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DES to Participate in Maricopa County StandDown

Connecting Veterans with Services

PHOENIX – For the eighth year in a row, the Department of Economic Security (DES) will be helping at-risk veterans with financial resources and jobs at the 2017 Maricopa County StandDown. The two-day event in Phoenix brings together more than 70 service providers to help veterans regain their independence.

“DES is proud to be part of this effort to help those who served our country,” said DES Interim Director Henry Darwin. “It’s important for us to come together to take care of those men and women to provide the services they need.”

DES staff will assist veterans with job search activities, vocational rehabilitation, cash assistance, nutrition assistance, health insurance and child support services.

“Housing and employment are equally the biggest needs for those who attend the StandDown,” said DES State Homeless Coordinator, Alfred Edwards, who participates in StandDowns across the state. “In most cases, both are needed to stabilize someone who is homeless.”

The Arizona Coalition to End Homelessness organizes the annual event. The Maricopa County StandDown, which served 1,850 veterans last year, is the largest in the country. This year’s event will be held Thursday, February 9-10 at the Veterans Memorial Coliseum, located at 1826 W. McDowell Road in Phoenix. Hours are from 8am to 5pm both days.

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