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APAAC Launches Statewide Officer Integrity Database

The Arizona Prosecuting Attorneys' Advisory Council (APAAC) joins the Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training Board (AZPOST) to announce the launch of Arizona's statewide disclosure database.

Matt Giordano, Executive Director of AZPOST, stated, "We support the state's prosecutors in the creation of this central repository. We believe this will create consistency and increase transparency which the residents of Arizona expect and deserve."

Sheila Polk, Yavapai County Attorney and Chair of APAAC, stated, "We are excited to be the first state in the nation to create a statewide officer integrity repository. This helps prosecutors more fully comply with disclosure obligations in our criminal prosecutions. Additionally, our Council worked hard to develop and promote best practices protocols in this arena."

Prosecutors are constitutionally required to disclose a variety of data in criminal cases, including information about a police officer's past that might affect the weight to be given to an officer's testimony during trial. "I am proud of the leadership shown by the APAAC Council," said APAAC Executive Director Elizabeth Ortiz. "Because an officer may work in different jurisdictions across Arizona over the course of their career, it can be challenging for prosecutors to ensure they are releasing complete information regarding officer disclosure matters."

The APAAC Council is comprised of the 15 County Attorneys, the Arizona Attorney General, the chief municipal prosecutor from Glendale, Mesa, Phoenix, the Town of Oro Valley, and Tucson, in addition to the Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts, and the Dean of one of Arizona's law schools. APAAC's mission is "*Empowering prosecutors through training and advocacy to serve as Ministers of Justice, as we strive to build criminal justice bridges with the greater community.*"

The Officer Integrity Database, in addition to the Model Best Practices for Rule 15.1 and informational videos, are accessible through the APAAC website at <https://apaac.az.gov/rule-15-1-disclosure-database>.