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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.



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.

Department 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 work force 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.



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BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES

BMV has processed:

- 12,654 Drivers Licenses Processing (New, Renewal, written and driving test)
- 18,812 Civilian vehicles
- 101 Government vehicles
- 42 Commercial Vehicles/Heavy Equipment (Government)
- 255 Commercial Vehicles/Heavy Equipment
- 310 Water Vessel Registered

FIREARMS AND RECORDS

- 116 New Firearms License
- 244 Renewal of License

MARINE PATROL SECTION

- 08 Distress Vessels
- 01 Stranded Surfer
- 04 Drowning
- 05 Distress Swimmers
- 04 Overdue Fishermen

TOTAL: 22

HIGHWAY PATROL SECTION

- ◆ 1,009 Auto Crashes
- ◆ 98 Impaired Driving Cases
- ◆ 07 Theft of Vehicle
- ◆ **TOTAL: 1,114**
- ◆ 1885 Citations Issued
- ◆ 280 Traffic Escorts/Control
- ◆ 39 Outreach Events
- ◆ 17 Sobriety Checkpoints
- ◆ 3 OP/CR Checkpoints
- ◆ 5 Standalone Checkpoints
- ◆ 7 Saturation Patrols
- ◆ 6 Covert Operations

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

Investigated a total of:

- 472 Crimes against persons
- 364 Domestic related Cases
- 57 Sexual Assault related Cases
- 660 Crimes against Property
- 84 Narcotics related Cases
- 05 Firearms related Cases
- 240 cases forwarded to AG for prosecution

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT SECTION (CVES)

- ◆ Officers conducted 822 Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV's) Inspections. Out of the 822 inspections 162 CMV's were placed Out-Of-Service and removed from our roadways..
- ◆ 2 Officers attended the North American Standard certification
- ◆ 3 Officers attended the Passenger Vehicle certification
- ◆ 292 Traffic Enforcement Activities
- ◆ 52 Speed Enforcement
- ◆ 111 High Visibility Enforcement
- ◆ 87 Work Zone Enforcement
- ◆ 29 Strike Force Operations
- ◆ 128 Public Education Activities
- ◆ 1 CMV Operators Safety Briefing
- ◆ 4 Educational Safety Event
- ◆ 1 Program Manager hired
- ◆ 2 Officers attended the Hazardous Material certification
- ◆ 2 Attended the MCSAP Planning Meeting
- ◆ 3 Officers attended the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) meeting
- ◆ FY 2024 MCSAP Grant Awarded
- ◆ FY 2025 MCSAP Grant Awarded



ARMORY AND RANGE

- ◆ 2 Certified Firearm Instructor, which will be expiring on 2026.
- ◆ 181 sworn Officers, 177 successfully completed Annual Firearm Certified, 4 pending Certification due to Medical Statues
- ◆ Conducted Class on Civilian Safety Education to 129 new civilian gun owners.
- ◆ Inspected One Civilian Shooting Range.
- ◆ Inspected Two Gun Dealer Businesses.
- ◆ Attended Leadership Development Training in Georgia at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC).
- ◆ Completed the update Firearm/Range Standard Operating Procedure.

NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION NHTSA

COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENT

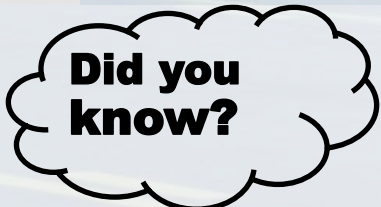
Occupant Protection/Child Restraint

National Seat Check:

- (105) car seats inspected
- (109) Car Seat voucher issues

PERSONNEL CERTIFICATION

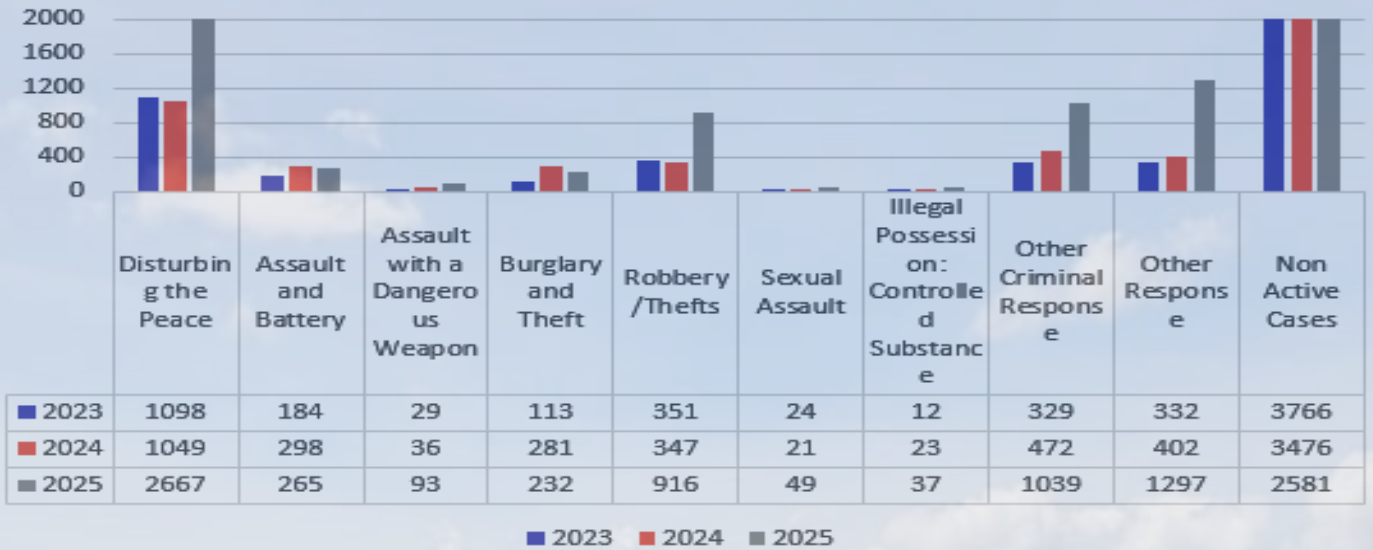
- (88) Active Advance Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE)
- (72) Active Standardized Field Sobriety Technicians (SFST)
- (59) Child Passenger Safety Technicians
- (23) Lead Instructors CPST
- (1) Traffic Investigation Reconstruction certified
- (30) Crash/Traffic Homicide Investigation
- (3) Drone Technicians Certification (FAA CFR 107)
- (1) Motorcycle Instructor



DPS Employees:
146 Sworn
41 Civilian

Total Number of response:
10,207
Active/Disregarded Criminal complaints,
Traffic related incidents, and others.

Top Reoccurring Offenses for Year 2023, 2024, and 2025



The expenses

<u>DESCRIPTION OF EXPENSES</u>	<u>AMOUNT ALLOTTED</u>	<u>AMOUNT EXPENDED</u>	
Commissioners Office	\$60,845.00	\$85,465.59	
		\$608.94	(OPA 1%)
		\$600,000	(Authorized by Governor)
Total:	\$60,845.00	\$686,074.53	- \$625,229.53
Division of Motor Vehicles	\$239,333.00	\$188,391.10	
		\$2750.50	(OPA 1%)
Total:	\$239,333.00	\$194,209.98	\$45,123.02
Administration Division	\$402,313.00	\$393,533.44	
		\$4,727.48	(OPA 1%)
Total:	\$402,313.00	\$398,260.92	\$4,052.08
Police Division	\$4,728,772.00	\$5,113,405.48	
		\$54,713.27	(OPA 1%)
Total:	\$4,728,772.00	\$5,168,118.75	- \$439,346.75

DEPARTMENT CHALLENGES

- ◆ The FY 2025 allocation for the DPS was \$4,728,772. Comparably equal to \$4,709,265.00 from the previous year. This is still inadequate to cover the Department's total expenditures. The total amount of funding was insufficient to fund personnel costs for Police Division; 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 forth.
- ◆ Retainment remains a big challenge. The department continues to lose officers who are attracted to higher paying jobs.
- ◆ An increase in the number of cases received by CIB remains pending because of manpower shortage.
- ◆ No increase in salary for the last 5 years.
- ◆ Zero funding for operations.
- ◆ Outdated computers with obsolete operating systems to be compatible with software for daily operations.



HIGHLIGHTS/SUCCESS

- ◆ Real ID Compliant (May 2025)
- ◆ 24 Police Officer 1 positions filled
- ◆ Overtime Control
- ◆ Hiring of a full-time PIO: This allows the department to disseminate pertinent information to the public to keep the community informed and aware of certain incidents/ cases/ investigations that are ongoing. The PIO releases information to the public to help eliminate any rumors or false information that may be going around.
- ◆ \$75,000 appropriated for operations through H.B. No. 23-68.
- ◆ Over \$212,000 in assistance and small grants from Australia Federal Police in Collaboration with the Pacific Islands Chiefs of Police Program. Assistance received in forms of training and equipment, to enhance capability development.
- ◆ Equip all police personnel with high-quality law enforcement gear and high caliber armor.
- ◆ Recommending upgrade on all duty firearms sights to tritium sights and rifle optics for duty-issued long guns.
- ◆ Reassess non-essential fees.
- ◆ Overall goal of the MCSAP section is to maintain a zero fatality rate throughout 2025-2026 by maintaining the safe transportation of passengers and goods on our highways.

