



# NORTHERN MARIANAS 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, DPS pledge to develop a partnership with the community, lead a commitment to resolve problems, and improve the safety and quality of life in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

## *Department Goals*

The DPS is committed to delivering excellent service that helps to make the CNMI a safer place. In doing so, we will:

- ⇒ Build public trust and confidence in the Department of Public Safety through our service and performance.
- ⇒ Ensure our residents and visitors are at the heart of everything we do.
- ⇒ Be visible and accessible to the people and villages we serve.
- ⇒ 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.

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## DPS Patrol Section

Received and Responded to:

- 1098 Disturbing the Peace
- 184 Assault and Battery
- 29 Assault with a Dangerous Weapon
- 113 Burglary and Theft
- 351 Thefts/Robberies (7)
- 24 Sexual Assault
- 12 Illegal Possession of Controlled substance
- 329 Other criminal response
- 332 other response (Non Criminal)
- 3766 Non Active Cases

**TOTAL: 6238**

## Highway Patrol Section

- 428 Auto Crashes
- 47 DUI Cases
- 03 Theft of Vehicle

**TOTAL: 478**

## Criminal Investigation Division

Investigated a total of:

- 702 Crimes against persons
- 225 Domestic related Cases
- 60 Sexual Assault related Cases
- 687 Crimes against Property
- 23 Narcotics related Cases
- 02 Firearms related Cases
- 295 cases forwarded to AG for prosecution



**Highway Safety Office  
NHSTA**

## Boating Safety Section

- 11 Distress Vessels
- 01 Stranded Paddle Boarder
- 01 Stranded Canoe
- 01 Capsized Vessel
- 02 Distress Swimmers
- 01 Distress Diver
- 02 Overdue Fishermen

**TOTAL: 19**

## Division of Motor Vehicles

So far in 2023 DMV has processed:

- 15,475 Civilian vehicles
- 384 Government vehicles
- 84 Commercial Vehicles/Heavy Equipment (Government)
- 909 Commercial Vehicles/Heavy Equipment
- 4,666 total Drivers Licenses Processing (New, Renewal, written and driving test)



## COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENT ENFORCEMENT

### Occupant Protection/Child Restraint National Seat Check:

- (74) car seats were inspected
- (55) were issued car seats

- Impaired Driving checkpoint: Saipan (7), Rota (2)
- Click It or Ticket checkpoint: Saipan (18) Rota (15), Tinian (0)
- Click It or Ticket saturation patrols/Covert operations: Saipan (6) covert operations\_Rota (5) saturation patrols

## PUBLIC EDUCATION

- OP/CR displayed ads/billboards and issued pamphlets at community outreach events.
- Impaired Driving (Alcohol & Drugs) – displayed ads/billboards and issued pamphlets at checkpoints.
- Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety/Distracted Driving Prevention/Impaired Driving Prevention/Occupant Protection & Child Restraint – created and placed advertisements over the radio, newspaper, television, and magazines for community awareness.
- New production and airing of various Highway Safety educational ads for radio stations, television, & movie theater.



## PERSONNEL CERTIFICATION

- (3) Certified/ (0) Active Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Technicians
- (52) Advance Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE)
- (113) Certified / (91) Active Advance Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE)
- (147) Certified/ (114) Active Standardized Field Sobriety Technicians (SFST)
- (45) Child Passenger Safety Technicians
- (2) Lead Instructors (1) CPST Instructors

# 2023 Financial Report

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<u>DESCRIPTION OF EXPENSES</u>	<u>AMOUNT ALLOTTED</u>	<u>AMOUNT EXPENDED</u>
Commissioners Office	\$262,864.94	\$124,649.70
Division of Motor Vehicles	\$238,124.15	\$224,840.54
Administration Division	\$450,811.00	\$399,578.23
Police Division	\$6,595,001.34	\$6,800,181.92
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$7,546,801.43</b>	<b>\$7,549,250.39</b>
<b>Difference:</b>		<b>\$ -2,448.96</b>

## NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION FEDERAL ASSISTANCE

	Grant Award Number	Amount Awarded	Expended	Carry-over to FFY2024
BIL NHTSA S. 402 – Community Safety Grants (FFY23)	69A37523300004020 MPO	\$963,713.75	-0-	\$963,713.75
Supplemental BIL NHTSA S. 402 (FFY23)	69A3752230SUP4020 MPO	\$53,685.00	-0-	\$53,685.00
(Prior Years Carry-Over)	FAST Act S. 402, 405b, 405c, BIL S. 402, Supplemental BIL S. 402	\$1,635,505.20	\$903,940.07	\$731,565.13
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$2,652,903.95</b>	<b>\$903,940.07</b>	<b>\$1,748,963.88</b>

### Post Pandemic Expenditures:

⇒ A large portion of the allotted budget for fiscal year 2023 was prioritized for personnel salary.

⇒ Second to salary was operational cost. A large expenditure for gas and vehicle maintenance for all DPS Fleet.

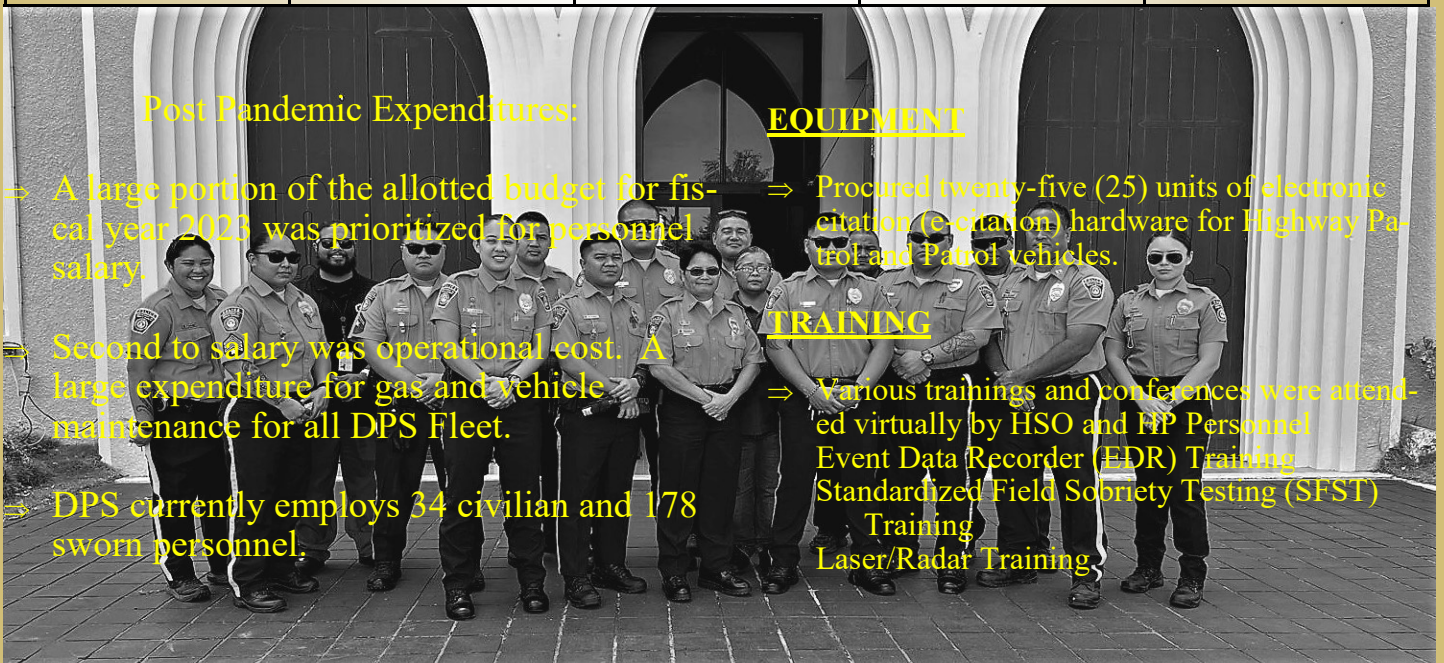
⇒ DPS currently employs 34 civilian and 178 sworn personnel.

### EQUIPMENT

⇒ Procured twenty-five (25) units of electronic citation (e-citation) hardware for Highway Patrol and Patrol vehicles.

### TRAINING

⇒ Various trainings and conferences were attended virtually by HSO and HP Personnel  
Event Data Recorder (EDR) Training  
Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST) Training  
Laser/Radar Training





**HOW CHALLENGES WERE ADDRESSED:**

### Division of Police

- Issue compliance warnings and citations for BSS boarding enforcement
- Proposing to restructure the Criminal Investigation Bureau into two major sections with the exception of the Drug Enforcement Task Force: Crimes Against Property and Crimes Against Persons

- Support from DPS Division of Administration

### Bureau of Motor Vehicles

- Continued collaboration with U.S. DHS

### Division of Administration

- Re-assessments on communications and internet connectivity
- Share and provide assistance with computer use and printing for those in need during daytime office hours
- Consider to purchase and network a high-volume multifunction printer for centralized printing, saving costs on purchasing multiple printers and consumables
- Working with Procurement office for the purchase of license plates

## Challenges:

### Division of Police

- ◆ Equip all police personnel with high-quality law enforcement gear and high caliber armor
- ◆ Outdated computers with obsolete operating systems to be compatible with software for daily operations
- ◆ Providing non-essential services with limited police manpower and the need to recall officers for overtime work
- ◆ Compliance with boat numbering of privately owned boats
- ◆ Launching Boating Safety boats on the East for emergency response
- ◆ Boating Safety trainings and certifications
- ◆ Repairs and labor of police fleet due to the lack of certified mechanics, non-availability of parts, and funding
- ◆ Considerable increase in volume of burglaries, theft, sexual assault, and domestic violence cases reported weekly
- ◆ Time restrictions on CIB daily operation
- ◆ Limited frontline and investigative manpower
- ◆ Manpower

### Bureau of Motor Vehicles

- ◆ Resume issuance of REAL ID driver's license
- ◆ Order of license plate inventory

### Division of Administration

- ◆ Vacancies: Local and federally funded positions including Police Cadets and state share match requirement
- ◆ No internet service connection at some DPS satellite offices affecting online communication and work efficiency
- ◆ Funding to equip all offices and report writing room with updated computers, software, and printers
- ◆ Funding for REAL ID

