



Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

Department of Public Safety

Mission and Vision Statement

The Members of the CNMI Department of Public Safety are dedicated to providing the highest quality public safety service in order to enhance community safety, protect life and property, and reduce crime and the fear of crime. To do this, we pledge to develop a partnership with the community, lead a community commitment to resolve problems, and improve the safety and quality of life in the Commonwealth.

Departmental Goals

- DPS is committed to delivering excellent service that helps to make the CNMI a safer place. In doing so, we will:
- Ensure our residents and visitors are at the heart of everything we do.
 - Be visible and accessible to the people and villages we serve.
 - Build public trust and confidence in the Department of Public Safety through our service and performance.
 - Work with our partners, stakeholders, and the community to reduce crime and the fear of crime, and where crime is committed, bring the offenders to justice.
 - Ensure that community contact and feedback helps to shape what we do and how we do it.
 - Develop a modern, flexible workforce that places as many officers as possible for policing and public safety.
 - Promote the value of equality and diversity in our role as a service provider and as an employer.
 - Promote a culture of leadership, accountability, and innovation within our organization.
 - Act with integrity to the highest professional standards of behavior.
 - Use our resources to the maximum benefit of the public.



Have a lawful approach towards law enforcement within the Marianas.



Carefully document and monitor crimes committed within the community.



Assisting community members by responding to emergency calls in a timely fashion.

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DPS Armory Section

- Upgraded all officers within DPS to the new 9mm Glock pistols.
- DPS Armory Continues to assist other CNMI Law Enforcement departments in getting re-certified while also conducting Mandatory Firearm Safety Education classes for new gun owners applying for Firearm permits within CNMI Jurisdiction.
- DPS Armory has also assisted a new vendor to be in compliance with the CNMI firearm vender law, which will allow them to operate in Saipan, Tinian, and Rota to sell firearms and ammunition.

Sex Offenders Registry (SOR) Training

- (4) personnel completed understanding the SORNA requirements for juvenile offenders.
- (12) Sex Offender Taskforce including the u. S. Marshal fugitive taskforce completed close-quarter battle training.

Accomplishments

- on Sept. 2022, SOR received an approval letter from the DOJ, SMART FY-2022 Support for Adam Walsh Act Implementation Grant Program.
- 2022 Deviant Guard: Conducted a three (3) day compliance checks of registered sex offenders

Data

- Total number of Registered Sex Offenders within the CNMI
- (8) Rota
- (13) Tinian
- (93) Saipan
- (35) currently at DOC

Verification/Compliance checks conducted for 2022

- Rota (34)
- Tinian (40)
- Saipan (327)

Criminal investigations bureau (CIB)

- CIB continues to work on numerous offenses which include felony (145), misdemeanor (263), and Juvenile (15).
- Family violence (116 in 2022 compared to 185 in 2021), General Crime (71 in 2022 compared to 104 in 2021)
- Property Crime (46 in 2022 compared to 82 in 2021)
- Drugs (15 comparable to the previous year of 15 as well)
- Sexual Assault (17 in 2022 compared to 31 in 2021)



Bureau of Motor Vehicle (BMV)

So far in 2022 BMV has processed:

- 300+ Government vehicles
- 303+ Imported vehicles
- 800+ commercial vehicles
- 1,240+ New vehicles
- 6,800+ Drivers License total
- 18,500+ Civilian vehicles

Boating Safety Section (BSS)

- Boating Safety Section responded to:
- A total of nineteen (19) boating-related calls compared to sixty-six (66) during the year 2021.
- Acquired a total of two (2) 27" foot Tornado Response Boats for the islands of Tinian and Rota.
- Upgraded the motors of the Impact rescue boats motor after +5,000 hours on the previous motors that have been in operation since 2017.

Highway safety office - national highway traffic safety administration programs

Training

various trainings and conferences were attended virtually by HSO and HP personnel:

- 2022 lifesavers conference
- 2022 kids in motion conference
- SFST instructor course
- 2022 Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) conference and the National Association of Women Highway Safety Leaders (NAWHSL) conference (Sept. 2022)

Community outreach event

occupant protection/child restraint

- Public outreach/courtesy car seat inspections so far.
- Three (3) in Rota
- Five (5) in Tinian

Personnel certification

- (52) Advance Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE)
- (2) SFST instructors certified (Aug. 2022)
- (146) Standardized Field Sobriety Technicians (SFST).
- (35) child passenger safety technicians
- (2) lead instructors (2) CPST instructors
- (2) CPST instructor candidate

Enforcement

impaired driving checkpoint

- Saipan (1)
- Rota (1)
- Tinian (1)

Pedestrian education/enforcement

- Saipan (1)

Click it or ticket checkpoint/covert enforcement/saturation patrol

- Saipan (5)/(7)
- Rota (9)/(8)
- Tinian (4)/(3)

Occupant protection/child restraint purchase assistance program

- Number of vouchers issued in 2022: 146
- In November 2021, HSO CPST lead instructor and CPST conducted (6) trainings to various car seat vendors on the proper selection of car seats for the child's age, height, weight, and developmental level to ensure parents and caregivers are well informed when making selections.
- The CNMI seat belt usage rate decreased from 96.43% in 2021 to 95.71% in 2022.
- The CNMI child restraint usage rate was at 80.42% in 2019. No child restraint surveys were conducted in 2020 and 2021 due to covid19 restrictions due to school closures. which are the main locations for surveys). In 2022, the rate is 82.98%

Administrative Division

Amount Allotted \$363,960.10

Amount Expended \$634,904.83

Total (\$270,944.73)

Administrative Division (ARPA)

Amount Allotted \$1,065,718.00

Amount Expended \$1,513,814.51

Total (\$448,096.51)

Commissioners Office

Amount Allotted \$75,052.23

Amount Expended \$3,162,552.27

Total (\$3,087,500.04)

Commissioners Office (ARPA)

Amount Allotted \$90,650

Amount Expended \$44,383.48

Total \$46,266.52

Motor Vehicle Division

Amount Allotted \$195,870

Amount Expended \$267,573.96

Total (\$71,703.96)

Motor Vehicle Division (ARPA)

Amount Allotted \$165,137

Amount Expended \$76,829.13

Total \$88,307.87

Police Division

Amount Allotted \$3,899,388

Amount Expended \$7,408,898.13

Total (\$3,509,510.13)

Police Division (ARPA)

Amount Allotted \$2,629,113

Amount Expended \$2,903,918.26

Total (\$274,805.26)

+ **Total Allotted** **\$8,484,888.33**
— **Total Expended** **\$16,012,874.57**
= **Total Difference** **(\$7,527,986.24)**

Department Challenges

The FY 2022 allocation for the DPS was \$8,484,888.33. Which was an increase compared to \$ 5,660,536 from the previous year, but it was still inadequate to cover the Department's total expenditures. The total amount of funding was insufficient to fund personnel costs; just as allocations for operational and utility charges. Operating costs include fuel charges for the Department's fleet, the cost of repairs and maintenance, the cost of communications, the cost of duty gear and uniforms, and so on. Additionally, the impact on the department due to the 2020 pandemic as a result of COVID-19 continues to affect the Department – it went beyond its approved budget as the department needed to cover wear and tear on vehicles. Other equipment being utilized for community patrol, funeral escorts, community outreach events, checkpoints, and traffic control, DPS continues to maintain daily operations of the department through the department's administrative services as well as community enforcement and patrol.



Department successes

- With the re-located BMV visitors are able to abide by the implemented social distancing protocols as well as having ample space while processing their renewals or taking their driver's test.
- The newly relocated DPS Firearms and Records office continues to aid visitors in speeding up their filing process, especially after the new area allowed a cashier's window to be added.
- Relocated the Highway Patrol Section's office to the former BMV office building to allow traffic investigators to conduct traffic investigations more efficiently, and to allow for a safer indoor area for any DUI sobriety tests.
- Improved and sustained inter-multi-agency response and communications efforts.