



Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Department of Public Safety

Mission and Vision Statement

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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

The 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.



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



Carefully document and monitor crimes committed within the community.



Have a lawful approach towards law enforcement within the Marianas.



Highway Patrol Section (HPS)

- Responded to 1,208 vehicle crashes.
- Made 138 DUI arrests
- Issued 3,025 traffic citations
- Conducted 11 Sobriety Checkpoints
- Conducted 6 Occupant Protection/ Child Restraint checkpoints.
- Conducted 14 Standalone Checkpoints
- Performed 7 Saturation Patrol
- Participated in 34 Outreach Activities (10 Radio talk shows, 8 Community Events, 13 School Visits, 3 Car Seat Check Up Event.
- Conducted 285 traffic escorts (263 –funeral, 22 Misc. Community events)
- Responded to 18 Vehicle Theft Cases (16– recovered, 2—pending)

Highway Safety Office—National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Program:

Child Restraint Purchase Assistance Program

(CRPAP) Number of vouchers issued:

2022-XX Vouchers

2023- XX Vouchers

Community Outreach:

- Occupant Protection/Child Restraint at Fishing Base, Garapan.
- Issued 3,025 traffic citations

Certifications:

- (X) Drug Recognition Experts (DRE)
- (XX) Advance Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE)
- (XXX) Standard Field Sobriety Technicians (SFST).
- (XX) Child Passenger Safety Technicians
- 7 Child Seat Fitting Station (5-Saipan, 1-Tinian, 1-Rota)
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Boating Safety Section (BSS)

- Conducted 220 Vessel Inspection
- Issued 66 Vessels Citation
- Responded to 22 Vessel Calls (Distress-15, Aground-2, Sunken-3, Drifted Vessel-2)
- Responded to 10 Swimmer Related Calls (Near Drowning-3, Drowning-3, Overdue Swimmer 3, Missing Fisherman-1)
- Participated on 20 School Education & Public Education Displays

Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program

- Conducted 647 Level 1 CMV Inspections (230 were placed out of service)
- Conducted 56 Level 2 CMV Inspections (25 were placed out of service)
- 63 Level 3 CMV Inspection

Bureau of Motor Vehicle (BMV)

From October 2023 –September 2024

- 586 New Vehicle Registration
- Recorded 383 Vessels (330 Recreational, 53 Commercial)
- Issued 4,490 Driver’s Licenses (1,610 New License, 2,861 Renewals, 19 Taxi License)

Records & Firearms Section

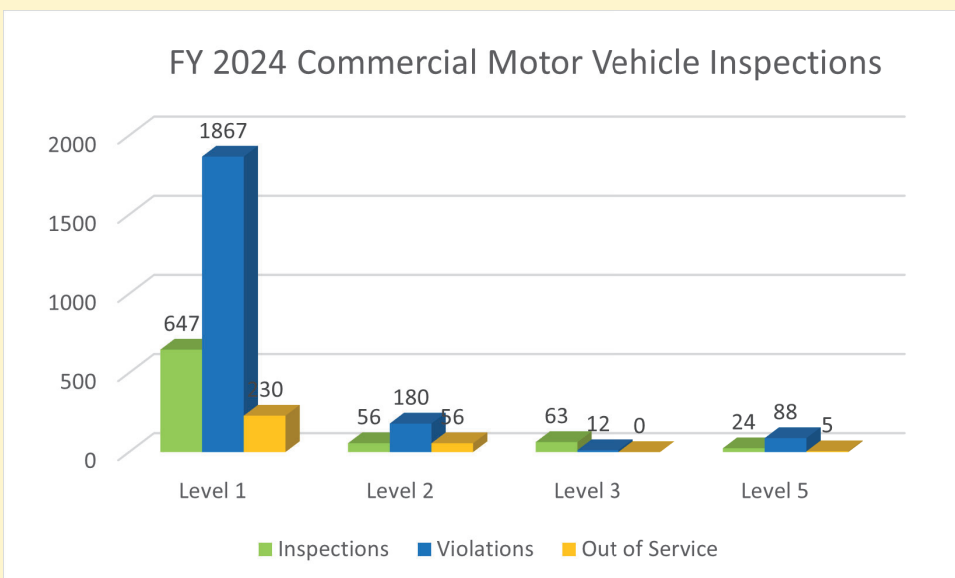
From October 2023 –September 2024

- Issued 118 New Firearms license
- 204 Firearms renewal of firearms license

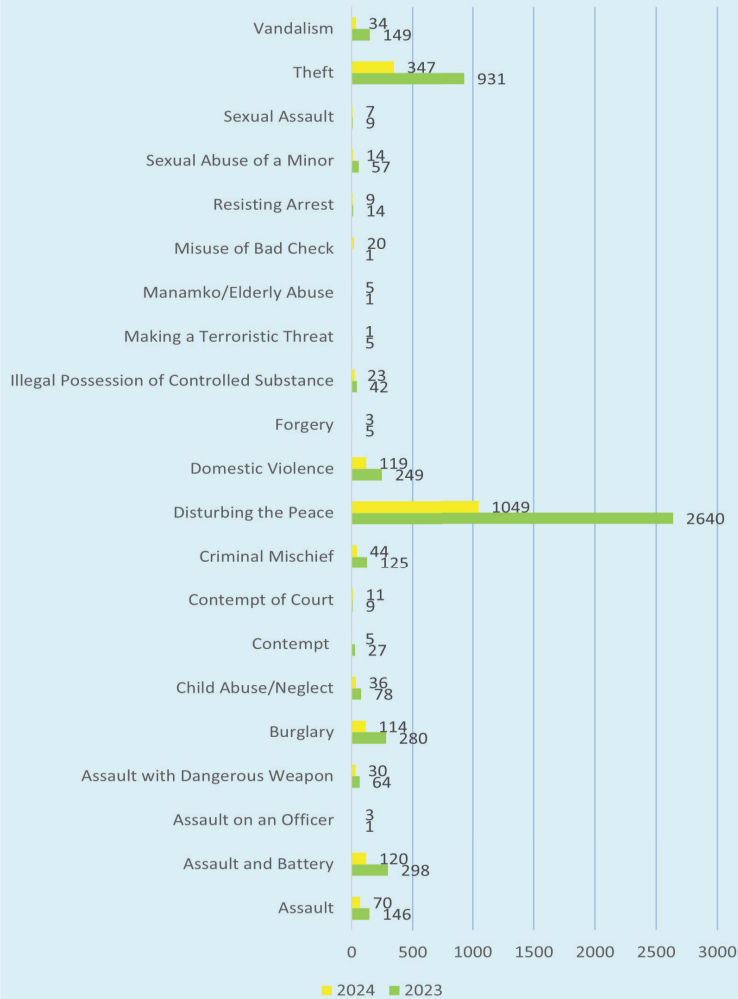
Criminal Investigation Bureau

From October 2023 –September 2024

- 36 Property related case forwarded for prosecution
- 127 Persons related cases



Top Crimes Committed within the CNMI



911 Dispatch

Received 9,168 calls

- 4750 Active Calls
- 4068 Disregarded Calls
- 16 Service Calls

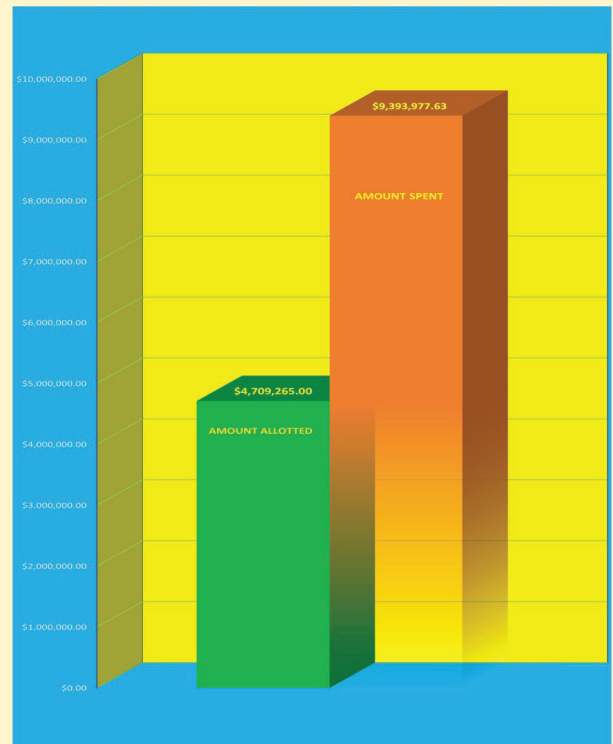
Training & Development

Officer's & Staff received training

- Attorney Generals Office
- Community Guidance Center
- Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
- Homeland Security Investigation (HSI)
- Louisiana State University NCBRT
- Northern Mariana Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- Northern Marianas College UCEDD
- Texas A&M TEEX

What are the Expenses?

Description of Expense	Amount Allotted	Amount Expended	Balance
DPS Commissioners Office	\$117,351.00	\$21,154.75	\$96,196.25
DPS Motor Vehicle Division	\$211,717.00	\$212,847.08	\$-1,130.08
DPS Administration Division	\$357,197.00	\$371,398.37	\$-14,201.37
DPS Police Division	\$4,023,000.00	\$4,272,795.72	\$-249,795.72
Total:	\$4,709,265.00	\$4,878,195.92	\$-168,930.72



Challenges:

- Zero funding for operations
- Urgent need for a new Records Management System
- Urgent need for e911 and Computer Aided System (CADS)
- Removal of Full Time Employment positions (accumulates overtime, employee burnout and hampers public safety and security)
- Permanent office for Criminal Investigation Bureau
- Funding for REAL ID Program
- Replacement of Outdated desktop computers
- Repairs and maintenance of operational fleet (funding)
- Providing high-quality law enforcement gear and high caliber armor plates
- Recruitment and Retainment of Police Officers
“Unattractive compensation”
- Mental Health Programs for Sworn Officers
- Communications upgrade
- Replacement of vehicles used to tow trailers for vessels (Boating Safety)



Highlights/Success

- CUC accounts reconciled and arrears paid
- Reinforced partnership with Federal Law Enforcement Agencies
- Re-established White Collar Crime Task Force
- Re-established Tourism Oriented Policing Services (Koban Bike Patrol)
- Re-established San Roque substation
- Overtime Control
- Integrated frontline service to maximize community policing and traffic enforcement
- Improved training attendance, completion, and accountability
- Improved inter-multi-agency law enforcement response and coordination efforts
- Amber Alert preliminary planning and preparation (Technical Assistance Program) National Institute of Justice (NIJ)
- Hiring of a Bureau of Motor Vehicles Director

