



# Arizona Criminal Justice Commission Methamphetamine Interdiction Summary Report

2nd Quarter FY 2008 Summary Report  
On Projects funded by HB 2554  
October 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007



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The Arizona Criminal Justice Commission (ACJC) is a statutorily authorized entity mandated to carry out various coordinating, monitoring and reporting functions regarding the administration and management of criminal justice programs in Arizona. In accordance with statutory guidelines, the Commission is comprised of 19 members who represent various elements of the criminal justice system in Arizona. Fourteen of the 19 Commissioners are appointed by the governor and are municipal, county or elected officials. The remaining five are state criminal justice agency heads. Appointed Commissioners serve for two years and terminate when the first regular session of the legislature is convened; they may be re-appointed.

The ACJC was created in 1982 to serve as a resource and service organization for Arizona's 480 criminal justice agencies on a myriad of issues ranging from drugs, gangs, victim compensation and assistance to criminal record improvement initiatives. The ACJC works on behalf of the criminal justice agencies in Arizona to facilitate information and data exchange among state-wide agencies by establishing and maintaining criminal justice information archives, monitoring new, and continuing legislation relating to criminal justice issues and gathering information and researching existing criminal justice programs.

*ACJC Mission: To sustain and enhance the coordination, cohesiveness, productivity, and effectiveness of the Criminal Justice System in Arizona.*

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## Quarterly Summary Report October 1, 2007 – December 31, 2007

House Bill 2554 appropriated \$3,000,000 from the state general fund in fiscal year 2007 to the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission (ACJC) for distribution to each County Board of Supervisors for "...increased methamphetamine interdiction efforts including investigation, training, prosecution, abuse treatment, or education programs."

By statute, each county that receives HB 2554 funds is required to submit quarterly reports to ACJC regarding the use and effectiveness of their award. The quarterly reporting forms provided to all counties requested information on the type of program(s) being developed, a description of the performance measures being used to document the effectiveness of these funds, and the activity of each funded program.

This report provides a brief summary of activity for the second quarter of fiscal year 2008, the sixth quarter of the two-year Methamphetamine Interdiction Fund project. It provides a summary of the reports submitted by each county. This report fulfills the statutory obligation for ACJC to provide a quarterly summary of the reports to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, and the Joint Legislative Budget Committee.

These funds were distributed in FY 2007 in four quarterly allotments. Table 1 describes the distribution of HB 2554 funds by County.

<b>TABLE 1: HB 2554 FUNDING BY COUNTY</b>			
<b>County</b>			<b>Total Allocation</b>
	<i>Base</i>	<i>Population</i>	
Apache	\$50,000	\$30,445	\$80,445
Cochise	\$50,000	\$51,641	\$101,641
Coconino	\$50,000	\$51,011	\$101,011
Gila	\$50,000	\$22,513	\$72,513
Graham	\$50,000	\$14,686	\$64,686
Greenlee	\$50,000	\$3,748	\$53,748
La Paz	\$50,000	\$8,646	\$58,646
Maricopa	\$50,000	\$1,347,268	\$1,397,268
Mohave	\$50,000	\$67,988	\$117,988
Navajo	\$50,000	\$42,745	\$92,745
Pima	\$50,000	\$370,018	\$420,018
Pinal	\$50,000	\$78,818	\$128,818
Santa Cruz	\$50,000	\$16,832	\$66,832
Yavapai	\$50,000	\$73,463	\$123,463
Yuma	\$50,000	\$70,178	\$120,178
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$750,000</b>	<b>\$2,250,000</b>	<b>\$3,000,000</b>

Table 2 shows the expenditures of HB 2554 as of December 31, 2007 by county and program.

County	Program	Total Allocation	Salaries & Fringe	Over-time	Consult & Contract	Travel	Operating Expenses	Equip	Total Spent	Obligated	Balance 12/31/2007
Apache	Meth Education	30,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,779.60	0.00	1,779.60	0.00	28,220.40
	ACCENT Task Force	50,445	0.00	7,044.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,044.52	0.00	43,400.48
Cochise	AZ Meth Project	101,641	0.00	0.00	101,641.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	101,641.00	0.00	0.00
Coconino	METRO Task Force	7,922.50	0.00	502.36	0.00	455.00	2,138.98	0.00	3,096.34	0.00	4,826.16
	In Custody Treatment	31,690	0.00	0.00	1,742.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,742.50	0.00	29,947.50
	DUI/Drug Court	55,457.50	4,442.81	0.00	16,433.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,876.31	0.00	34,581.19
	W Navajo Meth Task Force	5,941	0.00	0.00	700.00	382.70	2,686.33	0.00	3,769.03	0.00	2,171.97
Gila	AZ Meth Project	72,513	0.00	0.00	72,513.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	72,513.00	0.00	0.00
Graham	AZ Meth Project	64,686	0.00	0.00	64,686.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	64,686.00	0.00	0.00
Greenlee	School Resource Officer	53,748	53,748.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	53,748.00	0.00	0.00
La Paz	School Radio	22,780	0.00	0.00	6,240.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,240.02	16,539.98	0.00
	AMPEC	18,275	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,426.84	0.00	15,426.84	2,848.16	0.00
	AZ Meth Project	17,591	0.00	0.00	17,591.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	17,591.00	0.00	0.00
Maricopa	AZ Meth Project	1,397,268	0.00	0.00	1,397,268.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,397,268.00	0.00	0.00
Mohave	AZ Meth Project	117,988	0.00	0.00	117,988.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	117,988.00	0.00	0.00
Navajo	Education/Drug Free America	8,500	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,500.00	0.00	8,500.00	0.00	0.00
	MCAT Prosecution	32,122.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	32,122.50
	Drug Court-Treatment	10,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00
	MCAT Task Force	32,122.50	0.00	14,586.02	0.00	0.00	16,999.94	0.00	31,585.96	0.00	536.54
	AZ Meth Project	10,000	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00	0.00
Pima	COPE Community Svs Media	50,000	0.00	0.00	50,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50,000.00	0.00	0.00
	COPE Community Svs Education	15,000	0.00	0.00	2,850.00	0.00	203.47	0.00	3,053.47	0.00	11,946.53
	PAXIS Institute	255,000	142,730.00	0.00	21,500.00	0.00	22,882.00	0.00	187,112.00	65,888.00	2,000.00
	Operation: Flowing Wells Safer	50,000	0.00	38,575.77	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	38,575.77	0.00	11,424.23
	Not Allocated	50,018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50,018.00
Pinal	AZ Meth Project	128,818	0.00	0.00	128,818.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	128,818.00	0.00	0.00
Santa Cruz	Education/Prevention Initiative	16,340	2,553.20	0.00	3,319.38	0.00	5,551.21	0.00	11,423.79	0.00	4,916.21
	Training Initiative	17,112	2,243.53	0.00	964.40	5,441.32	2,131.39	1,571.64	12,352.28	0.00	4,759.72
	Media Initiative	17,440	1,452.29	0.00	814.36	0.00	6,938.54	5,000.00	14,205.19	0.00	3,234.81
	Law Enforcement Initiative	15,940	1,357.70	0.00	2,051.62	0.00	2,131.35	0.00	5,540.67	0.00	10,399.33
Yavapai	DOT Project	123,463	37,575.56	0.00	21,915.00	285.00	520.82	2,299.43	62,595.81	0.00	60,867.19
Yuma	AZ Meth Project	120,178	0.00	0.00	120,178.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	120,178.00	0.00	0.00
Arizona		3,000,000	246,103.09	60,708.67	2,159,213.78	6,564.02	87,890.47	8,871.07	2,569,351.10	85,276.14	345,372.76

## **Summary of Second Quarter FY 2008 Methamphetamine Interdiction (HB 2554) Fund Activities**

Seven counties approved the use of their total methamphetamine interdiction fund allotment to support the Arizona Meth Project, a prevention focused program whose goal is to reduce first-time methamphetamine use among Arizona youth by combining advertising with community based programs. Two additional counties approved the use of a portion of their methamphetamine interdiction funds to support this project. Maricopa County is serving as project manager for the Arizona Meth Project. A tenth county, Greenlee, is using its methamphetamine interdiction funds to support a school resource officer but has received additional financial support from a local corporation that has allowed Greenlee County to participate in the project. As of December 2007, the Arizona Meth Project used all HB 2554 funds allotted for FY 2008. In an effort to continue methamphetamine prevention efforts, the project is soliciting private and public funds to continue as a private/public partnership.

La Paz County is using a portion of its funding for the Arizona Meth Project, and spending the remainder on school based prevention programs and radio programming directed toward methamphetamine prevention. Navajo County is also using a portion of their funding for the Arizona Meth Project and is using the remainder to join the Arizona Chapter of Partnership for a Drug Free America, drug interdiction, drug prosecution, and drug court activities. Santa Cruz County is using funds to expand the Weed and Seed program, and enhance current efforts in the county in the areas of media, prevention, enforcement, and training.

Apache County is using funding for drug interdiction, prevention and education efforts. Coconino County is using funds for two drug task forces, in-custody treatment of methamphetamine abusers, and DUI/drug court expenses. Pima County is funding a media campaign a community education program, a comprehensive approach using the PAXIS Institute, and an anti-meth police initiative called Operation Flowing Wells Safer. Yavapai County is using funds for a drug diversion program that matches methamphetamine users with appropriate local treatment options.

Of the \$3 million allocated by the state legislature for methamphetamine interdiction efforts, \$2,569,351.10 has been expended, and \$85,276.14 has been obligated. Counties have \$345,372.76 remaining for this project. A more detailed description of each county's activities follows beginning on page 4.

## Second Quarter County Summaries

### Apache County

Project Name: **Methamphetamine Education**

Budgeted amount for project: \$30,000

Amount spent as of December 31, 2007: \$1,779.60

Amount obligated: \$0.00

The Apache County Sheriff's Office helped put together a substance abuse prevention summit. Flyers and brochures regarding meth and drug abuse were purchased for use in methamphetamine education efforts.

Project Name: **ACCENT Task Force**

Budgeted amount for project: \$50,445

Amount spent as of December 31, 2007: \$7,044.52

Amount obligated: \$0.00

The Apache County Drug Task Force methamphetamine interdiction program used funds for overtime expenses to allow ACCENT to increase its focus on methamphetamine interdiction. During the second quarter, the Apache County Drug Task Force used some of the funds for overtime costs incurred while working with an informant to make undercover drug buys.

### Cochise County

Project Name: **Arizona Meth Project**

Budgeted amount for project: \$101,641

Amount spent as of December 31, 2007: \$101,641.00

Amount obligated: \$0.00

Cochise County has entered into an intergovernmental agreement with Maricopa County to participate in the Arizona Meth Project. Maricopa County is operating as the reporting entity for counties participating in the Arizona Meth Project.

## Coconino County

Project Name: **DUI/Drug Court**

Budgeted amount for project: \$55,457.50

Amount spent as of December 31, 2007: \$20,876.31

Amount obligated: \$0.00

In the second quarter of FY 2008 the Coconino County DUI/drug court used methamphetamine interdiction funding for 25 percent of the total drug court population (16 participants) who all reported methamphetamine as their primary drug of choice. Methamphetamine drug court participants are tested using urinalysis three times a week during for the duration of the ten-month program. All positive methamphetamine tests are reported to the DUI/Drug court teams and those that test positive for methamphetamine use are brought before the judge within one week. Drug court participants are required to attend intensive outpatient treatment sessions, attend at least two support meetings per week (including Crystal Meth Anonymous), meet with probation officers, pay fines and fees, and maintain employment. All participants have a meeting with the DUI/drug court judge either weekly or bi-monthly. Participants must be sober for a minimum of six months to graduate.

During this quarter, 1,903 urinalysis tests were given. Two tests were positive for methamphetamine use. Four new participants with methamphetamine addictions started the DUI/Drug Court and one was terminated for non-compliance. While only 31 percent of methamphetamine participants were working prior to beginning drug court; 93 percent were employed during this quarter.

Project Name: **Western Navajo Meth Task Force**

Budgeted amount for project: \$5,941

Amount spent as of December 31, 2007: \$3,769.03

Amount obligated: \$0.00

The task force has participated in five community events including: Kaibeto Meth Awareness and Graffiti Removal Day (6/16/07); Navajo Mouny E'ehanii Days (8/4/07); National Night Out in Tuba City (8/7/07); Joining Hands for a Healthy Future, Tuba City Community Center (8/29/07); Youth Day at the Tuba City Fair (10/11/07). At these events the task force distributes culturally sensitive information and speaks to youth, parent, and families about methamphetamine. Recovering Native American methamphetamine addicts tell their stories at these events and the task force provides referral sources to those needing assistance. No activity was reported in the current quarter.

**Project Name: Exodus Aftercare Program – In Custody Treatment**

Budgeted amount for project: \$31,690

Amount spent as of December 31, 2007: \$1,742.50

Amount obligated: \$0.00

The Coconino County Detention Facility is using HB 2554 funds for aftercare expenditures incurred by inmates leaving the Exodus in-custody treatment program. During the second quarter of FY 2008, funds were used to pay the first month's rent at a half-way house for inmates leaving the program. Funds were also used for bus fare to provide inmates with transportation to work sites, as well as one bus fare for an inmate to attend a drug treatment program in Phoenix.

**Project Name: Northern Arizona Street Crimes Task Force/METRO**

Budgeted amount for project: \$7,922.50

Amount spent as of December 31, 2007: \$3,096.34

Amount obligated: \$0.00

During this quarter, METRO agents seized 8.8 grams of methamphetamine. Two methamphetamine-related possession charges and 24 methamphetamine-related possession/sale charges were filed. Agents also participated in community education efforts through talks with schools, businesses and community groups.

<b>METRO Activity</b>			
<b>October – December 2007</b>			
	<b>Oct.</b>	<b>Nov.</b>	<b>Dec.</b>
<b>Arrests</b>			
Meth Drugs	4	4	2
Clandestine Lab	0	0	0
Meth-Related Search Warrant	2	1	0
<b>Purchases</b>			
Undercover	0	1	0
Informant	4	3	0
<b>Confiscations</b>			
Purchased	1.1 g	.7 g	0
Seized	0	0	8.8 g
<b>Meth Charges</b>			
Methamphetamine Possession	1	0	1
Methamphetamine Possession/Sale	11	12	1
Methamphetamine Transportation/Sale	0	0	0

## Gila County

Project Name: **Arizona Meth Project**

Budgeted amount for project: \$72,513

Amount spent as of December 31, 2007: \$72,513.00

Amount obligated: \$0.00

Gila County has entered into an intergovernmental agreement with Maricopa County to participate in the Arizona Meth Project. Maricopa County is operating as the reporting entity for counties participating in the Arizona Meth Project.

## Graham County

Project Name: **Arizona Meth Project**

Budgeted amount for project: \$64,686

Amount spent as of December 31, 2007: \$64,686.00

Amount obligated: \$0.00

Graham County has entered into an intergovernmental agreement with Maricopa County to participate in the Arizona Meth Project. Maricopa County is operating as the reporting entity for counties participating in the Arizona Meth Project.

## Greenlee County

Project Name: **School Resource Officer**

Budgeted amount for project: \$53,748

Amount spent as of December 31, 2007: \$53,748.00

Amount obligated: \$0.00

Methamphetamine education and training was provided in the Clifton, Morenci, Duncan and Blue School Districts by the school resource officer funded through HB 2554. The officer also worked in conjunction with the Greenlee County Methamphetamine Coalition to provide methamphetamine education at a local health fair and various service organizations including the Girl Scouts and a local Rotary Club. He also participated in methamphetamine related investigations with the Greenlee County Narcotics Task Force.

## La Paz County

Project Name: **Anti-Meth School-Based Radio**

Budgeted amount for project: \$22,780

Amount spent as of December 31, 2007: \$6,240.00

Amount obligated: \$ 16,539.98

Scholar's Academy, a charter high school operated by E.Q. Scholar's Academy in Quartzite, will establish and operate a school-based radio station with the purpose of broadcasting anti-methamphetamine programming, including anti-methamphetamine curriculum, public service announcements including those developed by the Arizona Meth Project, and alternative activities to the use of methamphetamine and other drugs.

E.Q. Scholar's Academy has retained a public broadcast law firm to prepare an application for a radio station license with the FCC and for other related technical assistance. The school has also located a 100 watt broadcast station and an available frequency (91.7). An application for licensure has been submitted to the FCC and is currently in the final comment period.

Project Name: **AMPEC Anti-Meth Curriculum**

Budgeted amount for project: \$18,275

Amount spent as of December 31, 2007: \$15,426.84

Amount obligated: \$2,848.16

Anti-methamphetamine and other drug abuse curricula were purchased for use with students in grades K-12, as well as adults, through presentations at community workshops and classes. The following curriculums were purchased for the anti-meth education program:

Grades K-6: "Know Your Body School Health Promotion Program"

Grades 3-5: "Life Skills" elementary school substance abuse prevention program recommended by the US Department of Education and CDC

Middle and High School: "Head On" Substance Abuse Prevention computer-based curriculum

Youth-Adult: "Hazeldon Prevention Video Library Set" and the "Community Meth Prevention Toolkit"

Adults: "Meth Our Nation" community-oriented DVD set

Adults: "Parents in the Know" Directory

Recovering Adults: "Client Life Skills" Workbooks

These curricula were recommended for purchase by the La Paz County Alcohol and Methamphetamine Prevention Education Coalition following the implementation of community activities and a needs assessment using the

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA) models and in consultation with the Pima Prevention Partnership. Curricula and supplies were purchased and are being used. During this quarter, a digital projector was purchased to facilitate software-based curricula in classroom settings.

Project Name: **Arizona Meth Project**

Budgeted amount for project: \$17,591

Amount spent as of December 31, 2007: \$17,591.00

Amount obligated: \$0.00

La Paz County has entered into an intergovernmental agreement with Maricopa County to participate in the Arizona Meth Project. Maricopa County is operating as the reporting entity for counties participating in the Arizona Meth Project.

## **Maricopa County**

Project Name: **Arizona Meth Project**

Budgeted amount for project: \$1,397,268

Amount spent as of December 31, 2007: \$1,397,268

Amount obligated: \$0.00

Maricopa County is serving as project manager for the Arizona Meth Project, a prevention-focused program designated to reduce first-time methamphetamine use among Arizona youth. Intergovernmental agreements are in place between Maricopa County and nine other counties (Cochise, Gila, Graham, Greenlee, La Paz, Mohave, Navajo, Pinal, and Yuma). La Paz and Navajo Counties allocated part of their HB 2554 allotments, and Greenlee County is funding its participation through support from a local corporation. The remaining seven counties allocated their entire HB 2554 allotments to the project. Maricopa County's quarterly report covered the activity of all HB 2554 funds used for the project and was submitted on behalf of all participating counties.

The second phase of the meth prevention campaign, launched September 10, 2007, was completed in December 2007. This campaign utilized television, radio, billboards, newspaper and Internet messages targeted to viewers ages 12-17. All media buys included a minimum 1-to-1 match of donated media. The CW Network produced a half-hour documentary as part of an added value media buy for the project. This documentary, titled "Descent into Meth", aired on December 15 and 22, 2007.

The Arizona Meth Project web site and phone lines generated hundreds of contacts, each of which was followed-up by Arizona Meth Project staff. The web site includes information regarding meth, treatment resources, anti-meth

coalition contacts, and community referral information. An art poster contest for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students throughout Arizona sponsored by the Arizona Attorney General's Office continued to accept entries through December 15, 2007. This contest asked 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to submit original artwork demonstrating the "Not Even Once" message. Awards are scheduled for spring 2008.

All methamphetamine interdiction funds were expended by the end of the second quarter FY 2008. Fundraising efforts are continuing in an effort to continue the Arizona Meth Project as a private-public partnership. The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community and the Gila River Indian Community have both contributed continuation funding for the project.

County	Budgeted Amount for Project	Amount Spent
Cochise County	101,641	101,641
Gila County	72,513	72,513
Graham County	64,686	64,686
La Paz County	17,591	17,591
<b>Maricopa County</b>	<b>1,397,268</b>	<b>1,397,268</b>
Mohave County	117,988	117,988
Navajo County	10,000	10,000
Pinal County	128,818	128,818
Yuma County	120,178	120,178
<b>Total Project</b>	<b>\$2,030,683</b>	<b>\$2,030,683</b>

## Mohave County

Project Name: **Arizona Meth Project**

Budgeted amount for project: \$117,988

Amount spent as of December 31, 2007: \$11,988.00

Amount obligated: \$0.00

Mohave County has entered into an intergovernmental agreement with Maricopa County to participate in the Arizona Meth Project. Maricopa County is operating as the reporting entity for counties participating in the Arizona Meth Project.

## Navajo County

Project Name: **Major Crimes Apprehension Team (MCAT)**

Budgeted amount for project: \$32,122.50

Amount spent as of December 31, 2007: \$31,585.96

Amount obligated: \$0.00

The Major Crimes Apprehension Team seized approximately 1.5 oz. of methamphetamine, arrested 11 subjects for sale, use or transporting methamphetamine, and seized two firearms during the second quarter of FY 2008. MCAT reports a decrease in the availability of methamphetamine and a

corresponding increase in cost at the street level in Navajo County. However, MCAT has also noted an increase in the availability of cocaine and heroin.

The team presented four educational programs reaching approximately 150 citizens and conducted two K9 school searches with negative results. MCAT now has two K9s (one purchased with HB 2554 funds) working with the unit. One K9 is used in the southern part of Navajo County, and the other K9 is used in the northern portion of the county.

**Project Name: Education/Drug Free America**

**Budgeted amount for project: \$8,500**

**Amount spent as of December 31, 2007: \$8,500.00**

**Amount obligated: \$0.00**

Navajo County has partnered with the Arizona Chapter of the Partnership for a Drug-Free America for \$7,500 (expended on April 24, 2007) and the Pinon Unified School District for \$1,000 used to assist the district with a meth conference held in February 2007. The Partnership for a Drug-Free America highlighted Navajo County's participation in its summer newsletter noting that while the organization usually has to "beg for attention and support" in rural counties "Navajo County was one of the first counties to join the alliance program."<sup>1</sup> All funds were expended prior to the second quarter of FY 2008.

**Project Name: Navajo County Drug Court**

**Budgeted amount for project: \$10,000**

**Amount spent as of December 31, 2007: \$0.00**

**Amount obligated: \$0.00**

The Navajo County Board of Supervisors approved the use of \$10,000 in Methamphetamine Interdiction Funds for the Navajo County Drug Court. No expenditures were reported in the second quarter FY 2008.

**Project Name: Navajo County Attorney's Office—MCAT Prosecution**

**Budgeted amount for project: \$32,122.50**

**Amount spent as of December 31, 2007: \$0.00**

**Amount obligated: \$0.00**

Methamphetamine Interdiction Funds were designated to supplement funds received from the Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant. These funds will be used for personnel and employee-related expenses related to providing an enhanced level of prosecutorial support to MCAT. No funds were expended during the second quarter of FY 2008.

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<sup>1</sup> "Chapter Launches Statewide Drug Prevention Network," *Spotlight*, Volume 5, Summer 2007.

Project Name: **Arizona Meth Project**

Budgeted amount for project: \$10,000

Amount spent as of December 31, 2007: \$10,000.00

Amount obligated: \$0.00

Navajo County entered into an intergovernmental agreement with Maricopa County to participate in the Arizona Meth Project. Maricopa County is operating as the reporting entity for counties participating in the Arizona Meth Project.

## **Pima County**

Project Name: **COPE Community Services – Meth Free Alliance  
Media Campaign**

Budgeted amount for project: \$50,000

Amount spent as of December 31, 2007: \$50,000.00

Amount obligated: \$0.00

The media campaign resulted in network television spots being purchased in two-week increments. Public service announcements are also running on cable television and Spanish language radio. These spots are directed toward teens ages 12-17 and adults.

Project Name: **COPE Community Services – Meth Free Alliance  
Neighborhood Project**

Budgeted amount for project: \$15,000

Amount spent as of December 31, 2007: \$3,053.47

Amount obligated: \$0.00

This project will involve community events aimed at sparking community interest and mobilization against meth use. One event was held, but this was funded with an in-kind donation instead of HB 2554 funds. One presentation on meth issues and problem solving was provided at a neighborhood coalition meeting. Education materials were also selected and distributed. Five thousand treatment resource guides were printed for community distribution. The first round of drug swipe testing was completed using technology to indicate whether methamphetamine activity levels are increasing or decreasing within the target neighborhood. Swipe testing involves swiping locations to identify drug presence and the prevalence of methamphetamine, cocaine, cannabis, amphetamine and heroin. Individual users are not identified.

**Project Name: PAXIS Institute**

Budgeted amount for project: \$255,000

Amount spent as of December 31, 2007: \$187,112.00

Amount obligated: \$65,888.00

Good behavior games are being provided to 100 primary-school classrooms with at-risk students with the goal of reaching 2,500 students. As part of this project, training sessions are being held on facilitating the games in the classroom. The Parent Teacher Association at Vesey Elementary School has purchased an additional 10 kits for classrooms after seeing the results to date. Several additional schools have approached PAXIS about bringing this program to their schools.

PAXIS Institute served in a mentoring capacity and advisory role in the development of a new anti-methamphetamine social marketing campaign targeting youth ages 12-17. The plan involved producing public service announcements using students. The students drafted the PSA using information provided by the Institute. On October 25, 2007, Doolen Middle School hosted a Public Service Announcement Premiere Party. Every television station in Pima County covered the event, and ads were launched simultaneously in youth-oriented media. Presentations of the public service announcements and meth campaign were provided to the school board and Tucson City Council.

A swipe sample plan was developed for use in Doolen Middle School. The goal of this plan is to identify drug presence and prevalence of methamphetamine, cocaine, cannabis, amphetamine and heroin. Counselors, teachers and administrators will use the swipe sample results to implement changes in security, drug education and drug prevention. The plan involves swiping 50 locations approximately every three weeks. This plan does not identify individual users, but rather use within the school body in general. Two rounds of samples have been collected. The results of the first round were provided to the school principal. Once analyzed, the results from the second round will be provided to school personnel. Officials at other schools are negotiating with PAXIS to bring the swipe tests to their schools.

PAXIS is beginning treatment and intervention services for adults, youth, and children affected by methamphetamine or at risk for methamphetamine use. Protocols were implemented January 18, 2008. Six training events on evidence-based practices for treatment of high-risk youth for methamphetamine use were held. Additional training has also been provided regarding meth-related interventions in juvenile court, meth specific treatment plans for family therapists, and behavioral health services related to methamphetamine use.

Project Name: **Pima County Sheriff's Office: Operation Flowing Wells Safer**

Budgeted amount for project: \$50,000

Amount spent as of December 31, 2007: \$38,575.77

Amount obligated: \$0.00

Funds have been used to support Operation Flowing Wells Safer, an anti-methamphetamine interdiction effort being conducted in coordination with the Meth-Free Alliance. The target area was chosen based on calls for service, arrests, and hospital admissions related to methamphetamine.

Thirty-five methamphetamine-related investigations were conducted during the second quarter of FY 2008. These investigations resulted in 11 meth use/possession arrests, two meth sale/sell arrests, 15 paraphernalia arrests and the seizure of 23 grams of methamphetamine. The agency reports a reduction in overall crime and methamphetamine seizures and an increase in law enforcement contacts in the Operation Flowing Wells Safer area.

## **Pinal County**

Project Name: **Arizona Meth Project**

Budgeted amount for project: \$128,818

Amount spent as of December 31, 2007: \$128,818.00

Amount obligated: \$0.00

Pinal County has entered into an intergovernmental agreement with Maricopa County to participate in the Arizona Meth Project. Maricopa County is operating as the reporting entity for counties participating in the Arizona Meth Project.

## **Santa Cruz County**

Project Name: **Weed and Seed – Training Initiative**

Budgeted amount for project: \$17,112

Amount spent as of December 31, 2007: \$12,352.28

Amount obligated: \$0.00

The objective of the training initiative is to increase staff, law enforcement, and community awareness regarding the effects of methamphetamine and methamphetamine-related issues. Two law enforcement officers attended and received certification for the 2007 Basic Clandestine Laboratory Certification Course for Arizona State and Local Law Enforcement Personnel. This course is

designed to provide training regarding clandestine drug manufacturing laboratories. In addition, the county's new 800-number allowing for anonymous reporting of crimes was implemented and personnel were trained on its use. Representatives from the fire district were sent to the Weed & Seed Annual Conference to increase knowledge and awareness of these first responders to meth and meth-related effects. In addition, five anti-meth trainings were held through the Weed & Seed program.

**Project Name: Weed and Seed – Law Enforcement/Investigations**

**Budgeted amount for project:** \$15,940

**Amount spent as of December 31, 2007:** \$5,540.67

**Amount obligated:** \$0.00

The objective of the law enforcement and investigations initiative is to increase awareness among law enforcement personnel regarding methamphetamine and methamphetamine-related effects in the community. Funding is also used to conduct surveillance and investigation to eradicate methamphetamine in the community, including dismantling clandestine labs and seizing drugs.

Current participants of the Joint Task Force Anti-Meth Office include Nogales Police Department, Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office, METRO Task Force, Patagonia Police Department and Santa Cruz County Probation Department.

Joint Task Force Anti-Meth Office October – December 2007	
Arrests	112
Methamphetamine	17.9 lbs.

**Project Name: Weed and Seed – Media Initiative**

**Budgeted amount for project:** \$17,440

**Amount spent as of December 31, 2007:** \$14,205.19

**Amount obligated:** \$0.00

Using components produced and distributed by the Office of National Drug Control Policy as the base of the anti-meth media campaign, the project involves public service announcements, products imprinted with an anti-meth message, message boards and newspaper articles.

With the media equipment installed in a Design and Learning Center, training classes were able to begin on July 28, 2007. Training on media equipment was conducted to prepare for the distribution of media promotional materials for upcoming events.

Darren the Lion, a Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) mascot, was used at four anti-meth presentations in July 2007 involving approximately 80 individuals. Darren the Lion distributes pencils and stickers to attendees.

Media materials were provided to the Boys and Girls Club for more than 250 youth and adults in support of Red Ribbon Week. Materials included badges, buttons, promotional cups, and other items with anti-drug slogans and themes.

A billboard campaign is in the final stages of development with the Santa Cruz County Attorney's Office and the METRO Task Force. The billboards will run from February to May 2008.

**Project Name: Weed and Seed – Education/Prevention Initiative**

**Budgeted amount for project: \$16,340**

**Amount spent as of December 31, 2007: \$11,423.79**

**Amount obligated: \$0.00**

The objective of the education and prevention initiative is to increase awareness among youth and adults in the community regarding methamphetamine and methamphetamine-related effects in the community. Community partners are involved in delivering services for this program.

The Community Coalition of Eastern Santa Cruz County presented "Fooled by the Streets" to 12 adults and 232 juveniles. The program was developed and presented by a community youth member who was previously involved in drug use and now advocates "drug-free" living for youth and adults.

Another community partner, Southeast Arizona Area Health Education Center, delivered the Methamphetamine Awareness and Prevention program to 15 juveniles at the Nogales Health Career Club. The Club is now working to develop digital stories for community viewing.

The Patagonia Police Department has now been added education/prevention plans.

## **Yavapai County**

**Project Name: Drug Offender Treatment Program**

**Budgeted amount for project: \$123,464**

**Amount spent as of December 31, 2007: \$62,595.81**

**Amount obligated: \$0.00**

The pilot Drug Offender Treatment (DOT) program is being conducted for an 18-month trial period that began April 2007. Arrested methamphetamine users are promptly assessed and directed to treatment programs appropriate to their levels of addiction. Drug Offender Treatment Program plea agreements are offered by the county attorney's office to substance abusing defendants that fit

predetermined criteria. These defendants are then referred to the caseworker who conducts the necessary screening and assessment of those accepting drug diversion plea agreements to match clients with appropriate treatment. Local resources including residential and outpatient programs are used. Adult probation closely monitors all clients and refers to the court those who, after reasonable efforts, are found to be non-compliant. The objective of this program is to improve upon the 40 percent success rate for diversion plea agreements by placing defendants in more appropriate treatment, paying a portion of treatment costs, monitoring compliance and maintaining contact throughout the process.

During the second quarter FY 2008, 105 clients accepted a plea offer for the Drug Offender Treatment Program. Of those accepting the plea offer, 98 percent were screened by the case worker and the other two percent were referred to other treatment services through supervised probation or adult drug court. Ninety percent of DOT clients were actively involved in substance abuse treatment or education.

The length of time clients are waiting to be accepted by AHCCCS for treatment continues to delay treatment/education services. In addition, the program is experiencing difficulty in receiving timely progress reports from non-profit treatment providers. Some clients have completed treatment, but have not paid the \$50 assessment fee in a timely manner, preventing successful discharge from the program.

	Since Implementation	2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr FY 2008
Accepted DOT Program Plea Offer	266	105
Substance Abuse Screening	252	103
Active in DOT Program	138	
In Substance Abuse Treatment	82	
In Drug Use/Abuse Education	56	
Other Probation Service with Treatment and/or Education	41	9
Adult Drug Court	18	7
Successfully Discharged	26	
Discharged Non-Compliant	31	
Pending Discharge for Non-Compliance	13	

## Yuma County

Project Name: **Arizona Meth Project**

Budgeted amount for project: \$120,178

Amount spent as of December 31, 2007: \$120,178.00

Amount obligated: \$0.00

Yuma County has entered into an intergovernmental agreement with Maricopa County to participate in the Arizona Meth Project. Maricopa County is operating as the reporting entity for counties that allocated their entire methamphetamine interdiction fund allotment to the Arizona Meth Project.