



TINIAN

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Who are we and how to we operate?

The Tinian Department of Public Safety is comprised of three Divisions, the Police Division, the Administrative Services Division, and the Division of Motor Vehicles. These divisions are currently headed by an Acting Resident Department Head (RDH). The Acting RDH is appointed by the Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan. Currently, the Acting RDH is a Police Sergeant from the Police Division.

The Police Division is headed by an Operations Commander who is tasked to oversee any and all police operations and twenty-five (25) Sworn Police Officers. These sworn officers range from the ranks of Police Officer 1 to Police Sergeants. Within the Police Division, there are four (4) sections and one (1) unit. These Sections are the Patrol Section, the Highway Patrol Section, the Boating Safety Section, and the Criminal Investigations Bureau. The one unit under the Police Division is the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Unit, also referred to as the Special Victims Unit. These Sections/Unit is commanded by a Section Commander. Section Commanders are tasked to oversee daily operations within their sections/unit. Below the Section Commanders are officers assigned to respond, investigate, enforce, or record any and all calls for police assistance.

The Administrative Services Division is headed by an Administrative Services Manager that oversees the daily operations within the Division. Below the Manager is a single administrative employee who is responsible for employee files, time keeping for all DPS employees, processing of government purchases, and keeping the department within budget spending. Because of these many duties, the Administrative Manager is also assigned to assist with all administrative tasks. The division also has a Trades Technician assigned to maintain all DPS vehicles within its fleet.

The Division of Motor Vehicle is headed by a Supervisor who oversees all daily operations within the Division. The division is tasked with issuing new driver's license and vehicle registrations, as well as renewing them. Currently there are two (2) employees under the Supervisor. All three employees are tasked with daily duties to ensure smooth operations within the division.

Below is the Tinian Department of Public Safety Organizational Chart

- Acting Resident Department Head – Sgt. Herbert C. Borja

- Police Division – Operations Commander Sgt. Elloy K. Fitial
 - ⇒ Patrol Section Commander – VACANT (Temporarily the Operations Commander)
 - ⇒ Highway Patrol Section Commander – POII Janel B. Aldan
 - ⇒ Boating Safety Section Commander – POIII Frank E. Santos
 - ⇒ Criminal Investigations Bureau Commander – POIII Anthony P. Borja
 - ⇒ Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Unit Officer-In-Charge – Sgt. Barbara K. Arend

- Administrative Services Division Manager – Ms. Agnes M. Borja

- Division of Motor Vehicles Supervisor – Mrs. Joan R. Cabrera



How are we doing?

With only 26 sworn police officers, and 6 non-sworn civilian employees, the Tinian Department of Public Safety is operating smoothly. Officers and civilian employees are assigned where they are most needed, maximizing the public services expected from our community. A bulk of our officers are assigned to uniformed assignments, which are crucial for officer safety and public requests for assistance. Moral and commitment is what each and every officer and employee strives for within the department. It is understood that each officer and employee must do their part to ensure that departmental goals are met.

Below are accomplishments, trainings, and items purchased to maintain departmental goals.

- Acquisition of 5 additional marked police vehicles from DPS Saipan
- Acquisition of a new vessel assigned to the Boating Safety Section for enforcement and rescue operations
- Acquisition of a new Highway Patrol vehicle by the National Highway Traffic Administration Grant through the Office of Highway Safety on Saipan
- Minor renovations to the DPS Front Desk
- Minor renovations to the toilet system and the installation of new air-condition units for the DPS Holding Facility
- Removal and replacement of all air-condition units that were damaged by Super Typhoon Yutu
- The purchase of much needed office furniture, such as office chairs
- On-the-job training on Saipan for 4 officers assigned to the Patrol Section
- Search and Seizure training for all police officers, conducted by the Honorable Judge Joseph Camacho of the CNMI Superior Court
- Metal Health First Aid training for police officers
- Supervisor training for all Police Division Commanders and Supervisors

What are the revenues and expenses?

FY2021 General Fund

Personnel.....	\$868,479.00
Travel.....	\$0
Equipment.....	\$0
Supplies.....	\$0
Communications.....	\$0
Utilities.....	\$75,000.00

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Grant

Occupant Protection/Child Restraint.....	\$25,831.00
Police Traffic Services.....	\$53,826.00
Impaired Driving (Alcohol & Drugs).....	\$34,300.00





What's next?

With additional funding from ARPA, the Department of Public Safety will ultimately increase its police presence in the community. More money means more activities. This means more frequent patrols, highway enforcement activities, and boating enforcement activities. This also means more training and equipment for officers to respond proficiently and fully equipped.

Other things we are looking forward to that are in the works:

- ⇒ Long awaited reallocation of officer positions. This means that the Department of Public Safety will now have a complete rank structure to work with.
- ⇒ Brand new Toyota Tacoma for the Boating Safety Section
- ⇒ Upgraded computer systems and software for officers and staff
- ⇒ Updated report writing system
- ⇒ REAL ID driver's license system

