



”Best internship ever!”

***Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs
Division of Emergency Management***

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Agency Mission

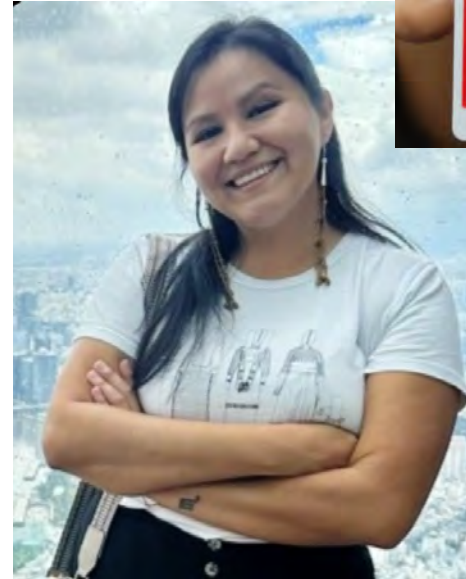
Department of Emergency and Military Affairs

The Department's mission is to provide military and emergency management capabilities to citizens of Arizona and the Nation



Internship Program Goals

- » Help train the future workforce of Emergency Management
- » Provide real-world experience for students
- » Give students the opportunity to participate in meetings, exercises and training side-by-side with DEMA staff



Sharen Sandoval
Tribal Emergency Management Director
The Navajo Nation



Internship Program Goals



Jana Pierce

Analyst, State Office Readiness Program
U.S. Senate

- » Give students exposure to all branches of Emergency Management
- » Introduce students to multiple local, county and state agencies
- » Students can observe how organizations work together



Bring these with you

- » Positive Attitude
- » Ability to tackle multiple projects as necessary
- » Good organizational and communication skills
- » Willingness to learn
- » Motivation



Robert Campa
Emergency Manager,
City of Mesa



DEMA Internship Program



Adriana Gama Akinwande

Voluntary Agency & Private Sector Liaison
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- » Learning experience as well as class content will help you:
 - Understand many different facets
 - Make valuable connections
 - Find your passion
 - Establish career goals



DEMA Internship Program

» Past Intern Tours

- Maricopa County Emergency Operations Center
- ASU Emergency Operations Center
- Border Patrol Operations Center (Tucson)
- Pima County Office of Emergency Management (Tucson)
- Phoenix Police Department Headquarters
- ACTIC (Arizona Counter Terrorism Information Center)
- Arizona Department of Transportation – Headquarters and Downtown Tunnel System
- Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport Emergency Management



DEMA Internship Program

- » Ask for internal Meet and Greet sessions and Shadowing Opportunities:
 - Director's Office
 - Public Information Office
 - Response Branch (Operations, Field Operations, Logistics)
 - Grants Administration (\$\$ = crucially important)
 - Communications
 - Preparedness (Training, Exercise, Planning and Situation Unit)
 - Recovery Branch



DEMA Internship Program

- » As you talk to your mentors and the people you shadow, try asking these two questions:
 - What advice have you gotten that has been most valuable to you?
 - What mistake have you made (that you're willing to discuss) that I should not make in the future?



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Emergency Management and Disaster Preparedness Specialist
Honor Health



Success!



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or search for “DEMA Internship Program”