

# ADOPT A HIGHWAY

## **STATE REPORT - ARIZONA**

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# THE PROGRAM

Permits are written requiring 3 to 4 cleanups per year. Two cleanups per year is the program minimum.

Permits are good for two years and can be renewed.

Two miles in both directions is ADOT's referred adoption length. One mile is the minimum allowed.

Paperwork includes:

- Permit application
- Volunteer Registration Form

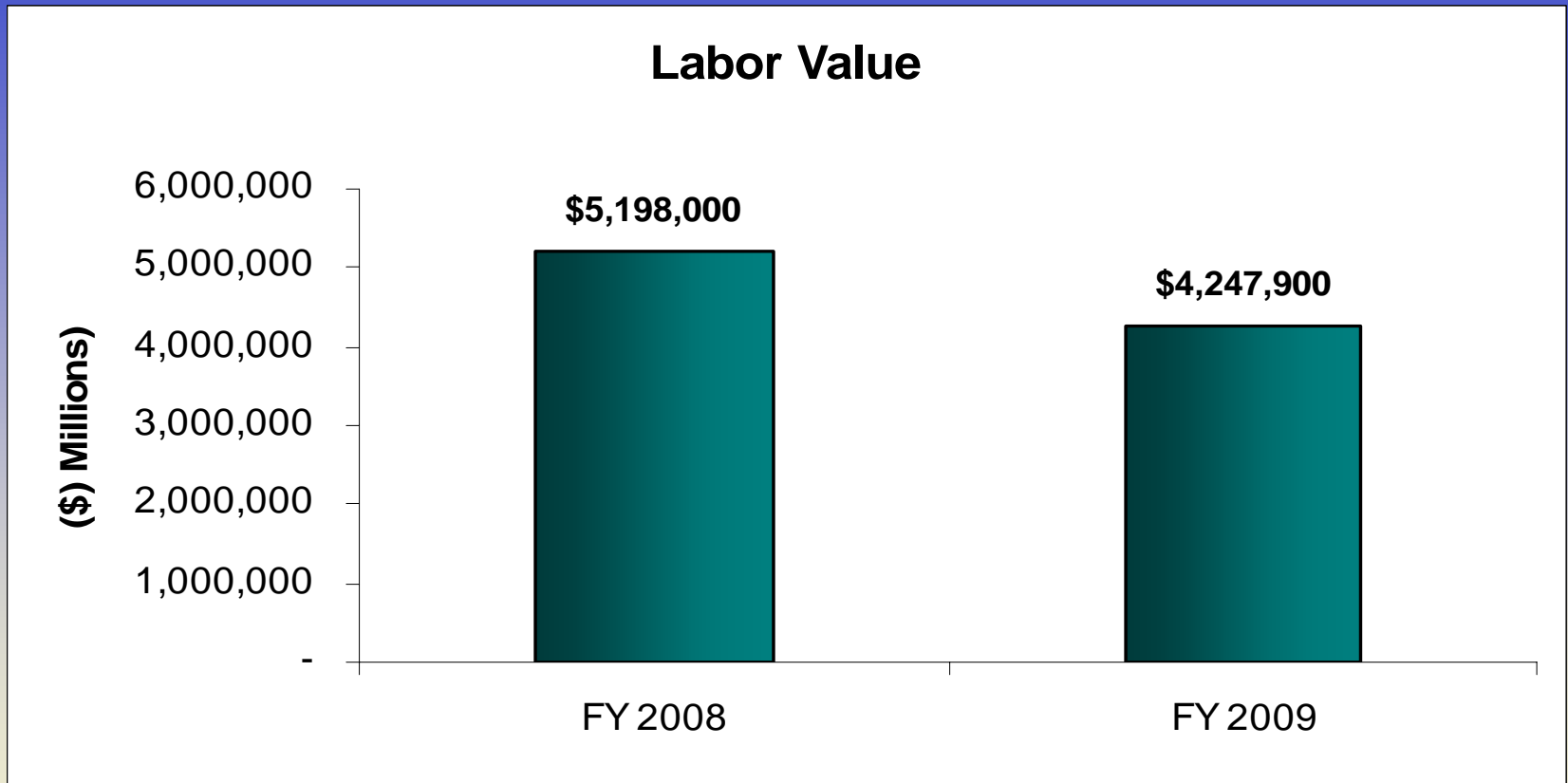


# THE NUMBERS

**Arizona has nearly 2000 volunteer groups.  
Number of groups are trending downward.**

- Average number of people in a group = 8**
- Average amount of time per cleanup = 2 hrs**
- Average # of labor hours = 16 hrs**

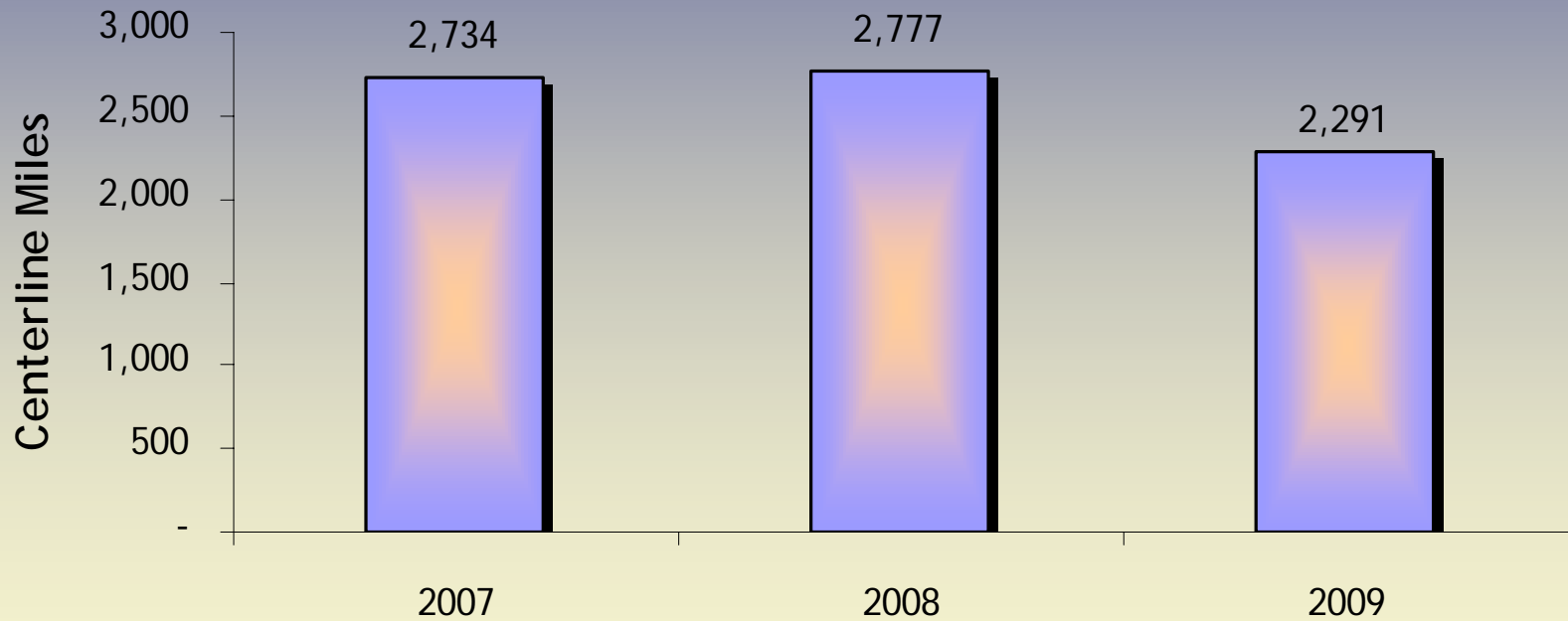
# VALUE OF VOLUNTEER TIME



The value of a volunteer labor hour in Arizona is estimated at \$18.73. The national estimate is \$20.25.

# MILES

## Adopt a Highway Volunteer Miles



# Program Challenges

November 2008:

AAH signs were put on hold to focus Traffic Engineering labor on safety and warning signs.

This meant that new groups wanting to volunteer were informed they could not have a recognition panel in the near future. Many groups declined to sign up.

Of the 159 new AAH groups in FY2009, only 34 have come on board since November 2008.

September 2009:

Districts run out of trash bags and safety vests. Districts cease taking new applications.

November 2009: Fab and install of highway signs to resume.

Approved for purchase of bags / vests for District distribution. No recognition items will be purchased with FY 10 Budget

**Received direction to revise AAH Policy (MGT 04-1) for sign design change and to require volunteers to purchase their own safety vests.**

# POLICY CHANGES

## STATE ENGINEERS OFFICE / TRAFFIC OPERATIONS –

- Volunteers to provide ANSI Class II labeled safety vests. If the Designated Office has vests on hand, they will distribute them. If not, information is to be provided to volunteers about obtaining their own. ADOT is not responsible for providing safety vests for AAH volunteers.
- There will be a change in the AAH Volunteer Sign Panel design and size specs. One post; two panels.

## AAH COORDINATOR / SURVEY RESULTS – A time limit during which a new group MUST complete at least ONE cleanup activity before they receive a recognition sign.

- Better clarification as to cleanup frequency; set aside scenic and/or historic roads for higher cleanup frequency.

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**WEBINAR ATTENDEES - I am desperate for ideas of ways to provide safety vests to volunteers without it costing ADOT. Please contact me offline on this issue.**