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The Honorable Ken Bennett, Chairman
Joint Legislative Audit Committee

The Honorable Roberta L. Voss, Vice-Chairman
Joint Legislative Audit Committee

Dear Senator Bennett and Representative Voss:

Our Office has recently completed a 6-month followup of the Department of Public Safety—Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) Program performance audit report released in February 2001 (Auditor General Report No. 01-03). The report recommended that the Department work with the Arizona Drug and Gang Policy Council to determine if its continued participation in the D.A.R.E. program was in the State's best interest. The Department's participation in the program primarily involved its administration of the Southwest Regional Training Center that provided training and technical assistance for D.A.R.E. programs in Arizona and the Southwest region. However, due to the elimination of federal grant funding for the regional training centers, DPS concluded its participation in the program as of September 1, 2001.

Because the Department will no longer be participating in the D.A.R.E. program, our Office will not continue to follow up with the Department of Public Safety on the status of this recommendation.

Sincerely,

Debbie Davenport
Auditor General

cc: Colonel Dennis A. Garrett, Director
Arizona Department of Public Safety

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) Program
6-Month Follow-Up Report to
Auditor General Report No. 01-03

FINDING I: Department Should Work with the Drug and Gang Policy Council To Determine Its Future Involvement with D.A.R.E.

Recommendation	Status of Implementing Recommendation	Explanation for Recommendations That Have Not Been Implemented
<p>1. The Department should work with the Arizona Drug and Gang Policy Council to determine whether it is in the State's best interest for the Department to continue to promote and participate in the D.A.R.E. program. If it is found that some change in the Department's role is appropriate, the Department should develop an implementation plan with timelines and designated responsible parties.</p>	<p>Not implemented</p>	<p>The Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) participates in the D.A.R.E. program through its administration of the D.A.R.E. Southwest Regional Training Center that provides training and technical assistance for D.A.R.E. programs in Arizona and the Southwest region. However, due to the elimination of federal grant funding for the regional training centers, DPS will conclude its participation as of September 1, 2001.</p>