector General in the Arizona Department of Transportation

WHEREAS, the Arizona Department of Transportation (“ADOT”) is responsible for programs and services that are critical to the safety and security of the public; and

WHEREAS, such programs include driver licensing, vehicle registration and titling, and enforcement programs in the ADOT Motor Vehicle Division; and

WHEREAS, security concerns related to ADOT programs have been heightened since the events of September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, there is also an increased need to ensure that ADOT programs prevent and deter fraud, abuse, and misconduct; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Governor to effectively oversee ADOT programs to ensure both the safety and security of the public and that programs are operating efficiently and effectively; and

WHEREAS, in fulfilling this responsibility, the Governor needs independent, objective, and timely information on ADOT programs and services;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor by the Arizona Constitution and the laws of the State, do hereby order and direct as follows:

1. An Inspector General is hereby appointed within the Arizona Department of Transportation (the “ADOT Inspector General”) to perform the following functions:
 - A. Conduct case investigations and audits designed to prevent and deter fraud, abuse, and misconduct in ADOT programs.
 - B. Evaluate the effectiveness and adequacy of program safeguards and controls.
 - C. Advise the Director of ADOT and the Governor’s Office and make recommendations on ways to strengthen and improve program procedures and operations.
 - D. Coordinate with law enforcement agencies on case investigations and enforcement actions.
 - E. Coordinate with the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security to ensure that program procedures and controls are adequate to meet homeland security requirements.

- F. File a written report no less than annually with the Governor and the ADOT Director on all matters related to the duties of the position.
- 2. The ADOT Inspector General shall be appointed by the Governor and shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The salary of the ADOT Inspector General shall be funded by ADOT from existing resources.
- 3. The ADOT Inspector General shall have access to all information, records, personnel and facilities of the Arizona Department of Transportation, its employees, vendors, contractors, and providers and any federal, state, or local governmental agencies that are directly related to ADOT programs as necessary to discharge the duties of the position.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this ___ day of September in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Four and of the independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Twenty-Ninth.

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE