



# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY ROTA, CNMI



*Dipattamenton Polisian Luta*

*“To Serve and Protect”*

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## MISSION

The mission of the *Dipattamenton Polisian Luta* is committed and dedicated to enhance the quality of life in the community by working in partnership with the people to enforce the law, preserve peace, protect the people, reduce fear, and maintain order while ensuring dignity and respect to every citizen we encounter.

## VISION

The *Dipattamenton Polisian Luta* strives to foster a safe and fair community by incorporating Community Policing into all facets of department operations, and solve the problems that create crime and disorder through an interdependent relationship between the people and its police, and by pioneering strategic innovation.

## GOALS

The *Dipattamenton Polisian Luta* is committed to protect the lives and property of our fellow citizens and visitors, and impartially enforce the law; fight crime, both by preventing it and aggressively pursuing violators of the law; maintain a higher standard of integrity than is generally expected of others because so much is expected of us; and value human life, respect the dignity of each individual and render our services with courtesy and civility.



**“The *Dipattamenton Polisian Luta* consists of two operations with various sections working in harmony to ensure the continued safety of life and property on Rota.”**

## **POLICE OPERATIONS**

**Commander: Captain Jarrod T. Manglona**



**PATROL SECTION:** *The officers within the Patrol Section serve as the backbone of the department. It is the largest and most visible section in the department, overseeing our Luta community. The section, commanded by Sgt. Clair Calvo, is divided into four shifts. Each shift consist of three officers serving the community 24 hours per day, 7 days a week which cover the entire island. Each shift is responsible for the safety of our residents, workers, and visitors while enforcing the law, preserving peace, and reducing fear, and working in partnership with the communities they serve. In addition, Patrol officers participate in various community-oriented events in an effort to deter crimes and maintain peace.*

**HIGHWAY PATROL SECTION:** *The Highway Patrol Section is responsible for the safety and security of motorists, passengers, pedestrians, and cyclists on the streets and highways throughout the island and manages traffic control. They are nationally trained and certified traffic crash investigators and as Child Passenger Safety Technicians. Also, they conduct their annual DUI/Sobriety Checkpoint, and Occupant Protection and Child Restraint Checkpoint. In addition, under the grant of Highway Safety, one officer was sent to Seattle, Washington and the other to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma for Highway Safety Outreach Program Conferences. Sgt. Gabriel Manglona is the commander for the section.*



**CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION SECTION:** *Led by Sgt. Chloe Hocog, the detectives are responsible for the prevention, detection, and investigation of crime. Detective work is highly specialized, usually encompassing the examination and evaluation of evidence to apprehend suspects and to build solid cases against them. The section ensures that each one of its commands conducts solid, high-quality investigations in a timely manner and that each investigation is handled efficiently, with dedication and professionalism. In addition, the detectives participated in training events sponsored by the Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence. Other trainings include, Trauma - Informed Sexual Assault Investigations and Mental Health First Aid.*

**TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT & ARMORY SECTION:** *The section is headed by Lt. Tito A. Hocog, II. The Training and Development section provides uniformed officers with the most up-to-date academic, law enforcement trainings and tactical operations, and technological information available, transforming our officers into the best trained, most prepared law enforcement professionals on the island. While the Armory Section aims to ensure that our officers possess or carry firearms, rifles or shotguns, are certified or recertified, and do so in a safe and responsible manner. We work to ensure that our officers adhere to all rules and regulations governing their certification. We are confident that all our officers certified, have those goals in mind.*







**COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SECTION:** *This section plays a critical role in the department's refocused approach to achieving and sustaining gains against crime by strengthening community relationships and trust. The officers assigned to this section partners with community leaders, civic organizations, and concerned citizens to educate them on police policies and practices, and to develop solutions to challenges that arise within the island's many diverse citizens. The section is at an infancy stage where we need to send officers for training for Community Policing to get the section more actively running. Effective community policing has a positive impact on reducing crime and enhancing the quality of life in a community.*



## **SPECIAL OPERATIONS**

**Commander: Captain Noel M. Calvo**

**BOATING SAFETY SECTION:** *Boating Safety Section is led by Sgt. Perry K. Mesngon. Boating Safety officers are specially trained in water and dive rescue and recovery. They are responsible to respond to any water borne incidents, illegal drugs and human trafficking, and assist the U.S. Coast Guard and U.S. Homeland Security. They conduct numerous educational and safety presentations to the school, fishing, boating, and recreational community. In addition, the section took part in a training conducted by the U.S. Coast Guard in regards to Oil Spilled on Rota. Also, the section faces challenges. Every now and then, the vessel engine will breakdown and needs maintenance. Engines needs to be replace.*



**SPECIAL INVESTIGATION SECTION:** *Sgt. Shaw Taisacan is the Officer-In-Charge of this section. They handle Intelligence and Narcotics, and work in partnership with the CNMI Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) Task Force, Local and U.S. Marshals, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Homeland Security, and the U.S. Coast Guard. The objective of SIS is to thwart potential criminal or terrorist plots. To that end, SIS deploys its investigators to collect, synthesize, and analyze information about individuals or groups believed to be engaged in unlawful activity. Lately, this section had been active in preventing Chinese Nationals from entering Guam illegally. They assist Guam Customs and Guam Fire Department in monitoring the individuals or groups from illegal entry to Guam.*

**SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER SECTION:** *The section is headed by Police Officer II Janry Santos. The SRO are assigned to the island's lone Junior/Senior High School. They work with the island's Education system to provide a safe environment that is conducive to learning, and a place where students, faculty, and other personnel can be free from any hostility or disruptions. In addition, they provide guidance and mentorship through face-to-face interactions and other educational presentations. Also, they serve as direct access for other sections to conduct educational presentations for various programs. The department is working on sending at least two officers for the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program training to implement the program at the elementary level.*







**RAPID RESPONSE TEAM SECTION:** *This section responds to island-wide mobilizations, civil disorders, and major events with highly trained personnel, and specialized weapons and equipments. They are also deployed to areas requiring an increased police presence due to increased crime or other conditions. With multiple missions that include disorder response, crime suppression, and crowd control, RRT section has proven to be a critical asset during events like fiestas, parades, protests, sporting events, and VIP visits. RRT also mobilizes for shootings, bank robberies, missing persons, demonstrations, rescue efforts, or other significant incidents. In addition, they assist our federal partners such as serving arrest or search warrant, and parole violations.*



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**Officer-In-Charge: Lieutenant Manuel C. Atalig**

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## Community Events and Partnerships

The *Dipattamenton Polisian Luta* is proud to support other government agencies and non-profit organization in their efforts to spread awareness and prevention.

- *Child Abuse, Neglect, and Sexual Assault Prevention*
- *Domestic Violence Awareness*
- *Teen Dating Violence Awareness*
- *Suicide Prevention*
- *Cancer Awareness*
- *Parent Leadership*
- *Annual Coastal Clean-Up*
- *Police Officers' Memorial'*
- *Coconut Festival*
- *Gilita Festival*
- *Local Fishing Derby*
- *Bisita Luta*
- *Parish Fiestas*







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# PHYSICAL FITNESS

## *Fit To Lead*

Health and Wellness is the key to ensuring that an officer is operating at their most effective potential. After COVID 19, we learned that our physical, mental, and emotional well-being needs to be addressed. The *Dipattamenton Polisian Luta* revamped its physical fitness program and implemented a training program that focused on improving mind, body, and heart.



## How Are We Doing?

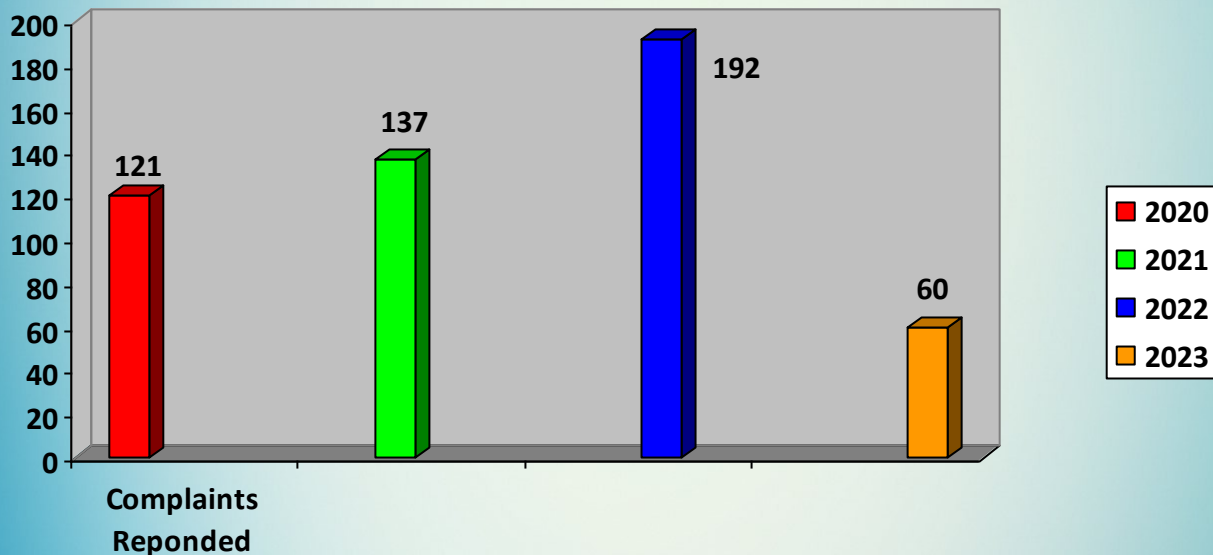
### FULL-TIME PERSONNEL

As of 9/11/23:	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Officers (Sworn Personnel):	53	35
Civilian Personnel:	04	04
Total:	57	39

The *Dipattamenton Polisian Luta*, today, maintains a personnel strength of 39 employees. The *Dipattamenton Polisian Luta* will continue to grow, adapt, and evolve as we provide the highest level of service and protection to our residents and the visitors who enjoy our beautiful island. We strive to uphold our oath to the community, "TO SERVE AND PROTECT".

### PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT

The data on the chart illustrates the number of complaints responded to by the officers, comparing responses from 2020 to present.



The data below illustrates the number of responses by the Boating Safety Section, comparing responses from 2022 to present.

<u>Response Type</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
<i>Distress Vessel</i>	11	03
<i>Run-Aground</i>	00	00
<i>Search/Rescue</i>	03	03
<i>Overdue Fisherman</i>	04	01
<i>Drowning/Near Drowning</i>	01	00
<i>Vessel Inspection</i>	00	07
<i>Stop and Board Enforcement</i>	00	02
<i>Under Water UXO</i>	00	00
<i>Escort Services</i>	12	01
<i>Other Water-Related Services (Outreach/Derby)</i>	01	08

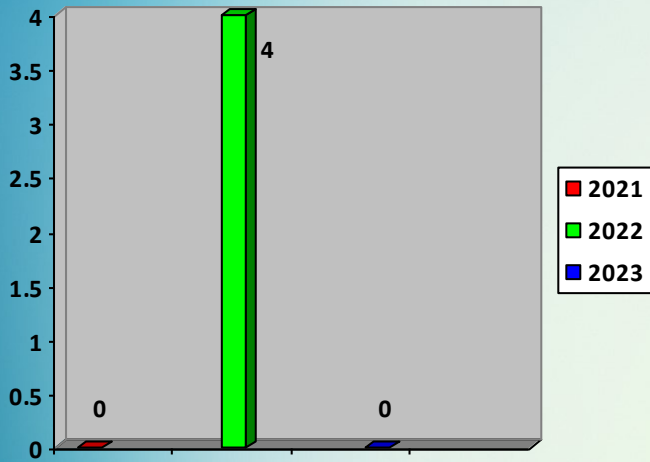


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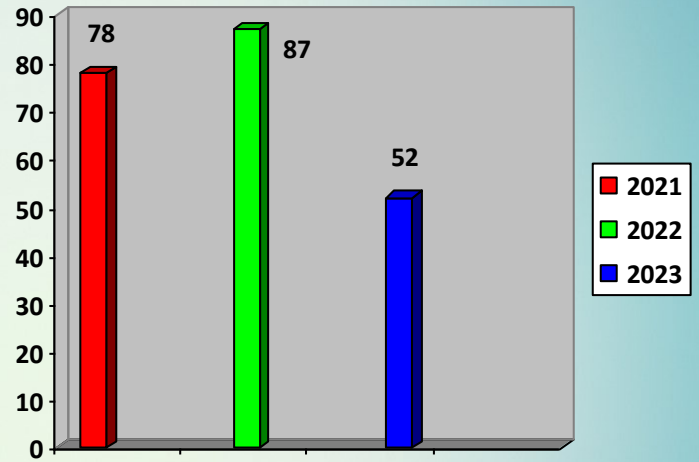
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The following data on the chart illustrates the increase/decrease on Occupant Protection/Child Restraint Enforcement and usage rates from 2021 to present.

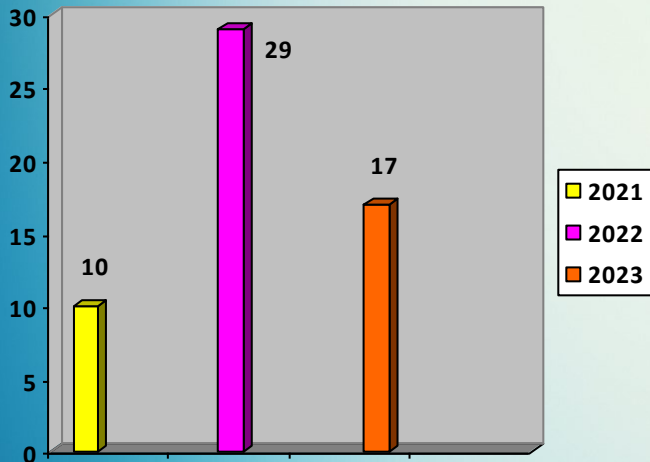
Child Restraint Citations by Year



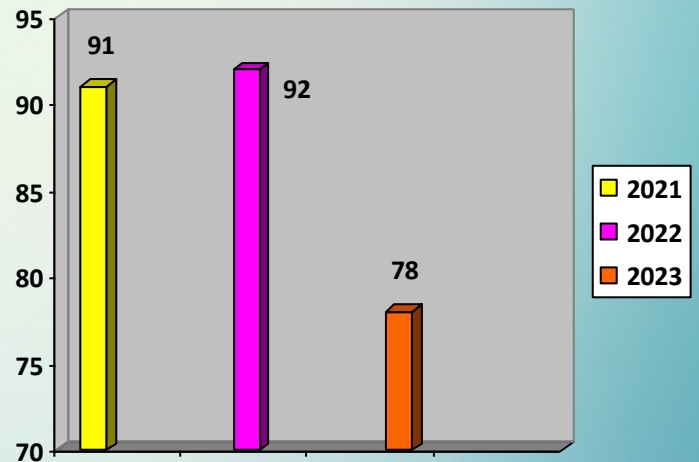
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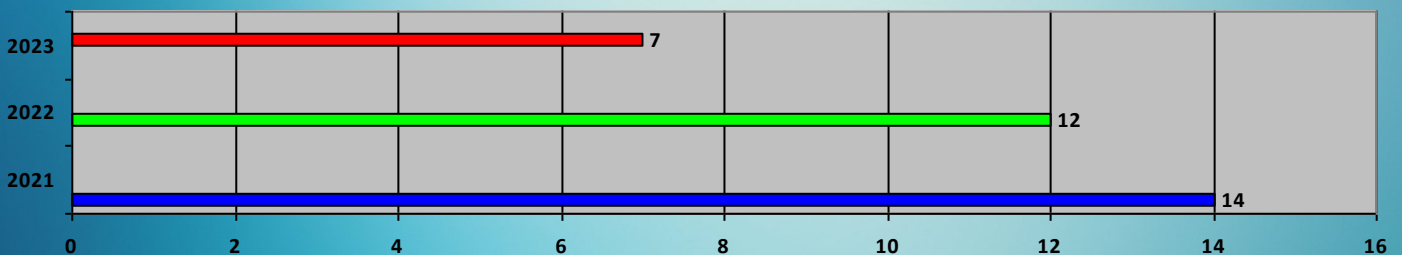
Seatbelts Citations by Year



Seatbelts Usage Rate



Traffic Crashes





## How Are We Doing?

### EXPENSES FOR FY 2022 and FY 2023

The following data illustrates the amount of funds allocated to the department for FY 2022.

PL 22-08		ARPA	GENERAL FUND	TOTAL
# of Employees	57			
Personnel		\$879,664.00	\$1,408,521.00	\$2,288,185.00
Operations		\$8,710.00	\$208,488.00	\$217,198.00
	<b>Total</b>	\$888,354.00	\$1,617,009.00	\$2,505,383.00

The following data illustrates the amount of funds allocated to the department for FY 2023.

PL 22-22		ARPA	GENERAL FUND	TOTAL
# of Employees	57			
Personnel		\$0.00	\$1,257,551.00	\$1,257,551.00
Operations		\$0.00	\$12,576.00	\$12,576.00
	<b>Total</b>	\$0.00	\$1,270,127.00	\$1,270,127.00

### FUTURE CHALLENGES AND OUTLOOK

The *Dipattamenton Polisian Luta* overall expends 100% of the fiscal year budget on personnel costs which include salaries, benefits, and overtime. In addition, the cost of operations are insufficient, this includes fuel for operations, maintenance of vehicles, and other critical equipments to efficiently run the department. This has led to decrease in patrol and highway operations, and boating operations.

**Manpower Challenges:** The *Dipattamenton Polisian Luta* manpower depleted due to sworn officers resigning seeking employment elsewhere. The great majority of these vacated positions are currently being filled by sworn officers in lesser ranks, and without a promotion program in direct support of an elevated recruitment program, sworn officers are not receiving just compensation for the duty they perform and the increased responsibility they are expected to fulfill. The lack of an efficient promotion program in department has led to a substantial number of positions being under filled or being performed as a collateral duty and added responsibility across the sworn officer ranks in the department.

In the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Proposal, ten (10) FTE's had been requested to efficiently operate the department so that public safety and security of the community will not be jeopardized. The increase in sworn personnel will also reduce the overtime work performed when duty is distributed among those who complete certification training.

**Future Outlook:** The *Dipattamenton Polisian Luta* will continue to accomplish and perform their duties and responsibilities through change and efficiency of operations. However, Fiscal Year 2024 Budget appropriations continue to fall short of the department's submission. The *Dipattamenton Polisian Luta's* submission of the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget proposals are detailed projections of activities that if left unfunded, it will impact our ability to meet goals and objectives and the overall protective services we provide.

Nonetheless, our sworn officers understand that sacrifices must be made in order to protect life and property, prevent crimes and the fear of crime, and to promote safer LUTA/ROTA.