



Hello and thank you for your interest in the Arizona Law Enforcement Emerald Society,

The Arizona Law Enforcement Emerald Society (ALEES) is part of a National Fraternity of Law Enforcement Emerald Societies first formed in New York in 1953. The Emerald Society was formed with the purpose of fostering Irish heritage and tradition within the individual police departments and to promote and preserve the accomplishments the Irish have made to law enforcement. There is a National Board and yearly Conference for the various fraternities belonging to National Conference of Law Enforcement Emerald Societies (NCLEES). NCLEES membership includes over 63 chapters from all across the nation and abroad.

The Arizona Law Enforcement Emerald Society's main purpose is to provide financial and/or other assistance to in- need, injured or fallen Arizona law enforcement personnel and their families; including celebration of the heritage and culture of law enforcement personnel in Arizona and worldwide.

Membership in ALEES requires that the individual meet one of four criteria and pledge to support the purpose of ALEES. Criteria are:

- a. Sworn or Civilian active Law Enforcement Personnel
- b. Retired Law Enforcement Personnel
- c. Spouse or immediate family member of group a/b
- d. Civilian supporter (with sponsor of ALEES member)

What are the goals of ALEES? (1) An Irish organization that promotes and celebrates the long history of Irish heritage in law enforcement and their accomplishments. (2) We raise funds, through various events, throughout the year to provide financial and/or other assistance to Az. law enforcement personnel and their families. (3) To form a bond between our community and law enforcement personnel while providing insight into the (Irish) heritage and culture of law enforcement.

Do you have to be "Irish" or have a certain percentage of Irish decent to belong to ALEES? Originally the first Emerald Societies were a group of Irish sworn law enforcement personnel. As time has evolved, ALEES has realized there are civilian and retired law enforcement personnel who (continue) to live the heritage and culture of being in law enforcement. ALEES maintains the required percentage of Board members and active members with Irish Heritage to belong to the National Emerald Society and NCLEES. If you believe in the purpose of and support ALEES, then we would love to welcome you into our Irish home. If you are interested in participating in a few events each year that are designed to support law enforcement, recognize Irish heritage in law enforcement, and raise money for law enforcement personnel and their families, then this is the organization for you.

Attached is an application to join the Arizona Law Enforcement Emerald Society (ALEES). Please fill it out and you can e-mail it to [azemeraldSociety@gmail.com](mailto:azemeraldSociety@gmail.com), bring it to a monthly meeting or Emerald Society event, or contact the Emerald Society at [azemeraldSociety@gmail.com](mailto:azemeraldSociety@gmail.com) and we will provide a current mailing address for applications.

Thank you for your interest,

Erin Ring - Retired Civilian, Phoenix Police Department - President 2019

Kelly Sullivan – Trooper, Department of Public Safety – Vice President 2019

Kim Wyatt – Detective, Phoenix Police Department – Treasurer 2019

Peggy Cleveland – Civilian, Central Booking, Phoenix PD – Secretary 2019

Joel Ring – Officer, Phoenix Police Department – Sergeant at Arms 2019

Frank O'Halloran- retired Officer, Scottsdale PD – Historian 2019

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