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AZ ROC Participates in National Effort to Educate Public and Curb Unlicensed Activity

PHOENIX, Ariz., (June 28, 2018) – On Wed., June 13, 2018, the Arizona Registrar of Contractors (AZ ROC) concluded a two-day, statewide enforcement effort targeting unlicensed entities performing contracting work and educating property owners on the importance of hiring only licensed contractors.

AZ ROC participated with the National Association of State Contractors Licensing Agencies (NASCLA) in a national coordinated enforcement effort, which included 10 NASCLA State Members who took part in this event across the country. The additional states that participated are California, Florida, Mississippi, Nevada, Oregon, Rhode Island, Texas, Utah and Washington.

During the effort, AZ ROC dedicated 13 multi-person teams comprised of unlicensed and licensed investigators to make contact with contractors, unlicensed entities and property owners to increase outreach, provide education, and when necessary issue warnings or violations.

The investigators concentrated efforts in Cochise, Coconino, Gila, Graham, La Paz, Maricopa, Pima, Pinal and Yavapai (9 of Arizona's 15) counties and made contact with 228 individuals, including 20 homeowners, 124 contractors, 27 unlicensed entities, 8 building officials, and 49 other individuals/groups.

The vast majority of contacts are described as educational in nature but AZ ROC Licensed Investigators did issue 14 warnings for licensees and Unlicensed Investigators documented 18 violations in reports, which could result in cases being opened and investigated.

Arizona Registrar of Contractors Jeff Fleetham stated, "Arizona proudly welcomes new residents to our state each year. Some of these new residents will not be familiar with their ability to hire licensed contractors, who possess the knowledge and skills to

perform the work for which they're contracting. Equally, some small businesses coming into the state and performing contracting work may not know of their need to be licensed. Our goal is to protect the public and promote quality construction. Educating the public represents a large part of reaching that goal."

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