



**ARIZONA STATE  
LIBRARY, ARCHIVES AND PUBLIC RECORDS**  
A DIVISION OF THE ARIZONA SECRETARY OF STATE



**General Records Retention Schedule Issued to:  
All Public Bodies  
Law Enforcement Records**

**Schedule Number:  
GS-1031 Rev. 5**

- Authority:** Pursuant to ARS 41-151.12(3), only the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records has the authority to set retention periods, including the sole authority to modify, extend or decrease records retention periods. The retention periods listed herein are the required time records must be retained. Records should be promptly and orderly disposed of at the end of their retention period. Keeping records longer than the retention period poses financial, legal, audit and investigative risks to the Agency. These risks need to be considered by State and Local Agencies when there is a compelling need to retain records for a longer period of time than the approved retention period. Records required for ongoing or foreseeable official proceedings such as audits, investigations or lawsuits, must be retained until released from such official proceedings, notwithstanding the instructions of this schedule.
- Archival Value:** Records designated as Permanent on the retention schedule must not be destroyed (ARS 39-101). If it is believed that special circumstances warrant other records to be retained permanently, contact the Arizona State Archives for assistance in determining historical or archival value. All records created prior to 1912 must be retained permanently. This retention schedule does not authorize the transfer of records to any repository other than the Arizona State Archives (ARS 41-151.09).
- Disposition:** This schedule is used in conjunction with the Certificate of Records Destruction. All records disposed under this schedule must be reported on the Certificate of Records Destruction, unless transferred to the Arizona State Archives.
- Format:** Retention periods listed on this schedule apply to all records regardless of physical form or characteristics. Records, regardless of format (including electronic, paper, microfilm, etc.) not listed in this schedule or on the approved General Retention Schedule, are not authorized to be destroyed.
- Copies:** Additional copies created for convenience or reference purposes should not be retained longer than the record copy listed in this schedule. Copies do not need to be reported on the Certificate of Records Destruction when they are disposed.
- Supersedence:** **This schedule supersedes General Schedule GS 1031 Revision 4, dated 5/20/2021.**

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20829	<b>Accreditation / Standards Records</b> Includes standards from law enforcement professional organizations such as the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA).	–	After superseded or obsolete.		9/28/2017
20821	<b>Arizona Criminal Justice Information System (ACJIS) Records: Not Attached to Case Records</b> Arizona Crime Information Center (ACIC) / National Crime Information Center (NCIC) records including entries, clears, cancellations and hit notifications for license plates, vehicles, articles, guns, boats, vehicle parts, securities, missing persons and other related records.	30 Days	After creation of record.		9/28/2017
20836	<b>Booking / Jail / Detention Facility Records: Adult / Juvenile Held with Departmental Report</b> Adult / Juvenile Records may include arrest records, juvenile referrals, mug shot photos and other related records.	–	Filed with Crime Report and Investigation Records.		9/28/2017
20837	<b>Booking / Jail / Detention Facility Records: Adult Not Held with Departmental Report</b> Adult / Juvenile Records may include arrest records, juvenile referrals, mug shot photos and other related records.	10 Years	After date of last contact.		9/28/2017
20838	<b>Booking / Jail / Detention Facility Records: Juvenile Not Held with Departmental Report</b> Adult / Juvenile Records may include arrest records, juvenile referrals, mug shot photos and other related records.	Until juvenile's 18th birthday	Retention begins on date of referral or arrest.		9/28/2017

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20817	<b>Civil Citation Records</b> May include voided / damaged original citations, parking citations and equipment repair orders / warnings for violations, and other related records.	30 Days	Retention begins when case is closed.		3/5/2021
20830	<b>Communications Records</b> May include 9-1-1 recordings, 9-1-1 Automatic Telephone Number Identification (ATNI) / Automatic Location Identification (ALI) Records, Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) Records, Radio Frequency Permits, Vehicle-to-Vehicle CAD, Calls-for-Service and other related records.	30 Days	After recorded.		10/2/2017
20833	<b>Community Program Records: All Other Records</b> May include Block Watch / Woods Watch, Volunteer Information, Citizens' Police Academy, Victim Support Services, Bicycle Registration, and other related records.	30 Days	After calendar year created.		10/2/2017
20832	<b>Community Program Records - Renewable or Time Limited Records</b> May include Block Watch / Woods Watch, Volunteer Information, Citizens' Police Academy, Victim Support Services, Bicycle Registration, and Other Related Records.	30 Days	After calendar year superseded or obsolete.		10/2/2017
20842	<b>Crime Laboratory Records</b> Records may include crime lab reports not associated with a case. QAS Records.	99 Years	After created or received.		10/2/2017

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20841	<b>Crime Logs</b> May include various logs such as arrest / prisoner, citation, evidence, key control, storage room, narcotic room entry / authorization, evidence room visitors, chain of custody, and logs of other related records.	1 Year	After calendar year created.		10/2/2017
20808	<b>Crime Reports and Investigation Records: Felonies, Sex Offenses (May Include Sex Offender Registry or Other Sex Offense Related Records)</b> Includes an Incident Report (IR) or Departmental Report (DR) and may include supplemental records such as citations, Arizona Crime Information Center (ACIC) / National Crime Information Center (NCIC) records, and other related records.	109 Years	After calendar year crime report created.		10/2/2017
20815	<b>Crime Reports and Investigation Records: Traffic / Watercraft Accident Reports, Property Damage / Injury, All Other Records</b> Includes an Incident Report (IR) or Departmental Report (DR) and may include supplemental records such as citations, Arizona Crime Information Center (ACIC) / National Crime Information Center (NCIC) records, and other related records.	5 Years	After calendar year incident report created.		10/2/2017
20810	<b>Crime Reports and Investigation Records: Felonies, All Other Felonies</b> Includes an Incident Report (IR) or Departmental Report (DR) and may include supplemental records such as citations, Arizona Crime Information Center (ACIC) / National Crime Information Center (NCIC) records, and other related records.	25 Years	After calendar year crime report created.		10/2/2017

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20809	<b>Crime Reports and Investigation Records: Felonies, and Other Serious Offenses as Defined by ARS 13-706(F)(1)</b> Includes an Incident Report (IR) or Departmental Report (DR) and may include supplemental records such as citations, Arizona Crime Information Center (ACIC) / National Crime Information Center (NCIC) records, and other related records.	99 Years	After calendar year crime report created.		10/2/2017
20807	<b>Crime Reports and Investigation Records: Felonies, Murder, 1st and 2nd Degree Murder, Manslaughter and Negligent Homicide Records</b> Includes an Incident Report (IR) or Departmental Report (DR) and may include supplemental records such as citations, Arizona Crime Information Center (ACIC) / National Crime Information Center (NCIC) records, and other related records.	Permanent	Transfer to State Archives 99 years after calendar year crime report created.		12/11/2017
20813	<b>Crime Reports and Investigation Records: Juvenile Referrals</b> Includes an Incident Report (IR) or Departmental Report (DR) and may include supplemental records such as citations, Arizona Crime Information Center (ACIC) / National Crime Information Center (NCIC) records, and other related records.	–	Retention begins on date of referral or arrest and ends on their 18th birthday.		10/2/2017
20811	<b>Crime Reports and Investigation Records: Misdemeanors</b> Includes an Incident Report (IR) or Departmental Report (DR) and may include supplemental records such as citations, Arizona Crime Information Center (ACIC) / National Crime Information Center (NCIC) records, and other related records.	10 Years	After calendar year crime report created.		10/2/2017

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20812	<b>Crime Reports and Investigation Records: Petty Offenses</b> Includes an Incident Report (IR) or Departmental Report (DR) and may include supplemental records such as citations, Arizona Crime Information Center (ACIC)/National Crime Information Center (NCIC) records, and other related records. Defined as any criminal offense in which a fine only may be levied (no jail time).	3 Years	After calendar year crime report created.		10/2/2017
20814	<b>Crime Reports and Investigation Records: Traffic / Watercraft Accident Reports, Property Damage / Injury - Fatalities Not Resulting in Criminal Charges</b> Includes an Incident Report (IR) or Departmental Report (DR) and may include supplemental records such as citations, Arizona Crime Information Center (ACIC) / National Crime Information Center (NCIC) records, and other related records.	10 Years	After calendar year incident report created.		10/2/2017
20827	<b>Departmental Records / Logs / Administrative Records</b> May include alarm permits and assessments, crime information bulletins, supervisor inspection records, citizen ride-along records, letters of clearance, pawn transactions, permits such as parade, oversized vehicle and event, code enforcement, property and impound records, impound hearing records, property release forms, chain of custody of evidence records, patrol / duty rosters, briefing information, radar logs, license plate reader (LPR) logs, and other related records.	1 Year	After calendar year created.		10/2/2017

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20816	<b>Forfeiture Records</b> Includes seizure / forfeiture records.	10 Years	After calendar year created.		10/2/2017
20826	<b>Homeland Security Records</b> Includes reports and logs.	10 Years	After calendar year created.		10/2/2017
20835	<b>Investigations and Intelligence Information Records: Not Records About Specific Crimes</b> May include repeat offender, silent witness, GangNet and gang records, intelligence and confidential informant records, vice, drugs, organized crime records, and other related records.	After reference value has been served and subject to 28 CFR Part 23.	Retention begins when record is created.		10/2/2017
53162	<b>Juvenile Pre-Diversion Records</b> May include non-violent Class 6, Class 5 and Class 4 Felonies, misdemeanors, police reports, petty offenses, notice of violations, and other supporting documentation.	1 Year	After successful completion of diversion program. If program not completed then file records with appropriate juvenile case record.		9/12/2019

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53160	<b>Law Enforcement Recordings: Evidentiary Recordings</b> These recordings have been determined to have content relevant to an investigation or prosecution. (Law enforcement recordings are audio and video records created by law enforcement for investigative purposes. This definition does not include law enforcement created recordings addressed by other retention schedules.)	Until final disposition of underlying matter. Disposition includes declination of prosecution, dismissal, sentencing, and expiration of statute of limitations.	Retention begins on the date of the recording.		12/18/2017
53161	<b>Law Enforcement Recordings: Non-Evidentiary Recordings</b> All other law enforcement recordings.	185 Days	Retention begins on the date of recording. Note: These recordings may be retained longer at the state or local agency's discretion.		10/2/2017
20823	<b>Miscellaneous Records</b> May include ACJIS Terminal Operator Certifications (TOC), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) audits, missing persons reports not contained in a case report, abandoned vehicles, field investigation (FI) cards, alarm reports, tips and leads, vacation property watch records, teletypes, missing person notices, and other related records.	30 Days	After created.		10/2/2017
20824	<b>Orders of Protection Service and Tracking Records</b>	2 Years	After served, canceled or expired without being served.		10/2/2017



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20839	<b>Other Booking / Jail / Detention Records</b> May include arrest fingerprint cards (office copy, official copy with Department of Public Safety (DPS), prisoner / inmate retention records, prisoner property and jail property records, jail health inspection, and other related records.	30 Days	After date of last contact.		10/2/2017
20831	<b>Permanent Historical Law Enforcement Records</b> May include one-time events with historical value, operations plans, documents, videos, promotions, retirements and proclamations.	Permanent	Preserve pursuant to ARS §39-101. Transfer to State Archives after administrative or reference value has been served. Note: State Archivist reserves the right to make a final determination regarding the historical status of records.	ARS §39-101	12/18/2017
20828	<b>Police Department Strategic Plans</b>	Until superseded or obsolete	Start of retention begins when plan is adopted.		12/11/2017
53218	<b>Professional Standards / Internal Affairs Records: All Other Records</b> May include critical incident reviews, use of force, weapons deployments, and other related records.	3 Years	After review is completed.		12/21/2017

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20834	<b>Professional Standards / Internal Affairs Records: Sustained Finding(s) Resulting in Discipline</b> May include critical incident reviews, use of force, weapons deployments, and other related records.	5 Years	After discipline has ended.		1/4/2022
20840	<b>Service Animal Records</b> Service animal deployment, tracking and medical records.	2 Years	After service animal retired.		10/2/2017
20820	<b>Warrant Records: Warrant Service and Tracking Records</b>	2 Years	After canceled or served.		10/2/2017
20819	<b>Warrant Records: Warrants</b>	Until canceled or served.	Retention begins upon receipt of warrant.		10/2/2017