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Dear Dr. Manning:

Hafa Adai and warm greetings from the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The CNMI is honored to submit the Fiscal Year “2011 Highway Safety Plan”. The content of this Plan represents the approved program areas as established by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the CNMI’s traffic safety needs for Fiscal Year 2011.

On behalf of the CNMI, I am proud to submit the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands 2011 Highway Safety Plan (HSP). The performance plan is intended to delineate and establish a highway safety program to address traffic safety needs in the CNMI.

Again, as we continue to face challenges in providing an effective highway safety program to our motorists and community as a whole, it is imperative that the CNMI Highway Safety Office (HSO) develops and coordinate safety initiatives to meet this growth and demanding services. It is the primary intention of HSO to address every efforts of traffic safety from pedestrian safety, motorcycle safety, impaired driving prevention and enforcement, occupant protection and child restraint education and enforcement, traffic crashes reduction, and traffic fatality/injury reduction.

The specified performance measures and goals identifies the planned intentions to achieve specified traffic safety objectives. Our intention is to establish these performance measures and capture outcomes as a result of this implementation process. In this way, we should be able to address strengths and weaknesses of our programs. Additionally, this will delineate project areas requiring greater emphasis for future planning and reporting.

The greatest challenge of all, is meeting the innovative and changing trends of traffic safety with cost-saving solutions and in the same token maintain the level of protection and safety to the community. Authorities continue to monitor and identify problem-solving measures such as professional development, enforcement mobilization, educational campaigns and community partnerships to resolve or mitigate the negative impacts of traffic related incidents.
I look forward to working with you in achieving national targets with respect to promoting highway safety throughout the nation. I hope that upon your review, you will find this application in conformance with all requirements specified in the program guidelines. Your continuing support and assistance is very much appreciated and should you have any questions, please call my office at Tel. No. (670) 664-9022.

Sincerely,

Ambrosio J. Ogumoro
Acting Commissioner of Public Safety
Governor’s Representative
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The U.S. Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) consists of 14 islands in an archipelago in the western Pacific Ocean with a total population based on the 2000 Census of 70,000. However, the predicted population of the CNMI has surpassed this population number. The CNMI lies at about 1,250 miles south-east of Tokyo, Japan and east of Manila, Philippines and about 3,800 miles due west of the Hawaiian Islands. The three islands with the greater percentile of the population of the CNMI are Saipan, Municipality of Tinian & Aguigan and the Municipality of Rota.

Due to its strategic location in the western pacific region with proximity to Asian countries and the Orient, the CNMI had been somewhat considered a “hub” for military forces in the Second World War. Today, relics of this post war remains to be seen throughout the islands.

Saipan with a total land area of about 46.5 square mile is the Capital of the Northern Mariana Islands and is the center for all government coordination and functions and is the most populated among the three islands.

The CNMI’s main revenue-generating industry remains to be tourism however, in the late 1990’s, garment and textile export was the main revenue generator due to the growth and textile demand worldwide. The subsequent pullout of the garment and textile industries in the islands beginning in the year 2008, the CNMI had to resort and market the islands into the tourism market. With the continued trend of today’s global crunch, most especially in tourism, the islands continue to experience shortfalls in its revenue generating efforts. With the anticipated U.S. Immigration takeover in the islands this November of 2009, it is further anticipated that the tourism industry in the islands will further be delayed due to immigration requirements to enter the islands mostly from Asian and Oriental countries who we consider our primary tourist and not to mention the U.S. Department of Homeland Security mandates.

Although a great number of other national origins reside in the islands, many have made the islands their home and most of whom have children born on the islands.
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Executive Summary

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) is located in the Mariana Islands chain in the Western Pacific Ocean. CNMI is made up of fourteen (14) volcanic Islands with the island of Saipan established as the Capital and is the central island of all government functions and operations. The CNMI is located within a major trans-pacific from the United States, European and Asia countries. On the global scale, it is strategically located at an international crossroad that provides access between the United States and the Far East.

The Tourism Industry continues to play a key role in being the main economic strength for the CNMI even with the falling out of the Garment Industry. In spite of this situation, activity on our roadways has maintained its level of use. Transportation of tourists has also contributed in the growing number of road use in the CNMI.

The highways in the CNMI consist of 391.85 miles of roadways. Out of the 391.85 miles of roadways, 136.24 miles are designated primary federal aid highways and 255.61 miles are secondary municipal/rural roadways. Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) has led a roadmap of changes such as street naming, construction of roads, visibility of pedestrian crosswalks, and posting of reflective traffic signs for a more efficient and safe means of transportation. The overall effect of these plans has influenced the motoring public to include industries in keeping fatalities and serious accidents at a minimum and promote traffic safety.

The CNMI Department of Public Safety, Highways Safety Office continues its efforts in providing leadership by developing, promoting and coordinating programs influencing public and provides policy, and increasing public awareness on highway safety. Highway safety in general term includes the following initiatives, reduction of traffic crashes, impaired driving, pedestrian safety, motorcycle safety, community outreach, occupant protection, child restraint, EMS, traffic-related injuries and fatalities, and property damages as a result of a traffic collision.

The CNMI Highway Safety Plan was developed through our problem identification and analysis of traffic record, citation, injury, fatality, EMS, adjudication and incarceration, assessment, prevention, data, and public input.

The Commissioner of Public Safety Plan who also serves as the Governor’s Representatives (GR) and the Highway Safety Coordinator serves as a channel of communication between the various government and the private agencies, legislators, civic organization, and the other traffic safety advocates in the CNMI to ensure promotion of traffic safety initiatives are maximized.

Under CNMI Public Law 3-61, §1 (§ 101), gave the Department of Public Safety (DPS), Police Traffic Services the enforcement authority of all laws relating to traffic matters on the islands of Saipan, Tinian and Rota.

The Highway Safety Office (HSO) is currently staffed with six personnel that consist of a Governor’s Representative, Highway Safety Coordinator, Occupant Protection/Child Restraint (OP/CR) Program Manager, Police Traffic Services (PTS), Alcohol and Other Drugs Countermeasures (AL) Program Manager and Financial Manager.
The HSO through the individual Law Enforcement Liaison (LEL) from respective Police Traffic Services office on the islands of Saipan, Tinian and Rota, continues to represent the department in their highway safety needs.

The CNMI authorities continue to work in partnership with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) with planning national safety mobilization and activities for the upcoming fiscal year.

Officers assigned to safety committees’ assist in the planning and implementation of public education and enforcement activities. These public education activities consist of school presentations, radio talk shows, static displays, television talk shows, and public and private agency visits. Enforcement activities involve Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) comprising of seat belt enforcement and speed enforcement. The program has contributed significantly by providing the necessary resources in developing these collaborative efforts in reaching out to the public.

Officers of the department are compelled with enforcing the removal of impaired drivers on our highways. They have knowledge and training on deterring, detecting and apprehending impaired drivers who are operating motor vehicles while under the influence of alcohol or drug. During each roadside checkpoint inspections, an officer confirms for any sign of driver impairment based on the Department’s Standard Operating Procedures (SOP).

The department continues to report of traffic-related fatalities into FARS on a monthly basis. This reporting requirement is set to establish protocols on the number of traffic-related fatality per respective State or Territory.

The CNMI continues to enhance its Traffic Records capability through its Section 402 and Section 408 funds. The overall implementation format is to automate traffic records to include crash reporting into the department’s Records Management System (RMS) with connectivity with the Courts System and the Attorney General’s Office for traffic-related cases adjudication process, the Department of Public Works (DPW), Highway Division and the Bureau of Motor Vehicle (BMV) for vehicle registration and driver’s license files.

The department’s RMS go live last part of April or early May of 2009 and in full connectivity is achieved. This system is to replace to “old” system with respect to records management and case files for the entire department to include the aforementioned categories.

The department is still in the area of reviewing the CNMI’s Commercial Driver’s License (CDL) criteria for possible implementation. This will categorize the different operator class per respective mode of transportation. This will provide a criterion for operator requirements.

The CNMI’s graduated Drivers License law went into effect in 2008. The law explicitly states that all new applicants after 2008 shall have attended a 60-hour driver education program with 30 hours of supervised driving prior to being issued a permanent license. Driver education has been outsourced to private firms to ensure uniformity of driving curriculums.
The CNMI authorities and involved stakeholders in traffic safety continue to support and participate throughout traffic mobilizations. Additionally, the Department of Public Safety, will continue enforcing CNMI traffic laws, impaired driving, occupant protection & child restraint, and speed violations.

The HSO continues to seek or use other resources in enhancing and achieving its goals with respect to traffic safety in the CNMI.
Mission & Goal Statement

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Department of Public Safety’s Mission Statement is dedicated in providing the highest quality public safety services in order to enhance community safety, safeguard life and protect property, reduce crime, deter criminal activity, and implement crime prevention programs.

The department has pledged to continue the ongoing partnership with the community, safety advocates and civic organization so as to lead a community commitment to resolve crime-related problems, promote traffic safety, and improve the safety & quality of life in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Our goal is simply to reduce traffic-related injuries and fatalities and increase motorists and occupant safety travelling on our roadways and highways. We do this by providing responsive, cost effective, and innovative government service and programs.

The overall goal of the CNMI Highway Safety Program is to improve the safe transportation of passenger and operators on our highways and roadways, through coordinated efforts with the motoring public.
Program Description

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Department of Public Safety Highway Safety Office, under the Office of the Commissioner who also serves as the Governor’s Representative (GR) as mandated by Federal Law 23 U.S.C. 402, to establish and implement a statewide highway safety program, has been coordinating and promoting programs influencing public and private policy, increasing public awareness on highway safety programs. This propaganda is focused at reduction of traffic-related injuries and fatalities, occupant protection, child restraint, alcohol and other drugs countermeasures, emergency medical services, enhancing police traffic services, reduction of property damage, and education on safe operation of motor vehicles.

In line with 23 CFR 1200.10(a)(1), the CNMI Highway Safety Office has developed traffic safety performance measures in its FY2010 Highway Safety Performance Plan to highlight traffic safety problems presently being encountered and thus track measurable progress in resolving these problems and challenges.

This plan delineates highway safety issues presently encountered in the CNMI. These factors encompass analysis of data and statistics from motor vehicle incidents, citations, adjudication process, prevention campaigns, and assessment.

Occupant protection, child restraint, and impaired driving remain to be of paramount importance for the CNMI’s highway safety program. With the current belt use rate of 80.88% in 2010, as compared to the previous year in 2009 with a usage rate of 84.60%, the office noted a 3.72% decrease on belt use by the motoring public.

HSO continues to work with numerous stakeholders from public, private and civic organizations in dealing with highway safety issues. These stakeholders have expressed interest in protecting motorists on our roadways and highways by way of expanded media and prevention coverage, and reporting of motor vehicle incidents to appropriate authorities.

Additionally, HSO had made tremendous strides in enhancing its traffic records, vehicle registry, and drivers’ license files to include connectivity to the departments’ repository (data bank). Through the assistance of Section 408 funds, HSO was able to partake in the development and installation of software for the departments’ records management system. Efforts are focused in going “live” for the police traffic services automated traffic crash reporting capabilities. Future enhancement for such system includes e-ticket, e-citation, and connectivity to municipal agencies for the islands of Tinian and Rota. Such connectivity does include the Courts and the Attorney General’s for adjudication purposes.

The CNMI HSO continues to improve its capability with respect to traffic safety and information enhancement. Educational campaigns and traffic enforcement remains to be the primary focus of the CNMI HSO.
STATE CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES

Failure to comply with applicable Federal statutes, regulations and directives may subject State officials to civil or criminal penalties and/or place the State in a high risk grantee status in accordance with 49 CFR 18.12.

Each fiscal year the State will sign these Certifications and Assurances that the State complies with all applicable Federal statutes, regulations, and directives in effect with respect to the periods for which it receives grant funding. Applicable provisions include, but not limited to, the following:

- 23 U.S.C. Chapter 4 - Highway Safety Act of 1966, as amended
- 49 CFR Part 18 - Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments
- 23 CFR Chapter II - (§§1200, 1205, 1206, 1250, 1251, & 1252) Regulations governing highway safety programs
- NHTSA Order 462-6C - Matching Rates for State and Community Highway Safety Programs
- Highway Safety Grant Funding Policy for Field-Administered Grants

Certifications and Assurances

Section 402 Requirements

The Governor is responsible for the administration of the State highway safety program through a State highway safety agency which has adequate powers and is suitably equipped and organized (as evidenced by appropriate oversight procedures governing such areas as procurement, financial administration, and the use, management, and disposition of equipment) to carry out the program (23 USC 402(b) (1) (A));

The political subdivisions of this State are authorized, as part of the State highway safety program, to carry out within their jurisdictions local highway safety programs which have been approved by the Governor and are in accordance with the uniform guidelines promulgated by the Secretary of Transportation (23 USC 402(b) (1) (B));

At least 40 per cent of all Federal funds apportioned to this State under 23 USC 402 for this fiscal year will be expended by or for the benefit of the political subdivision of the
State in carrying out local highway safety programs (23 USC 402(b) (1) (C)), unless this requirement is waived in writing;

This State's highway safety program provides adequate and reasonable access for the safe and convenient movement of physically handicapped persons, including those in wheelchairs, across curbs constructed or replaced on or after July 1, 1976, at all pedestrian crosswalks (23 USC 402(b) (1) (D));

The State will implement activities in support of national highway safety goals to reduce motor vehicle related fatalities that also reflect the primary data-related crash factors within the State as identified by the State highway safety planning process, including:

- National law enforcement mobilizations,
- Sustained enforcement of statutes addressing impaired driving, occupant protection, and driving in excess of posted speed limits,
- An annual statewide safety belt use survey in accordance with criteria established by the Secretary for the measurement of State safety belt use rates to ensure that the measurements are accurate and representative,
- Development of statewide data systems to provide timely and effective data analysis to support allocation of highway safety resources.

The State shall actively encourage all relevant law enforcement agencies in the State to follow the guidelines established for vehicular pursuits issued by the International Association of Chiefs of Police that are currently in effect. (23 USC 402 (b)(1)(E).

Other Federal Requirements

Cash drawdowns will be initiated only when actually needed for disbursement. 49 CFR 18.20

Cash disbursements and balances will be reported in a timely manner as required by NHTSA. 49 CFR 18.21.

The same standards of timing and amount, including the reporting of cash disbursement and balances, will be imposed upon any secondary recipient organizations. 49 CFR 18.41.

Failure to adhere to these provisions may result in the termination of drawdown privileges.

The State has submitted appropriate documentation for review to the single point of contact designated by the Governor to review Federal programs, as required by Executive Order 12372 (Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs);
Equipment acquired under this agreement for use in highway safety program areas shall be used and kept in operation for highway safety purposes by the State; or the State, by formal agreement with appropriate officials of a political subdivision or State agency, shall cause such equipment to be used and kept in operation for highway safety purposes.

23 CFR 1200.21

The State will comply with all applicable State procurement procedures and will maintain a financial management system that complies with the minimum requirements of 49 CFR 18.20;

Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act

The State will report for each sub-grant awarded:

• Name of the entity receiving the award;
• Amount of the award;
• Information on the award including transaction type, funding agency, the North American Industry Classification System code or Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number (where applicable), program source;
• Location of the entity receiving the award and the primary location of performance under the award, including the city, State, congressional district, and country; and, an award title descriptive of the purpose of each funding action;
• A unique identifier (DUNS);
• The names and total compensation of the five most highly compensated officers of the entity if-- of the entity receiving the award and of the parent entity of the recipient, should the entity be owned by another entity;

(i) the entity in the preceding fiscal year received—

(I) 80 percent or more of its annual gross revenues in Federal awards; and
(II) $25,000,000 or more in annual gross revenues from Federal awards; and
(ii) the public does not have access to information about the compensation of the senior executives of the entity through periodic reports filed under section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m(a), 78o(d)) or section 6104 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986;

• Other relevant information specified by the Office of Management and Budget in subsequent guidance or regulation.

The State highway safety agency will comply with all Federal statutes and implementing regulations relating to nondiscrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin (and 49 CFR Part 21); (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§ 1681-1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794) and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42
USC § 12101, et seq.; PL 101-336), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disabilities (and 49 CFR Part 27); (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§ 6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse of alcoholism; (g) §§ 523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§ 290 dd-3 and 290 ee-3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§ 3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, which provides that any portion of a state or local entity receiving federal funds will obligate all programs or activities of that entity to comply with these civil rights laws; and, (k) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.


The State will provide a drug-free workplace by:

a. Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee’s workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;

b. Establishing a drug-free awareness program to inform employees about:

1. The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace.
2. The grantee’s policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace.
3. Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs.
4. The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug violations occurring in the workplace.

c. Making it a requirement that each employee engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (a).

d. Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (a) that, as a
condition of employment under the grant, the employee will --

1. Abide by the terms of the statement.

2. Notify the employer of any criminal drug statute conviction for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than five days after such conviction.

e. Notifying the agency within ten days after receiving notice under subparagraph (d) (2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction.

f. Taking one of the following actions, within 30 days of receiving notice under subparagraph (d) (2), with respect to any employee who is so convicted -

1. Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination.

2. Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency.

g. Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f) above.

**BUY AMERICA ACT**

The State will comply with the provisions of the Buy America Act (49 U.S.C. 5323(j)) which contains the following requirements:

Only steel, iron and manufactured products produced in the United States may be purchased with Federal funds unless the Secretary of Transportation determines that such domestic purchases would be inconsistent with the public interest; that such materials are not reasonably available and of a satisfactory quality; or that inclusion of domestic materials will increase the cost of the overall project contract by more than 25 percent. Clear justification for the purchase of non-domestic items must be in the form of a waiver request submitted to and approved by the Secretary of Transportation.

**POLITICAL ACTIVITY (HATCH ACT).**

The State will comply, as applicable, with provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.
CERTIFICATION REGARDING FEDERAL LOBBYING

Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

3. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all sub-award at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grant, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than $10,000 and not more than $100,000 for each such failure.

RESTRICTION ON STATE LOBBYING

None of the funds under this program will be used for any activity specifically designed to urge or influence a State or local legislator to favor or oppose the adoption of any specific legislative proposal pending before any State or local legislative body. Such activities include both direct and indirect (e.g., "grassroots") lobbying activities, with one exception. This does not preclude a State official whose salary is supported with NHTSA funds from engaging in direct communications with State or local legislative officials, in accordance with customary State practice, even if such communications urge legislative officials to favor or oppose the adoption of a specific pending legislative proposal.
CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION

Instructions for Primary Certification

1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective primary participant is providing the certification set out below.

2. The inability of a person to provide the certification required below will not necessarily result in denial of participation in this covered transaction. The prospective participant shall submit an explanation of why it cannot provide the certification set out below. The certification or explanation will be considered in connection with the department or agency’s determination whether to enter into this transaction. However, failure of the prospective primary participant to furnish a certification or an explanation shall disqualify such person from participation in this transaction.

3. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when the department or agency determined to enter into this transaction. If it is later determined that the prospective primary participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause or default.

4. The prospective primary participant shall provide immediate written notice to the department or agency to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective primary participant learns its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

5. The terms covered transaction, debarred, suspended, ineligible, lower tier covered transaction, participant, person, primary covered transaction, principal, proposal, and voluntarily excluded, as used in this clause, have the meaning set out in the Definitions and coverage sections of 49 CFR Part 29. You may contact the department or agency to which this proposal is being submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.

6. The prospective primary participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR Part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency entering into this transaction.

7. The prospective primary participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transaction," provided by the department or agency entering into this covered transaction, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
8. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not proposed for debarment under 48 CFR Part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the list of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Non-procurement Programs.

9. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

10. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 6 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR Part 9, subpart 9.4, suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause or default.

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters—Primary Covered Transactions

(1) The prospective primary participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that its principals:

(a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded by any Federal department or agency;

(b) Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of record, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;

(c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or Local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1)(b) of this certification; and

(d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default.
(2) Where the prospective primary participant is unable to certify to any of the Statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

Instructions for Lower Tier Certification

1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out below.

2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

3. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

4. The terms covered transaction, debarred, suspended, ineligible, lower tier covered transaction, participant, person, primary covered transaction, principal, proposal, and voluntarily excluded, as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definition and Coverage sections of 49 CFR Part 29. You may contact the person to whom this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.

5. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR Part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.

6. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion -- Lower Tier Covered Transaction," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions. (See below)

7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not proposed for debarment under 48 CFR Part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its
principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Non-procurement Programs.

8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 5 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR Part 9, subpart 9.4, suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion – Lower Tier Covered Transactions:

1. The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.

2. Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

POLICY TO BAN TEXT MESSAGING WHILE DRIVING

In accordance with Executive Order 13513, Federal Leadership On Reducing Text Messaging While Driving, and DOT Order 3902.10, Text Messaging While Driving, States are encouraged to:

(1) Adopt and enforce workplace safety policies to decrease crashes caused by distracted driving including policies to ban text messaging while driving—
   a. Company-owned or -rented vehicles, or Government-owned, leased or rented vehicles; or
   b. Privately-owned when on official Government business or when performing any work on or behalf of the Government.
(2) Conduct workplace safety initiatives in a manner commensurate with the size of the business, such as –
   a. Establishment of new rules and programs or re-evaluation of existing programs to prohibit text messaging while driving; and
   b. Education, awareness, and other outreach to employees about the safety risks associated with texting while driving.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The Governor's Representative for Highway Safety has reviewed the State's Fiscal Year highway safety planning document and hereby declares that no significant environmental impact will result from implementing this Highway Safety Plan. If, under a future revision, this Plan will be modified in such a manner that a project would be instituted that could affect environmental quality to the extent that a review and statement would be necessary, this office is prepared to take the action necessary to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 USC 4321 et seq.) and the implementing regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR Parts 1500-1517).

Santiago F. Tudela
Commissioner of Public Safety
Governor's Representative for Highway Safety
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

2011 Highway Safety Plan

8.27.10
Date
DIRECTIVE No. 126

DATE : August 2, 2010

TO : All DPS Personnel

FROM : Commissioner

SUBJECT: CELL PHONE USE & TEXTING BAN
Re: GOVERNMENT VEHICLES

Effective immediately, the use of cell phones and texting while operating an official government vehicle is prohibited.

I direct and instruct all commanders, supervisors, division/section heads to ensure that your personnel comply with this directive.

Anyone found to be in violation with this directive is subjected to disciplinary action.

YOUR SAFETY IS OUR BUSINESS...

SANTIAGO F. TUDELA

XC: DPS Divisions/Sections
Governor’s Office
Territorial Performance Measures

DPS Saipan Highway Safety Program Performance Measures
Occupant Protection / Child Restraint (OP/CR)

Driver safety belt violation makes up 51.6% while passenger is marked at 44.9% and children violation stands at 3.4%.

Based on the CNMI’s safety belt use for occupant protection in 2008 of 90% and 76% for child restraint, emphasis remains to be in the area of educating the occupant and instilling a positive behavior with respect to seat belt usage. Continued enforcement is seen as a step towards achieving and changing this behavior pattern of the motoring public and emphasizing the importance of safety belt use. It is necessary to continue our efforts to ensure users surpass the current safety belt usage rate.

• Non-use of Restraints: The CNMI continues to see safety belt use violations among passengers and drivers in a motor vehicle. Data is as follows:

  2009: Issued safety belt citations-399 for drivers, 223 for passengers and 35 for children

  2008: Issued safety belt citations-417 for drivers, 204 for passengers and 10 for children

  2007: Issued safety belt citations-694 for drivers, 576 for passengers and 31 for children

  2006: Issued safety belt citations-1490 for drivers, 1295 for passengers and 103 for children

  2005: Issued safety belt violations-934 for drivers, 1001 for passengers and 91 for children

• Improper Use of Safety Belts: Some adult occupants inadvertently compromise the effectiveness of their belt systems and put themselves or other occupants at severe risk of unnecessary injury by using safety belts improperly. This is most often accomplished by placing the shoulder belt under the arm or behind the back, securing more than one passenger in a single belt system, using only the automatic shoulder portion of a two-part belt system (where the lap belt portion is manual), or placing a child into a belt system before it fits correctly.

• Improper Use of Child Restraint Systems: Drivers are confused by the multitude of child restraint models and changing “best practice” recommendations. Drivers often place children into adult belt systems too soon. Instead, children must graduate through a series of differently sized restraints until they are grown enough to fit in an adult lap/shoulder belt.

• Affordability of Child Restraint Systems: Low income families and caregivers may have difficulty affording the purchase of child safety seats or booster seats, particularly when they need to accommodate multiple children. This contributes to non-use or to reuse of second-hand seats which may be unsafe for various reasons.
Performance Objectives:

Increase safety belt usage for occupant and child restraint by calendar year 2012, as compared to the usage rate that was reported in baseline year of 2008 or average of 89.8% for occupant protection and 76.25% for child restraint.

Performance Measures:

Increase safety belt usage rate of occupant protection by 3% and child restraint by 8% during the next three (3) year or by December 31, 2012.

Conduct a minimum of 5 public awareness activities per year on the proper use of safety belts and child restraints to the general public, government agencies and private sectors.

Program Strategy (1): Education

Program Activity/Plan (1.1):

- Conduct public education activities to explain why vehicle restraints are needed, how to properly use them, and how to meet requirements of CNMI law.
- Support and promote nationally recognized “best practice” recommendations.
- Conduct educational contacts with general public.

Program/Activity Measure:

- Conduct a minimum of three (3) OP/CR presentations.

- Acquisition of two (2) laptops for OP/CR field use.

Purpose: For use during scheduled child restraint check up events (especially when two are conducted at the same time), for presentations and other related activities. In addition, to access online child restraint recall lists that is constantly updated (assists on being paperless).

- Acquisition of one (1) digital video recorder

Purpose: To record OP/CR presentations, trainings and other public awareness activities for documentation and evidence purposes.

- Acquisition of one (1) projector for presentation/awareness classes.
Purpose: For use of Power point presentations during trainings and public awareness activities.

- Acquisition of one (1) SLR camera with accessories for documenting presentations and other related OP/CR events.

Purpose: To take photos of presentations, trainings, meetings and public awareness activities for data and evidence files.

- Acquisition of banners, signs, brochures, pamphlets and promotional giveaways.

Purpose: For promotion and exposure of program. To educate the public about OP/CR.

Program Strategy (2): Infrastructure

Program Activity/Plan (2.1):

- Increase the number of OP/CPS Certified enforcement personnel
- Improve the effectiveness of educational programs by actively seeking new partners and utilizing new technologies.
- Provide funding for statewide coordination of child passenger safety training, technician certification, recertification, child seat fitting station, and seat distribution programs.
- Maintain CNMI wide pool of Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians (CPSTs) who can routinely provide child safety seat check-ups to meet demand within their local communities.
- Subsidize purchase of child safety seats for no or low-income families as conditions of federal funding allow.
- Foster cooperative relationships and resource sharing with CNMI government agencies and private businesses.

Program/Activity Measure:

- Acquisition of one (1) desktop computer

Purpose: For general OP/CR use such as maintaining electronic files; prepare necessary documents such as public notices; training information and other correspondences.

- Acquisition of one (1) Multi-Function Printer with printer accessories.

Purpose: For use of printing/scanning/ copying/ faxing correspondences and notices.

- Acquisition of two (2) filing cabinets with lock and key.

Purpose: Store and maintain confidential data, files and information.
- Increase certified CPS Technician personnel by ten (10) with current certification of 16 personnel by the year 2011.

- To bring (2) off-island CPS Technician Instructor’s to certify additional Police, Fire, Nurses, and other highway Safety advocate.

- Send two (2) personnel to Kidz In Motion Conference.

Purpose: To have one (1) certified CPS Technician from the Police and Fire Division updated with the latest and safest means of child restraints and the safe transportation of children.

- Send two (2) personnel to Lifesavers Conference.

Purpose: To have one (1) certified CPS Technician from the Police and Fire Division updated with the latest and safest means of child transportation and the transportation of all motor vehicle occupant.

- Conduct one (1) safety belt use survey per quarter for four (4) quarters by year 2011.

- Procure Internet/Wireless services

Purpose: For program research; online communication with instructors and fellow OP/CR partners; and other general OP/CR uses.

- Acquisition office desks, chairs and consumable office supplies and materials such as pens, folders, paper clips, copy paper, cardboard paper, etc.

Purpose: For the daily implementation of the program.

**Program Strategy (3):  Enforcement**

Program Activity/Plan (3.1):

- Increase the number of random OP/CR checkpoints and inspections.
- Target marketing and enforcement campaigns to high-risk and low-use rate populations.
- Provide funding for overtime enforcement of safety belt/child restraint laws.
- Maximize enforcement visibility by encouraging multi-agency campaigns, and coordinating campaigns with the timing of news releases, PSA postings, safety belt/child seat inspections, and nationwide events such as “Click It or Ticket” and National Child Passenger Safety Week.
- Promote correct use of child restraint systems among the general public, parents, child care providers, health professionals, emergency medical personnel, law enforcement officers, and the court system.

Program/Activity Measure:
- Thirteen percent (13%) more random OP/CR inspections are to be conducted for the next three (3) years.

- Acquisition of one (1) OP/CPS mobilization vehicle, van-type, as per specifications.

Purpose: For use at program events/activities such as displays, child restraint installation demonstrations, etc.

Purpose: For program use such as CPS Technician & Instructor Certification; bounty programs (removal of unsafe child restraints and replacing it with a safe and approved child restraint which also increases usage rate).

- Salary of police officers at approved OP/CR mobilizations and CPS inspections.

- Conduct a minimum of six (6) OP/CR checkpoints per quarter.

- Procurement of outdoor chairs, tables and tents. Amount: $3,000

Purpose: For use at approved OP/CR Checkpoints and CPS Check-Up events.

- Acquisition of one (1) OP/CR Checkpoint Trailer

- Purpose: for the use on approved Checkpoint activites.

![Yearly CNMI OP/CR Usage Rate](image)
IMPAIRED DRIVING/DUI

Problem Statement:

The CNMI continues to see a pattern of drivers driving impaired or under the influence of alcohol.

- **2009:** 200 impaired driving arrests were reported.
- **2008:** 164 impaired driving arrests were reported.
- **2007:** 283 impaired driving arrests were reported.
- **2006:** 396 impaired driving arrests were reported.
- **2005:** 414 impaired driving arrests were reported.

These violators must have met or exceeded the .08 BAC law to be legally declared impaired. Majority of these situations leads to fatal crashes or increased traffic-related injuries on the highways/roadways. Though a noticeable incline is seen, it is necessary to continue our efforts to ensure impaired drivers are removed on our highways and roadways. Saturation patrols, high visibility enforcement and other anti-impaired driving mobilizations and initiatives are being implemented to assist authorities in their efforts.

Given the data on new drivers under the age of 20 years old, authorities have reported a total of 17 impaired driver arrests. This figure was gathered from 2009 reports for DUI.

### Performance Objectives:
Reduce impaired driver arrests under the age of 20 years old by 10% by calendar year 2015, as compared to the number of impaired driver arrests that occurred in 2007 of 37 total impaired driver arrests under the age of 20 years old.

### Performance Measures:
Reduce impaired driver arrests by 10% during the next five years or by calendar year of December 31, 2015.

### Program Strategy (1): Enforcement

Program Activity/Plan (1.1):

- Increase the number of sobriety checkpoints and random inspections.
Program/Activity Measure:

- Ten percent (10%) or 3 more random inspections/checkpoints to conducted per quarter by Calendar year 2012.
- Ten percent (10%) or 3 saturation patrols are to be conducted per quarter by Calendar year 2012.
- Salary for police officers at approved impaired driving mobilizations and selective traffic enforcement.
- Conduct six (6) sobriety checkpoints per quarter by the year 2014.
- Increase the number of saturation patrols by 10% by the year 2014.
- Conduct three (3) DUI Mobilizations per quarter by the year 2014.

Program Strategy (2): Education

Program Activity/Plan (2.1):

- Conduct educational contacts with motor vehicle operators.

Program/Activity Measure:

- Conduct two (2) educational contacts with motor vehicle operators regarding impacts of impaired driving on a quarterly basis.
- Acquisition of educational and awareness materials such as caps, shirts and other promotional accessories.
- Send officers to Saipan, Tinian and Rota for Impaired Driving Mobilizations and Proclamation.
- Acquisition of educational and promotional resources for community outreach programs.

Program Strategy (3): Infrastructure

Program Activity/Plan (3.1):

- Increase number of trained enforcement personnel.
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Program Activity/Plan (3.1):

- Increase number of trained enforcement personnel.

Program/Activity Measure:

- Send two (2) personnel to DUI/SFST (Standardized Field Sobriety Test) Instructor Certification Training.

This training/certification is needed as we continue to use the Standardized Field Sobriety Test on all DUI Enforcement. Currently we only have one instructor and we needed the additional instructors to training police officers on Saipan, Tinian and Rota, this include teaching at the police academy.

- Send two (2) personnel for DUI/SFST Instructor Training Update.

This training is needed to update on all current and issues pertaining to the administration of the Standardized Field Sobriety Test. This will enhance and betterment on the application of the SFST from previous case studies and case law that effect.

- Send two (2) personnel for DWI Instructor Training.

This training is needed to certify officers in the field of DWI. The vast numbers of the DWI arrest continue to increase as we need to continue educating and certifying police officers in better apprehending DWI violators. This certification is not limited to the current police officers on Saipan, Tinian and Rota but also conduct instructions and certification at the police academy.

Send two (2) personnel for Sobriety Checkpoint Operations.

As we continue conducting Sobriety Checkpoints, this training is needed to enhance all sobriety checkpoints. With this training, it will make the program more effective in the detection and apprehension of violators on the highway or roadway.

- Send two (2) officers from Saipan for Breathalyzer Instructor Certification Training.

The selected police officers will enable to train and certify police officers with the use of the breathalyzer instrument. The needed instructor will better the training of the instrument and assure the current issues pertaining to the instrument. With these, the instructor will conduct briefing and in-service training to all current police officers and to certify other agencies that requires their instructions for certifications. This too will not be limited in instructing at a police academy.

- Acquisition of DUI Detection and Deterrence equipment.

This equipment will enhance the detection of impaired driver. The usage of this equipment will give the police officers more effective measure in deterring and apprehending impaired driver.

- Acquisition of one (1) DUI Mobile Vehicle for DPS Saipan.
The DUI Mobile Vehicle is needed to replace the current check point trailer. The checkpoint trailer is old and had deteriorated beyond repair from prolong usage and exposure to the inclement weather. The trailer was use for transportation of the sobriety checkpoint equipments but cannot be use for processing. The acquisition of the vehicle will better the processing of impaired drivers on scene, as present the impaired driver is processed outside the open exposed to the weather and public view. This too will protect and control the processing away from inclement weather. Aside from the usage at sobriety checkpoints, it could be use for education and display to the community or to public and private schools on the impact of the DUI program.

-Acquisition of one (1) desktop computer to be assigned specifically for the DUI Program.

-Acquisition of two (2) DUI Enforcement vehicles.

The acquisition of additional DUI enforcement vehicles will make the enforcement of impaired driving more aggressively and to be more proactive on the highways and roadway. These vehicles will be committed in the program and will enhance the detections and apprehension of impaired drivers. Currently, the fleet of vehicles committed to the program had exceeded the safety mileage for law enforcement usage and continued deterioration caused of constant use and exposure to inclement weather. With the acquisition of the vehicles, it will be equipped with safety equipments, such as push bars, safety cage(officer safety), LED light bars and lighting accessories, laptop mounts, siren/lights compartment along with mounted radio.

**Monitoring & Evaluation**

Activities will be monitored by the Highway Safety Coordinator and will be submitted to the Highway Safety Office (HSO) in the form of monthly reports to include reports submitted to FARS database.
DUI Data/Statistics

![Bar chart showing DUI arrests, involuntarily crashes, and fatalities from 2005 to 2009.](chart)

- **DUI Arrests**
  - 2005: 414
  - 2006: 396
  - 2007: 283
  - 2008: 164
  - 2009: 247

- **DUI Involuntary Crash**
  - 2005: 86
  - 2006: 6
  - 2007: 96
  - 2008: 5
  - 2009: 40

- **DUI Fatality**
  - 2005: 1
  - 2006: 6
  - 2007: 86
  - 2008: 5
  - 2009: 76
Yearly Traffic Crash & Personal Injuries

Traffic Crash Data

Traffic Crash Personal Injury

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Yearly Traffic Fatality

Traffic Related Fatality

- 2005: 13
- 2006: 5
- 2007: 4
- 2008: 9
- 2009: 7
Territorial Performance Measures

DPS Rota

Highway Safety Program Performance Measures & Financial
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The island of Rota, also known as the “peaceful island” is located at 14º09’13”N and 145º12’11”E and is the southernmost island of the Northern Marianas Island Archipelago in the Western Pacific Ocean. It lies approximately 40 miles north-northeast of the United States territory of Guam. Rota is approximately 11 miles (17km) long and 3 miles (5km) wide. Its coastline is about 38 miles (62km) long. The island of Rota has a population of 3,283 as of 2000. The tourism and local produce export industry plays a key role in being the main economic strength of Rota. Tourist and visitors from neighboring islands avail to the peace and serenity that Rota has to offer.

The highways of Rota consist of 30 miles of roadways which were aided by the federal government. Capital Improvement Projects has led to a roadmap of changes such as street naming, construction of roads, visibility of pedestrian crosswalks, and posting of reflective traffic signs for more efficient and safe means of transportation. The overall effect of these plans has influenced the motoring public to include industries in keeping fatalities and serious accidents at a minimum and promote traffic safety.

The Rota Department of Public Safety (DPS) registers about 421 motor vehicles a year and issues about 453 drivers licenses a year as well.

The Rota Department of Public Safety continues its efforts in providing leadership by developing, promoting and coordinating programs influencing public and private policy, and increasing public awareness on highway safety. Highway safety in general terms include the following initiative, reduction of traffic crashes, impaired driving, pedestrian safety, motorcycle safety, community outreach, occupant protection, child restraint, EMS, traffic related injuries and fatalities, and property damages as a result of a traffic collision.

The Rota Highway Safety Plan was developed through our annual problem identification and analysis of traffic records, citations, injury, fatality, EMS, adjudication, incarceration, , prevention, data, assessments and public input.

The Resident Director of the Rota Department of Public Safety, who serves under the Office of the Mayor, also serves as the channel of communication of information to Rota DPS, as well as to the DPS Commissioner on Saipan.

CNMI Public Law 3-61 §1(§ 101), gave Rota DPS, Police Traffic Services the enforcement authority of all laws relating to traffic matters.

Rota DPS continues to work in partnership with the National Highway Safety Administration (NHTSA) with planning national safety mobilizations and activities through the Highway Safety Office (HSO) on Saipan.
Officers assigned to safety committees assist in the planning and implementation of public education and enforcement activities. These public education activities consist of school presentations, static displays, public and private agency visits. Enforcement activities involve Selective Traffic Enforcement Programs (STEP) comprising of seatbelt and speed enforcement. This program has contributed significantly by providing the necessary resources in developing these collaborated efforts in reaching out to the public.

Officers of the department are compelled to enforcing the removal of impaired drivers on our highways. They have a good working knowledge and received the necessary training on deterring, detecting and apprehending impaired drivers who are operating motor vehicles while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. During each roadside checkpoint inspections, an officer physically checks for any sign of driver impairment based on the department Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)

The department continues to report on traffic-related fatalities into FARS on a monthly basis. This reporting requirement is set to establish protocols on the number of traffic-related per respective State or Territory.

The CNMI’s Mandatory Driver’s Act of 2008 explicitly states that all first time Drivers’ License (DL) applicants since 2008 shall have attended a 60-hour driver education program with a minimum of six hours laboratory, hands on driving prior to being issued a permanent DL. Driver education has been outsourced to private firms to ensure uniformity of driving curriculums.

Rota DPS and involved stakeholders such as Women in Action, Division of Youth Services, Filipino Community of Rota, Bangladeshi Community of Rota continue to support and participate throughout traffic safety mobilizations. These civic organizations assist the Traffic Section with numerous programs such as the Click It or Ticket Mobilization, the Drunk & Drugged Driving prevention campaign and the Child Passenger Safety week activities. They assist in financial and logistical support. Additionally, officers will continue enforcing CNMI traffic laws, impaired driving, occupant protection & child restraint, and speed violations.

Rota DPS in partnership with HSO will continue to seek or use other resources in enhancing and achieving its goals with respect to traffic safety.
MISSION & GOAL STATEMENT

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Department of Public Safety’s Mission Statement is dedicated in providing the highest quality public safety services in order to enhance community safety, safeguard life and protect property, reduce crime, deter criminal activity, and implement crime prevention programs.

The department has pledged to continue the ongoing partnership with the community, safety advocates and civic organizations so as to lead a community commitment to resolve crime-related problems, promote traffic safety, and improve the safety and quality of life in the CNMI.

Our goal is simply to reduce traffic-related injuries and fatalities and increase motorists and occupant safety while traveling on our roadways and highways. We do this by providing responsive, cost effective, and innovative government services and programs.

The overall goal of the CNMI Highway Safety Program is to improve the safe transportation of passengers and operators on our highways and roadways, through coordinated efforts with the motoring public.
PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Highway Safety Office, under the Office of the Commissioner who also serves as the Governor’s Representative (GR) as mandated by Federal Law 23 U.S.C. 402, to establish and implement a statewide highway safety program, has been coordinating and promoting programs with respect to influencing public and private policy, increasing public awareness on highway safety as well as providing new direction in identifying and quantifying highway safety programs. This propaganda is focused at reduction of traffic-related injuries and fatalities, occupant protection, child restraint, alcohol & other drugs countermeasures, emergency medical services, enhancing police traffic services, reduction of property damage, and education on safe operations of motor vehicles.

In line with 23 CFR 1200.10(a)(1), the Rota Traffic Section, under the supervision of the CNMI Highway Safety Office has developed traffic safety performance measures in its FY2011 Highway Safety Performance Plan to highlight traffic safety problems presently being encountered and thus track measurable progress in resolving these problems and challenges. This Plan delineates highway safety issues presently encountered by the Rota. These factors encompass analysis of data and statistics from motor vehicle incidents, citations, adjudication process, prevention campaigns, and other related assessments.

Occupant protection, child restraint, and impaired driving remain to be of paramount importance for Rota’s highway safety program. With the current belt use rate of 80.88% as compared to the previous year in 2009, with a usage rate of 89.8%, the office noted a 9.93% decrease on belt use by the motoring public. This decrease is attributed to economic and cultural aspects of the community and the department. The department continues to strive to increase this number to above 90% with increased enforcement and education activities.

The Rota Traffic Section and HSO continue to work with numerous stakeholders from public, private and civic organizations in dealing with highway safety issues. These stakeholders have expressed interest in protecting motorists on our roadways and highways by way of expanded media and prevention coverage, and reporting of motor vehicle incidents to appropriate authorities. They also co-sponsor much of our prevention campaigns such as Drunk & Drugged Driving Prevention, Click It or Ticket Mobilization, and Child Passenger Safety.

The Rota Traffic Section and CNMI HSO continue to improve its capability with respect to traffic safety and information enhancement. Educational campaigns and traffic enforcement remains to be the primary focus.
TERRITORIAL PERFORMANCE MEASURES

TRAFFIC FATALITY REDUCTION

PROBLEM STATEMENT:
Rota has seen traffic fatality incidents on its highways and roadways in the past. Authorities continue to assess and conduct an analysis as to the continued behavior that attributes to this problem. The DPS, however, has been able to maintain 0 traffic-related fatalities on the island since 2003. Nevertheless, a huge focus has been placed at maintaining a zero traffic-related fatality environment. With this in mind, we recognize that a negative change in community behavior and disregard to the consequences of driving impaired, speeding or blatant disregard for safety and to rules of the road attribute to traffic crashes, which may lead to fatal crashes.

PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES:
Maintain motor vehicle traffic fatalities at zero through the year 2012, as compared to the number of single vehicle fatalities that was reported in the baseline year of 2009 of zero fatal crashes.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:
To maintain motor vehicle fatalities involving single vehicles at zero during the next year or throughout the calendar year 2012.

To maintain the number of unrestrained passenger vehicle occupant fatalities at zero during the next year or throughout the calendar year 2012.

To maintain the number of speeding related fatalities at zero during the next year or throughout the calendar year 2012.

To maintain the number of drivers age 20 or younger involved in fatal crashes at zero during the next year or throughout the calendar year 2012.

PROGRAM STRATEGY (1): ENFORCEMENT

Program Activity/Plan (1.1):
Increase high visibility enforcement and saturation patrols.
Program Activity Measure:
- Conduct two (2), high-visibility enforcement on a quarterly basis.
- Conduct two (2), saturation patrols on a quarterly basis
- Conduct speed management initiatives on a quarterly basis

PROGRAM STRATEGY (2): EDUCATION

Program Activity/Plan (2.1):
Increase awareness on drunk-driving, speed deterrence mobilizations and education.

Program Activity Measure:
- Conduct one (1) educational contact on a quarterly basis at educational institutions.
- Conduct three (3) speed (laser) tags on a quarterly basis at major highways.
- Conduct two (2) community presentations at specified events.
- Conduct one (1) “static” display at a major location specified on a quarterly basis.

MONITORING & EVALUATION
Activities will be monitored by the Highway Safety Coordinator and will be submitted to the HSO in the form of monthly reports to include reports submitted to FARS database.
OCCUPANT PROTECTION/CHILD RESTRAINT

PROBLEM STATEMENT:

The Rota DPS continues to see safety belt use violation among passengers and drivers in a motor vehicle. In 2007, 14 safety belts citation were issued to drivers, 7 to passengers. In 2008, 27 safety belt citations were issued for drivers, 7 were for passengers and 1 for a child. In 2009, 71 safety belt citations were issued to drivers, 69 for passengers and 4 for children. The average safety belt citation for drivers per year is seen at about 37, 27 for passengers, and 1 for children.

Driver safety belt violation makes up 56% while passenger is marked at 41.5% and children violation stands at 2.5%. These percentages are derived from the three year citation averages.

Base on Rota’s safety belt use for occupant protection in 2008 of 88% the Rota DPS Traffic Section still adds emphasis in the area of educating the occupants and instilling a positive behavior with respect to seatbelt usage. Continued enforcement is seen as a positive step towards achieving and changing this behavior pattern of the monitoring public and emphasizing as to the importance of safety belt use. It is necessary to continue our efforts in order to ensure users surpass the current belt usage rate.

Based on surveys conducted on 2007 the child restraint usage rate was found at 39%. Surveys conducted on 2008 found child restraint usage rate at 76%. Surveys conducted on 2009 were found at 88%. This brings a three year average of 67.66%.

PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

Increase safety belt usage by 5% for occupant protection and child restraint by calendar year 2014, as compared to the usage rate that was reported in baseline year of 2008 or average of 88% occupant protection and 67.66% for child restraint.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE

To maintain unrestraint passenger vehicle occupant fatalities at zero percent for the next year or throughout the calendar year 2012.

To increase the seat belt use rate by 5 percent or to 92 percent from 88 percent average in 2008 by December 31, 2014.

To increase child restraint use rate by 5 percent or to 72.66 percent from 67.66 percent by December 31, 2014.
To establish a valid baseline usage percentage rate of belt use for passenger vehicles on the front outboard seating position.

To establish a valid baseline percentage rate of seat belt citation issued during grant funded enforcement activities.

**PROGRAM STRATEGY (1): INFRASTRUCTURE**

**Program Activity/ Plan (1.1)**

Increase number of OP/CPS certified enforcement officers.

**Program/Activity Measure:**

- Increase certified CPS technician personnel by five (5) with current certification of two personnel by the year 2012.
- Send two (2) personnel to Kids In Motion Conference.
- Send two (2) personnel to Lifesavers Conference.
- Conduct one (1) safety belt use survey per quarter for four quarters by year 2012.
- Conduct one (1) safety belt use survey for front seat outboard seating per quarter for four quarters by year 2012.
- Conduct one (1) safety belt use survey for child restraint per quarter for four quarters by year 2012.
- Acquire two (2) Portable tent structures for child restraint activities.
- Acquire one (1) Laptop computer dedicated to OP/CR.
- Provide child restraint assistance vouchers.

**PROGRAM STRATEGY (2): ENFORCEMENT**

**Program Activity/Plan (2.1)**

Increase the number of OP/CR checkpoint and inspections.

**Program/Activity Measure:**

- Ten percent (10%) more random OP/CR inspection is to be conducted for the next three years.
- Acquire one (1) OP/CR mobilization vehicle, van-type.
- Salary of police officers at approved OP/CR mobilizations.
- Conduct a Minimum of three (3) safety belt checkpoints per quarter.
PROGRAM STRATEGY (3): EDUCATION

Program Activity/Plan (3.1):

Conduct educational contacts with teen drivers and monitoring public.

Program Activity Measure:

- Conduct a minimum of two (2) educational contacts on a monthly basis at educational institutions and other community events for proper usage of restraining devices.
- Acquisition and printing of OP/CR educational materials.
- Acquisition of promotional items such as shirt, caps, and other related accessories.

MONITORING & EVALUATION

Activities will be monitored by the Highway Safety Coordinator and will be submitted to the HSO in the form of monthly reports.
PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

PROBLEM STATEMENT:

The beautiful scenery and tropical climate of Rota has made walking and bicycling a popular mode of transportation for Rota island residents and visitor alike. This is not only environmentally conscious but also healthful. This mode of transportation system, however, presents an increased risk to major injury as the biker has no external protection and safeguards to reduce injury from traffic incidents.

From 2007 through 2009, Rota DPS recorded two (2) pedestrian-related incidents with serious injuries involving a motor vehicle on our roadway. Both incidents were found to have occurred between the hours of 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., both incidents were found to have involved juveniles under the age of 6 through 10.

DPS will continue to concentrate its efforts in the area of pedestrian safety through coordinated education, awareness, and enforcement efforts. Inclusive of this, is the coordination of media campaigns for schools to educate both pedestrian and motorist alike.

PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES:

Reduce the number of injuries in pedestrian related incidents.

Maintain zero pedestrian related fatality.

Increase safety awareness.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

Maintain zero pedestrian related fatalities for the next year or throughout the calendar year 2012.

PROGRAM STRATEGY (1): EDUCATION

Program Activity/Plan (1.1):

Conduct educational contacts with general public.

Program Activity Measure:

- Conduct Two (2) educational and safety awareness presentations at educational institutions, community events and organizations.
- Work with various safety advocates to promote pedestrian safety.
MONITORING & EVALUATION

Activities will be monitoring by the Highway Safety Coordinator and will be submitted to the HSO in the form of monthly reports.
**IMPAIRED DRIVING/DUI**

**PROBLEM STATEMENT:**

Rota continues to see a pattern of drivers driving impaired or under the influence of alcohol. In 2007, 6 impaired driving arrests were reported. In 2008, 3 impaired driving arrests were reported. In 2009, 11 impaired driving arrests were reported. These violators must have met or exceeded the 0.08 BAC to be legally declared impaired. Majority of these situations lead to fatal crashes or increased traffic-related injuries on the highways/roadways. This is a noticeable increase in the number of impaired driving arrests, thus it is imperative to continue our efforts so as to ensure impaired drivers are removed on our highways and roadways. Another factor that contributes to the increase of arrests is attributed to the increase in the number of officers on staff. Saturation patrols, high visibility enforcement and other anti-impaired driving mobilizations and initiatives are being implemented to assist authorities in their efforts.

Recent statistics gathered from 2007 to 2009 have shown an increase in the number of people under the age of 20 to have been under the influence of alcohol. However, these statistics are not reported to the HSO because they are status offenses and are criminal in nature. This however, negates the fact that most of the arrests were made while those individuals were in vehicles. Based on statistics from 2007, a total of 4 people under the age of 20 were arrested for Minor Consuming Liquor/Alcohol. Of those 4 arrested, 3 were arrested while traveling in motor vehicles. In 2008, 7 people under the age of 20 were arrested for Minor Consuming Liquor/Alcohol. Of those 7 arrested, 3 were arrested while traveling in motor vehicles. In 2009, 12 people under the age of 20 were arrested for Minor Consuming Liquor/Alcohol. Of those 12, 7 were arrested while traveling in motor vehicles. It is worth noting that these arrests, if not made, could have led to traffic-related injuries or fatalities. This situation requires grave emphasis due to violations of traffic laws as well as drinking laws in the CNMI.

**PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES:**

Reduce the number of impaired driver arrests by 10% during the next three years or by calendar year of December 31, 2014.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES:**

To decrease the number impaired driver arrests by 10 percent from the 2009 calendar base year average of 11 to 9 by December 31, 2014.
To maintain the number of alcohol-impaired driving fatalities at zero for the next three years or throughout the calendar year 2014.

To establish a baseline of number of impaired driving arrests made during grant-funded enforcement activities for the next three years or by calendar year of December 31, 2014.

**PROGRAM STRATEGY (1): INFRASTRUCTURE**

Program Activity/Plan (1.1):

Increase number of trained personnel.

Program Activity Measure:

- Send Three (3) personnel to DUI/SFST Certification Training.
- Acquisition of DUI detection and deterrence equipment.
- Send One (1) Breathalyzer Instructor to attend annual Intoximeters User’s Group Meeting.
- Acquisition of LED sign trailer.
- Acquisition of external hard-drive to store breathalyzer information for all breathalyzers on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.
PROGRAM STRATEGY (2): ENFORCEMENT

Program Activity/Plan (2.1):

- Increase the number of sobriety checkpoints and random inspections.
- Increase the number of high visibility enforcement operations.

Program Activity Measure:

- Ten percent (10%) or 1 more random inspection/checkpoint to be conducted per quarter by calendar year 2012.
- Ten percent (10%) or 3 more saturation patrols are to be conducted per quarter by calendar year 2012.
- Acquisition of Two (2) DUI enforcement vehicles.
- Salary for police officers at approved impaired driving mobilizations and selective traffic enforcement.
- Conduct three (3) sobriety checkpoints per quarter by 2014.
- Increase the number of saturation patrols by 10% by 2014.
- Conduct three (3) DUI mobilizations per quarter by 2014.
- Send officers from Rota for On-The-Job (OJT) Training for two (2) weeks with DPS Saipan.
- Acquisition video recording system for DUI enforcement vehicles

PROGRAM STRATEGY (3): EDUCATION

Program Activity/Plan (3.1):

Conduct educational contacts with motor vehicle operators.

Program Activity Measure:
- Two (2) educational contacts to be conducted with motor vehicle operators regarding impacts of impaired driving on a quarterly basis
- Conduct annual workshop/symposium to local motor vehicle operators on the impacts of impaired driving.
- Acquisition of educational and awareness materials such as caps, shirts, and other promotional accessories.
- Send officers to Saipan and Tinian for Impaired Driving Mobilizations and Proclamations.
- Acquisition of educational and promotional resources for community outreach program.
MONITORING & EVALUATION
Activities will be monitored by the Highway Safety Coordinator and will be submitted to the HSO in the form of monthly reports.
TRAFFIC INJURY REDUCTION

PROBLEM STATEMENT:
Traffic injury is a major challenge that requires concerted efforts for effective and sustainable prevention. In 2009, DPS recorded a total of 3 traffic-related injuries, 1 of which was found to be serious in nature. In 2008, a total of 4 traffic injuries were recorded and again 1 was found to be serious. In 2007, 3 total traffic injuries were recorded, likewise 1 was serious. All crashes resulting in serious injuries were speed related. Although the numbers recorded are relatively small, but 1 is too many based on the island’s population. A decrease in the number of injuries is noted, which may have been attributed to the community behavior and disregard to properly protecting themselves through the use of safety belts while in motor vehicles.

The crash injury data for 2009 of 3 represents 30% of the total reported in 2007 through 2009. Of this, 10% of the total injuries were classed as serious.

PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES:

Reduce motor vehicle crash injuries by 10 percent by calendar year 2014, using 2008 or 4 as the baseline.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

To decrease the number of motor vehicle injuries by 10 percent from 4 to 3 by December 31, 2014.

To decrease the number of motor vehicle speed related injuries by 10 percent from 4 to 3 by December 31, 2014

PROGRAM STRATEGY (1): ENFORCEMENT

Program Activity/Plan (1.1):

Increase speed enforcement and occupant protection mobilizations.

Program Activity Measure:

- Conduct laser speed mobilizations
- Conduct high visibility enforcement mobilizations
STRATEGY (2): EDUCATION

Program Activity/Plan (2.1):

Increase public awareness on the negative impact of speed and injury prevention.

Program Activity Measure:

- Conduct community outreach presentations on speed related crashes and injuries.
- Conduct presentations at educational and young drivers on the consequences of traffic crashes.
- Conduct awareness presentations on factors or attributes of traffic crash injuries.

MONITORING & EVALUATION
Activities will be monitored by the Highway Safety Coordinator and will be submitted to the HSO in the form of monthly reports.
CRASH REDUCTION

PROBLEM STATEMENT
Rota noticed that the traffic crashes have fluctuated in the past three years. A total of 13 traffic crashes were reported in 2007, 25 traffic crashes were reported in 2008, and 19 traffic crashes were reported in 2009. Despite the fluctuation of crash incidents focused attention is still required to bring the number down to a minimum. Compared to other states and territories, this number may be small. However, based on population and roadway size this is a huge number.

It is noted that the majority of the traffic crashes reported, 54% occurs between the hours of 12:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m.

The crash data in 2008 represents 44% of the total reported crashes in 2007, 2008, and 2009.

Authorities found that the 25 crashes reported in 2008 were attributed to speed, impairment and driver distractions or errors. 48% of the traffic crashes involved speed, 12% involved impaired driving, 24% from distracted driving or driver error, and 16% from other causes such as auto-parked vehicles.

Generally, these traffic crashes leads to either minor, serious, or fatal incidents. Nonetheless, efforts should be focused in reducing if not eliminating traffic crashes for a safer highway for all motorists.

PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES:

Reduce the number of traffic crashes by 15% from the 2008 calendar base year, from 25 to 21 by calendar year 2014.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

To reduce the number of traffic crashes by 15% from the 2008 calendar base year, from 25 to 21 by calendar year 2014.

To establish a baseline for the number of speeding citations issued during grant-funded enforcement mobilizations and activities.
PROGRAM STRATEGY (1): ENFORCEMENT

Program Activity/Plan (1.1):

Increase the number of highway and roadway saturation patrols.
Increase the number of grant-funded enforcement mobilizations.

Program Activity Measure:

- Increase saturation patrols from 10 checkpoints in 2008 to 24 checkpoints by calendar year of December 31, 2014.
- Send two (2) personnel to speed management training.
- Acquisition of two (2) Tru Cam Laser (speed measuring device)
- Increase number of laser (speed measuring device) mobilization
- Salary of officers at approved traffic safety mobilizations.
- Send four (4) officers to motorcycle operators certification.
- Send four (4) officers to Advance Traffic Crash Investigation certification.
- Acquisition of one (1) SLR digital camera.

PROGRAM STRATEGY (2): EDUCATION

Program Activity/Plan (2.1):

Conduct educational contacts with motor vehicle operators.

Program Activity Measure:

- Conduct one (1) educational contact with motor vehicle operators every quarter.
- Conduct awareness presentations at community events and other civic organization activities.
- Printing of community awareness signboards and banners.

MONITORING & EVALUATION

Activities will be monitored by the Highway Safety Coordinator and will be submitted to the HSO in the form of monthly reports.
MOTORCYCLE SAFETY

PROBLEM STATEMENT:
Rota has seen an increase in motorcycle activity on the island. With the global rising of fuel cost, many residents and tourists access this mode of transportation due to fuel economy and maneuverability. Though we have only captured a minimal number of motorcycle incidents in the past three (3) years, authorities continue to focus its efforts on educating and enforcing motorcycle laws on our highways and roadways. Additionally, authorities will develop formats and modules to capture future motorcycle incidents on our roadways.

With the helmet law in place, which requires every operator and rider of a motorcycle or scooter to wear head protection, authorities continue to see movements by individuals to repeal the helmet law. The CNMI has been fortunate that many legislators have been informed of the importance of helmets when operating these types of transportation modes.

PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES:

Maintain zero motorcycle incidents and increase safety awareness.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

While Rota has no significant motorcycle incidents, HSO will develop and coordinate programs to reflect motorcycle safety and capture future incidents involving these types of transportation.

To maintain the number of unhelmeted motorcycle fatalities at zero for the next three years or throughout calendar year 2014.

PROGRAM STRATEGY (1): ENFORCEMENT

Program Activity/Plan (1.1):

Increase enforcement of helmet law.

Program Activity Measure:

-Cite operators and occupants of motorcycles violating helmet laws.
- Conduct two (2) sobriety checkpoints on a quarterly basis.
PROGRAM STRATEGY (2): EDUCATION

Program Activity/Plan (2.1):

Conduct educational contacts with the community and motorcycle owners.

Program Activity Measure:

- Conduct presentations with respect to motorcycle safety with motorcycle owners.
- Acquisition of motorcycle safety paraphernalia for distribution to community.
- Work with new owners of motorcycles to promote safety.

MONITORING & EVALUATION
Activities will be monitored by the Highway Safety Coordinator and will be submitted to the HSO in the form of monthly reports.
TRAFFIC RECORDS

PROBLEM STATEMENT:
Presently, Rota has very limited capability and access to an enhanced and fully operational traffic records system. Connectivity with the Courts, Bureau of Motor Vehicle, Police Department, and the Department of Public Works is non-existent. Certain aspects of the system such as vehicle registry, driver history, EMS, are currently in the planning stages with Saipan and Tinian. We are hopeful to have a system operational in Rota as well.

Currently, Rota is relying on old, out-dated equipment to input and store data. Reporting to Saipan HSO is done mainly through facsimile and email.

PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES:
Develop and increase highway safety data information access and sharing capabilities among involved agencies. Data improvements that will eliminate duplication, improve uniformity, promote electronic data collection, and facilitate data access and use. Improve and upgrade existing system.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:
Improve and upgrade existing data system in order to accurately report data to HSO in a timely manner by calendar year 2014.

Increase report accuracy from 60% to 90% by calendar year 2014.

PROGRAM STRATEGY (1): INFRASTRUCTURE

Program Activity/Plan (1.1):
Provide connectivity of traffic records system to involved agencies and improve and upgrade traffic records computer system.
Program Activity Measure:
- Acquisition of TR hardware and software accessories to develop traffic crash modules with interface capabilities with other servers.
- Acquisition of Internet Service Provider (ISP) to establish a LAN for field uploads and storage of data into information repository.
- Acquisition of one (1) desktop computer
- Send two (2) personnel to the annual Traffic Records Forum as scheduled.

MONITORING & EVALUATION
Activities will be monitored by the Highway Safety Coordinator and will be submitted to the HSO in the form of monthly reports.
POLICE TRAFFIC SERVICES (General)

The Rota Traffic Section is in dire need of administrative equipment in order to continue to work effectively and efficiently. These items include the following:

- Dedicated telephone line $500.00
  (as we are sharing a phone line with BMV)
- Continued DSL internet service $2,000.00
  (for online communication and research)
- Two (2) Cellular phones and service $2,000.00
  (for Traffic Investigators and Command)
- Office & operational supplies $2,000.00
### TRAFFIC RECORDS-TR

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### MOTORCYCLE SAFETY-MS

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**TOTAL MOTORCYCLE SAFETY REQUEST:** $4,500.00
PAID MEDIA-PM

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<th>PM11-01</th>
<th>Printing and airing of prevention messages on signboards for CIOT, Impaired Driving, and CPS mobilizations</th>
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This project includes development of 20/20 second advertisements with the individual mobilizations. These advertisements are aired periodically on T.V. and radio stations throughout the islands.

Paid Media has been noted to be an effective and vital educational and outreach medium to the community.

This area is anticipated to increase awareness given the limited physical resources of HSO with respect to reaching out the general public.
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| TC11-01 | Send two (2) officers to speed management training | $8,000.00 |
| TC11-02 | Books and library materials such as printing of flyers, brochures, posters, handout materials | $1,500.00 |
| TC11-03 | Educational props such as writing utensils, rulers, papers, t-shirts, caps, etc. | $2,000.00 |
| TC11-04 | Purchase of two (2) Tru Cam Laser (speed measuring device) | $10,000.00 |
| TC11-05 | Purchase of one (1) SLR digital camera with lenses | $4,000.00 |
| TC11-06 | Salary of officers at approved crash reduction mobilizations | $15,000.00 |
| TC11-07 | Send four (4) officers to Advance Traffic Crash Investigation certification | $8,000.00 |
| TC11-08 | Send four (4) officers to motorcycle operators certification course | $8,000.00 |

Sub-Total | $56,000.00 |
Indirect Cost @ 16.45% | $6,500.00 |

TOTAL TRAFFIC CRASH REDUCTION REQUEST: | $63,000.00 |
| AL11-01 | Send Three (3) personnel to DUI/SFST certification training | $18,000.00 |
| AL11-02 | Acquisition of two (2) police package vehicles for impaired driving enforcement | $45,000.00 |
| AL11-03 | Send one (1) personnel to breathalyzer user’s group meeting | $8,000.00 |
| AL11-04 | Acquisition of one (1) LED sign trailer | $10,000.00 |
| AL11-05 | Acquisition of large memory external hard drive | $500.00 |
| AL11-06 | Salary of officers at approved DUI mobilizations such as sobriety checkpoints and awareness campaigns | $10,000.00 |
| AL11-07 | Acquisition of two (2) in-car video cameras for DUI enforcement vehicles | $5,000.00 |
| AL11-08 | Acquisition of emergency warning devices for DUI enforcement vehicles | $10,000.00 |
| AL11-09 | Send two (2) officer from Rota to attend the 3D Proclamation signing on Saipan | $1,500.00 |
| AL11-10 | DUI On-the-Job Training (OJT) with DPS Saipan for two (2) officers for two (2) weeks | $4,000.00 |
| AL11-11 | Books and library materials such as printing of flyers, brochures, handout materials | $1,500.00 |
| AL11-12 | DUI outreach props such as t-shirts, caps, and other DUI paraphernalia | $2,500.00 |

Sub-Total | $116,000.00 |
Indirect Cost @ 16.45% | $7,100.00 |

TOTAL IMPAIRED DRIVER-ALCOHOL REQUEST: | $123,100.00 |
## OCCUPANT PROTECTION/CHILD RESTRAINT-OP

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Sub-Total                                                                 $71,000.00

Indirect Cost @ 16.45%                                                  $6,500.00

TOTAL OCCUPANT PROTECTION/CHILD RESTRAINT REQUEST                      $77,000.00
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Annual Vehicle Registration

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Pedestrian Injuries

- 2007: 0
- 2008: 1
- 2009: 1

OP/CR Violations

- Driver
- Passenger
- Child Restraint

- 2007:
  - Driver: 14
  - Passenger: 7
  - Child Restraint: 0

- 2008:
  - Driver: 27
  - Passenger: 7
  - Child Restraint: 1

- 2009:
  - Driver: 71
  - Passenger: 69
  - Child Restraint: 4
Territorial Performance Measures

DPS Fire, Emergency Medical Services Performance Measures
**Problem Statement:**

The Department of Public Safety-Fire Division, Office of EMS/Rescue Section needs to continue to provide traffic-related training and certification courses for EMS/Rescue personnel in the islands of Saipan, Rota, and Tinian from EMT-Basic (EMT-B), Basic Life Support (BLS) for Healthcare Providers (HCP), and other specialized training such as Prehospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) that provide emphasis on trauma-related injuries from motor vehicle crashes or other traffic-related incidents. EMT-B is conducted in accordance to the U.S. Department of Transportation-National Standard Curriculum and requires a minimum of 110 contact hours, BLS-HCP is conducted in accordance to the American Heart Association Emergency Cardiac Care Guidelines and requires a minimum of 8 contact hours, and PHTLS is conducted in accordance to the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma Guidelines and requires a minimum of 40 contact hours and all of which includes didactic, clinical, and field evaluations. These traffic-related courses are required for EMS/Rescue personnel and are conducted at least twice a year depending on their recertification cycle.

In Saipan, we have 87 personnel; whereas, Tinian has 7 and Rota has 7. At present, we now have 3 lead EMT-B instructors, 1 EMT-B skills instructor, and 9 BLS-HCP instructors between the three islands. We need to maintain at least 4 EMT-B and 10 BLS-HCP instructors to adequately and effectively conduct these traffic-related training and certification programs. The additional EMS instructors will improve and sustain the quality of training and education being conducted to EMS/Rescue personnel in responding to motor vehicle crashes or traffic-related injuries. To achieve this, we need to bring EMS instructors from the U.S. Mainland to conduct traffic-related “train-the-trainer” programs to certify local EMS instructors as well as recertify all EMS/Rescue personnel on an ongoing basis.

In addition, we will continue to seek and obtain national certification through the National Registry of EMTs (NREMT) to demonstrate the minimum level of competency as compared to other providers in this profession. The goal is to achieve at least an 80% pass ratio on the initial certification exam taken by EMS/Rescue personnel. Having well-trained and competent EMT-Basics to respond to motor vehicle crashes that deal with critical and dangerous situations or treat seriously injured victims from traffic-related incidents requires continuous EMS professional education, training, and certification. The EMT-B and BLS-HCP is the minimum certification and staffing requirement to work on the ambulance or rescue unit. Funding is needed to sustain recruitment and retention of EMS instructors, administer the NREMT exams, and recertify EMS/Rescue personnel at all levels to include maintaining sufficient instructional materials, equipment, and supplies.
Performance Objectives:
1. Conduct traffic-related “train-the-trainer” courses to qualified EMS personnel by U.S. Mainland instructors.
2. Administer the National Registry of EMTs certification exam to EMS personnel.
3. Certify EMS staff as EMT-Basic Instructors from the islands of Saipan, Rota, and Tinian.
4. Certify EMS staff as BLS for Healthcare Providers Instructors from the islands of Saipan, Rota, and Tinian.

Performance Measures:
1. Conducted traffic-related “train-the-trainer” courses to qualified EMS personnel by U.S. Mainland instructors.
2. Administered the National Registry of EMTs certification exam to EMS personnel.
3. 4 EMS staff certified as EMT-B Instructors from the islands of Saipan, Rota, and Tinian.
4. 10 EMS staff recertified as BLS-HCP Instructors from the islands of Saipan, Rota, and Tinian.
5. 101 EMS/Rescue personnel recertified in EMT-B and BLS-HCP from the islands of Saipan, Rota, and Tinian.

Program Strategy (1): Instructor Certification

Program Activity/Plan (1.1):
• Conduct traffic-related “train-the-trainer” courses to qualified EMS instructors from Saipan, Rota, and Tinian.

Program/Activity Measure (1.1):
• 4 EMS staff certified as instructors for traffic-related courses.

Program Activity/Plan (1.2):
• Certify EMS staff as EMT-Basic instructors from Saipan, Rota, and Tinian

Program/Activity Measure (1.2):
• 4 EMS staff certified as EMT-Basic instructors.

Program Activity/Plan (1.3):
• Certify EMS staff as BLS for Healthcare Provider instructors from Saipan, Rota, and Tinian.

Program/Activity Measure (1.3):
• 10 EMS staff certified as BLS for Healthcare Provider instructors.
Program Strategy (2): Recertification

Program Activity/Plan (2.1):
- Recertify EMS/Rescue personnel from Saipan, Rota, and Tinian in EMT-Basic and Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers.

Program/Activity Measure (2.1):

Program Strategy (3): National Certification

Program Activity/Plan (3.1):
- Administer the National Registry of EMTs certification exam for EMS/Rescue personnel.

Program/Activity Measure (3.1):
- 80% pass ratio by EMS/Rescue personnel on the initial exams.

Monitoring & Evaluation:
This will be conducted through quarterly progress reports, system monitoring, and meetings.

TRAFFIC-RELATED ON-THE-JOB (OJT) TRAINING AND EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Problem Statement:
The Department of Public Safety-Fire Division, Office of EMS/Rescue Section needs to provide traffic-related on-the-job training in the island of Saipan for EMS/Rescue personnel from the islands of Rota and Tinian. This traffic-related training program will allow those personnel to be proficient in their EMT knowledge and skills as it relates to motor vehicle crashes or traffic-related injuries. The on-the-job experience to be gained by this opportunity will far exceed expectations. Statistics continue to show that emergency response to motor vehicle crashes or other traffic-related incidents in Rota and Tinian are far less than Saipan and that they have higher traffic fatality outcomes because of prolonged response times due to their more rural settings which results in a less successful disability rehabilitation post-injury. Definitive care for even rapidly extricated trapped victims in motor vehicle crashes for immediate transport goes to the only healthcare facility in Saipan until they are stabilized for medical evacuation to Guam, Hawaii, the U.S. Mainland, or other places.

Motor vehicle crashes or traffic-related injuries are still a common occurrence in Saipan and EMS/Rescue personnel frequently respond to these calls often involving critical situations requiring the use of the “jaws of life” equipment to extricate trapped victims in a motor vehicle or treat seriously injured patients from traffic-related crashes.
Maintaining a traffic-related on-the-job training program for EMS/Rescue personnel from the islands of Rota and Tinian will definitely enhance their EMT knowledge and skills when responding to these incidents and provide them with the necessary “hands-on” tools and experience needed in achieving better patient outcomes in traffic-related crashes within their EMS systems. Of the 101 EMS/Rescue personnel, 7 are from Tinian and 7 are from Rota.

The traffic-related on-the-job training program will be conducted on a rotational basis until all EMS/Rescue personnel from these areas have completed the program. Furthermore, EMS/Rescue personnel from Saipan will continue to use this opportunity to network with their peers in Rota and Tinian while their counterparts undergo the traffic-related on-the-job training in Saipan as part of an exchange program. The on-the-job training and exchange program will be maintained between the three islands which will assist the department in mitigating overtime and backfill of EMS/Rescue personnel.

**Performance Objectives:**
1. Maintain a traffic-related on-the-job training program for EMS/Rescue personnel from the islands of Rota and Tinian.
2. Maintain a traffic-related peer-to-peer exchange program for EMS/Rescue personnel between the three islands.

**Performance Measures:**
1. 5 EMS/Rescue personnel from Rota attended traffic-related on-the-job training in Saipan.
2. 5 EMS/Rescue personnel from Tinian attended traffic-related on-the-job training in Saipan.
3. 5 EMS/Rescue personnel from Saipan participated in the traffic-related peer-to-peer exchange program in Rota.
4. 5 EMS/Rescue personnel from Saipan participated in the traffic-related peer-to-peer exchange program in Tinian.

**Program Strategy (1): On-the-Job (OJT) Training**

**Program Activity/Plan (1.1):**
- Conduct traffic-related on-the-job training for EMS/Rescue personnel from Rota.

**Program/Activity Measure (1.1):**
- 5 EMS/Rescue personnel attended traffic-related on-the-job training from Rota.

**Program Activity/Plan (1.2):**
- Conduct traffic-related on-the-job training for EMS/Rescue personnel from Tinian.

**Program/Activity Measure (1.2):**
- 5 EMS/Rescue personnel attended traffic-related on-the-job training from Tinian.
Program Strategy (2): Exchange Program

Program Activity/Plan (2.1):
• Maintain traffic-related peer-to-peer exchange program between the three islands.

Program/Activity Measure (2.1):
• 5 EMS/Rescue personnel from Saipan participated in traffic-related exchange program for Tinian.

Program Activity/Plan (2.2):
• Maintain traffic-related peer-to-peer exchange program between the three islands.

Program/Activity Measure (2.2):
• 5 EMS/Rescue personnel from Saipan participated in traffic-related exchange program for Tinian.

Monitoring & Evaluation:
This will be conducted through quarterly progress reports, system monitoring, and meetings.

PUBLIC EDUCATION AND INJURY PREVENTION PROGRAM

Problem Statement:
The Department of Public Safety-Fire Division, Office of EMS/Rescue Section has successfully conducted annual public education campaigns in the CNMI for over 17 years in collaboration with the traffic section within our department and other government agencies and stakeholder organizations as it pertains to motor vehicle crashes or traffic-related incidents. We continue to partner with other government agencies, non-profit organizations, and private businesses to provide innovative and alternative public education programs pertaining to traffic safety and trauma-related injuries to the communities, citizens, and visitors in the islands of Saipan, Rota, and Tinian to reduce the need for emergency medical services to motor vehicle crashes or traffic-related incidents.

Although we have been successful in these endeavors, continuity of these traffic-related public education campaigns are crucial to preventing and reducing motor vehicle crashes or traffic-related injuries by keeping the public informed and educated on these issues. Campaigns such as First There First Care, EMS Week, Heartsaver CPR, Make The Right Call, Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month, Click It or Ticket, Child Passenger Safety Month, Police Week, Recreational Boating Safety Month, and other highly successful campaigns will be conducted throughout the year to promote traffic safety.
This brings attention and participation of the different ethnic groups here in the CNMI by encouraging them to become a “partner for life” by contributing to public service as part of their civic duties to prevent injuries, reduce illness, and ultimately save more lives.

The Office of EMS/Rescue Section will collect and maintain data from target audiences in the community involving motor vehicle crashes or traffic-related injuries and work with other programs within our department such as the police, traffic, and motor carrier sections in combining our efforts to more effectively address this issue that continues to affect our beautiful islands.

Performance Objectives:
1. Conduct traffic-related public education programs such as Heartsaver CPR, EMS Week, First There First Care, Make The Right Call, and other programs to target audiences in the community in the form of classes, public service announcements, newspaper advertisements, public displays, and impact surveys.
2. Establish and convene a planning committee to promote traffic safety that consists of different stakeholders from public safety and public health agencies, other government and non-profit organizations, private businesses as well as members from the community from the islands of Saipan, Rota, Tinian, and Guam in celebrating the annual EMS Week events.

Performance Measures:
1. # of Heartsaver CPR classes conducted to ordinary citizens in the community, government agencies, private businesses, and non-profit or civic organizations.
2. # of Heartsaver CPR student textbooks and certification cards issued.
3. # of pocket masks distributed to students in Heartsaver CPR courses.
4. # of First There First Care and Make The Right Call presentations conducted to public and private schools to include day-care centers, community college, government agencies, and non-profit or civic organizations.
5. # of public service announcements broadcast on television and radio commercials.
6. # of advertisements printed on newspapers or magazines, posted on government internet websites, and other information channels.
7. # of promotional items, billboards, and banners distributed and displayed at different target locations throughout the three islands especially during EMS Week or other public education campaigns.
8. # of public displays conducted at private businesses, government agencies, and during special events.
9. # of impact surveys distributed and collected from the community.
10. Established and convened an EMS Week Planning Committee and 3rd week of May is declared as CNMI EMS Week.
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CNMI Department of Public Safety
Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

Program Strategy (1): Public Education Classes

Program Activity/Plan (1.1):
- Conduct Heartsaver CPR classes to citizens, government agencies, private businesses, and non-profit or civic organizations.

Program/Activity Measure (1.1):
- Heartsaver CPR classes conducted at least once a month.
- # of Heartsaver CPR books and certification cards issued.
- # of pocket masks distributed to students.

Program Activity/Plan (1.2):
- Conduct First There First Care and Make The Right Call presentations to public and private schools to include day-care centers, the community college, government agencies, and non-profit or civic organizations.

Program/Activity Measure (1.2):
- First There First Care and Make The Right Call presentations conducted at least once a month.

Program Activity/Plan (1.3):
- Conduct public displays at private businesses, government agencies, special events, and during EMS Week.
- Distribute and collect impact surveys during these events.

Program/Activity Measure (1.3):
- # of public displays conducted.
- # of brochures, pamphlets, and promotional items handed-out.
- # of billboards and banners displayed.
- # of impact surveys distributed and collected.

Program Strategy (2): Public Education Media Campaign

Program Activity/Plan (2.1):
- Develop and broadcast language-specific public education public service announcements for television and radio commercial ads.

Program/Activity Measure (2.1):
- # of television and radio commercials developed and broadcast in different languages.

Program Activity/Plan (2.2):
- Develop and print public education media advertisements for newspapers or magazines, government internet websites, and other information channels.
Program/Activity Measure (2.2):
- # of media advertisements developed and printed in different languages.

Program Strategy (3): Public Education Planning Committee

Program Activity/Plan (3.1):
- Establish and convene the CNMI EMS Week Planning Committee from the different stakeholders from public safety, public health agencies, or other government and non-profit organizations, the community and from the islands of Saipan, Rota, Tinian, and Guam.

Program/Activity Measure (3.1):
- Representatives from the different stakeholders and from the islands of Saipan, Rota, Tinian, and Guam attended the proclamation signing of EMS Week.
- # of EMS Week planning committee meetings held.

Monitoring & Evaluation:
This will be conducted through quarterly progress reports, system monitoring, and meetings.

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING & TRAFFIC-EMS SYSTEM MONITORING

Problem Statement:
The geographic location of the CNMI from the U.S. Mainland or even Guam and Hawaii and the physical separation between the islands of Saipan, Rota, and Tinian will continue to make it difficult for EMS professionals in the CNMI EMS System to network and share information with other EMS systems and professionals nationally and even between the islands as it pertains traffic safety and emergency response. Although communication has improved with internet access, the lack of direct and interoperable communications and almost non-existing and costly distance learning access has made it even more challenging to address the issue of professional development for EMS/Rescue personnel in traffic education and system monitoring to EMS responses to motor vehicle crashes or traffic-related incidents.

Cutting-edge research in medicine continues to produce new and best practices and innovative technologies that affect prehospital patient care in responding to and transporting from motor vehicle crashes or traffic-related injuries which makes it imperative that we keep abreast in the latest issues and developments in traffic-related EMS response in order to be a competitive force in this industry due to its ever-changing nature.
Involvement in EMS associations or organizations at the national level has proven beneficial in that the critical needs of the CNMI EMS System is well received and taken into consideration when new legislation is introduced that includes funding from federal agencies to address traffic safety and education, emergency response to traffic-related incidents, and conduct research to save more lives of victims involved in motor vehicle crashes.

Furthermore, EMS professionals from the CNMI rarely get the opportunity to communicate or network “real-time” with their peers in the CNMI let alone from Guam, Hawaii, and the U.S. Mainland about traffic safety and education, EMS response to motor vehicle crashes or traffic-related incidents, and general traffic-related emergency response due to lack of local funds to provide for such opportunities. In addition, the involvement of the state EMS office in Saipan between the more rural islands of Rota and Tinian is minimal due to a lack of interaction between our agencies primarily because of the lack of local funding to provide for direct inter-office communication and system monitoring in addressing traffic-related response times, scene times, and transport times. Participation at annual meetings or conferences at EMS associations or organizations involved in the decision-making process towards national or federal policies that affects federal traffic-related funding, training and education, and national certification has proven beneficial although a lot more still needs to be done.

Providing an incentive program to EMS professionals here in the CNMI by allowing them the opportunity to attend nationally sponsored traffic-related conferences, training, or workshops will broaden their horizons and see first-hand how other EMS systems function and more importantly improved patient care outcomes from motor vehicle crashes or other intentional or unintentional injuries.

**Performance Objectives:**

1. Attend the Lifesavers Annual Conference by EMS/Rescue personnel from the islands of Saipan, Rota, and Tinian.
2. Attend the “Kids in Motion” Annual Conference by EMS/Rescue personnel from the islands of Saipan, Rota, and Tinian.
3. Conduct EMS system monitoring between the islands of Saipan, Rota, and Tinian and networking with Guam Fire and EMS.

**Performance Measures:**

1. Attended the Lifesavers Annual Conference.
2. Attended the “Kids in Motion” Annual Conference.
3. 2 EMS personnel attended the LifeSavers Annual Conference from Saipan.
4. 1 EMS personnel attended the LifeSavers Annual Conference from Rota.
5. 1 EMS personnel attended the LifeSavers Annual Conference from Tinian.
6. 2 EMS personnel attended the “Kids in Motion” Annual Conference from Saipan.
7. 1 EMS personnel attended the “Kids in Motion” Annual Conference from Rota.
8. 1 EMS personnel attended the “Kids in Motion” Annual Conference from Tinian.
9. Conducted quarterly EMS system monitoring and networking.
Program Strategy (2): Traffic-EMS System Monitoring and Networking

Program Activity/Plan (2.1):
- Conduct EMS system monitoring for the islands of Saipan, Rota, and Tinian.

Program/Activity Measure (2.1):
- Fire Chief, EMS Supervisor, EMS Training Coordinator, and staff conducted quarterly system monitoring.

Program Activity/Plan (2.2):
- Conduct EMS system networking with Guam EMS.

Program/Activity Measure (2.2):
- Fire Chief, EMS Supervisor, EMS Training Coordinator, and staff conducted quarterly system networking.

Monitoring & Evaluation:
This will be conducted through quarterly progress reports, system monitoring, and meetings.

Contractual Costs

Dakota Business Services will provide traffic-related “train-the-trainer” EMS courses to qualified EMS staff from the islands of Saipan, Rota, and Tinian through the Office of EMS/Rescue Section. In addition, they will administer the National Registry of EMTs practical exam, assist in facilitating the online written exam through the appropriate testing site, and secure continuing education credit to EMS/Rescue personnel upon successful completion of these courses. Dakota Business Services has experience in providing successful training and certification programs to prehospital and hospital personnel in the Pacific Region. They have worked with the South Dakota EMSC Office through the University of South Dakota and with the McKennan School of EMS. Amount requested is for travel expenses ($12,785), office supplies ($1,500), administrative costs ($1,000), participant materials ($750), and other miscellaneous items ($250). There is no charge for personnel time.

Supplies-Operations

Purchase EMT-Basic, BLS for Healthcare Providers, and Heartsaver CPR course materials such as instructor kits, manuals, training videos, student textbooks and workbooks, certificates and certification cards, and other materials or equipment needed to conduct these courses. ($10,000)
Program Strategy (1): Professional Development and Training

Program Activity/Plan (1.1):
• Attend the Lifesavers Annual Conference by EMS/Rescue personnel from Saipan.

Program/Activity Measure (1.1):
• 2 EMS/Rescue personnel from Saipan attended the Lifesavers Annual Conference.

Program Activity/Plan (1.2):
• Attend the Lifesavers Annual Conference by EMS/Rescue personnel from Tinian.

Program/Activity Measure (1.2):
• 1 EMS/Rescue personnel from Tinian attended the Lifesavers Annual Conference.

Program Activity/Plan (1.3):
• Attend the Lifesavers Annual Conference by EMS/Rescue personnel from Rota.

Program/Activity Measure (1.3):
• 1 EMS/Rescue personnel from Rota attended the Lifesavers Annual Conference.

Program Activity/Plan (1.4):
• Attend the “Kids in Motion” Annual Conference by EMS/Rescue personnel from Saipan.

Program/Activity Measure (1.4):
• 2 EMS/Rescue personnel from Saipan attended the “Kids in Motion” Annual Conference.

Program Activity/Plan (1.5):
• Attend the “Kids in Motion” Annual Conference by EMS/Rescue personnel from Tinian.

Program/Activity Measure (1.5):
• 1 EMS/Rescue personnel from Tinian attended the “Kids in Motion” Annual Conference.

Program Activity/Plan (1.6):
• Attend the “Kids in Motion” Annual Conference by EMS/Rescue personnel from Rota.

Program/Activity Measure (1.6):
• 1 EMS/Rescue personnel from Rota attended the “Kids in Motion” Annual Conference.
FINANCIAL SECTION

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# FY 2011 Project Cost Summary

**National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)**

**State: C.N.M.I.**  
**Budget Obligation: HCS 217 No: 11-00-00  Date: Aug. 26, 2010**

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Highway Safety Coordinator  
Date: 8/23/10  
Acting Commissioner/GR  
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## Planning & Administration

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### Occupant Protection & Child Restraint-OPCR

<p>| OP11-01 | Educational and promotional props such as writing utensils, rulers, papers, t-shirts, caps, etc. | $ 1,500.00 |
| OP11-02 | Books and library materials such as printing of flyers, brochures, posters, handout materials. | $ 1,500.00 |
| OP11-03 | Car seat Assistance Program-Issuance of Vouchers | $ 1,000.00 |
| OP11-04 | Printing of community awareness signboards, banners, Air &amp; print medias and ads at stations and publishers. | $ 500.00 |
| OP11-05 | Lifesaver’s Conference for Two (2) personnel at scheduled location and date. | $ 8,000.00 |
| OP11-06 | Buckle Up Proclamation Campaign to Saipan for Three (3) personnel from DPS Rota and Tinian. | $1,000.00 |
| OP11-07 | CPS Proclamation Campaign to Saipan for Three (3) personnel from DPS Rota and Tinian. | $ 1,000.00 |
| OP11-08 | Bring two (2) instructors to conduct CPS Technician and Instructor Certification Training. | $ 8,000.00 |
| OP11-09 | Salary of officers at approved OP/CR mobilizations such as checkpoints, awareness campaigns. | $ 5,000.00 |
| OP11-10 | Kids In Motion/CPS Annual Conference for two (2) CPS Technician. | $8,000.00 |
| OP11-11 | Traffic Leadership Meeting for One (1) personnel | $4,000.00 |
| OP11-12 | Acquisition of two (2) laptops for OP/CR field use. | $3,000.00 |
| OP11-13 | Acquisition of one (1) digital video recorder for OP/CR activities. | $600.00 |
| OP11-14 | Acquisition of one (1) projector for presentation/awareness classes. | $500.00 |
| OP11-15 | Acquisition of one (1) SLR camera with accessories for documenting events. | $3,000.00 |
| OP11-16 | Rental of space for CPS class. | $1,500.00 |
| OP11-17 | Acquisition of one (1) desktop computer for OP/CR program use. | $1,300.00 |
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|                          | Sub-Total                                                                   | $96,200.00 |
| Indirect Cost @ 16.45%   |                                                                             | $11,800.00 |
| TOTAL OP/CR REQUEST:     |                                                                             | $108,000.00 |
### Impaired Driver-Police Traffic Services-IDPTS

| IDPTS11-01 | Acquisition of one (1) DUI Mobile Vehicle for Saipan DPS Traffic Services. | $150,000.00 |
| IDPTS11-02 | Books and library materials such as printing of flyers, brochures, posters, handout materials. | $ 500.00 |
| IDPTS11-03 | Printing of signboards, banners, air & print media and ads at stations and publishers for Saipan, Tinian, Rota. | $ 1,500.00 |
| IDPTS11-04 | Send two (2) personnel to DUI/SFST Instructor Certification Training. | $8,000.00 |
| IDPTS11-05 | Send two (2) personnel for DWI Training. | $8,000.00 |
| IDPTS11-06 | Send Three (3) DPS officers from Tinian and Rota to attend the 3D Proclamation Signing in Saipan. | $2,500.00 |
| IDPTS11-07 | Breathalyzer Instructor certification training for two (2) personnel. | $8,000.00 |
| IDPTS11-08 | Acquisition of one (1) desktop computer for DUI Program. | $1,300.00 |
| IDPTS11-09 | Acquisition of two (2) DUI enforcement vehicles Saipan DPS. | $60,000.00 |
| IDPTS11-11 | Salary of officers at approved DUI mobilizations such as sobriety checkpoints and awareness campaigns. | $5,000.00 |
| IDPTS11-12 | Lifesavers Conference for Two (2) personnel | $8,000.00 |

**Estimated Carry-Forward from FY10 - $300,000.00**

| | Sub-Total | $252,800.00 |
| | Indirect Cost @ 16.45% | $6,700.00 |
| | TOTAL IMPAIRED DRIVER-PTS REQUEST: | $259,500.00 |
## Emergency Medical Services-EMS

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<th>EMS11-01</th>
<th>Kids In Motion /CPS Annual Conference for two (2) EMS project personnel.</th>
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<td>Quarterly monitoring of EMS System in Rota for two (2) EMS staff from Saipan.</td>
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<td>Quarterly monitoring of EMS System in Tinian for two (2) EMS staff from Saipan.</td>
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<td>EMS11-06</td>
<td>Quarterly monitoring of EMS System in Saipan for two (2) EMS staff from Tinian.</td>
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<td>EMS11-07</td>
<td>Conduct quarterly EMS system networking with Guam Fire and EMS for four (4) EMS staff from Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.</td>
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<td>EMS11-08</td>
<td>For EMS Week Planning Committee from Saipan, Tinian and Rota to attend EMS Week proclamation signing and meetings between islands.</td>
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<td>EMS11-09</td>
<td>For one (1) EMS staff from Rota to attend EMT-Basic Instructor certification in Saipan.</td>
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<td>EMS11-10</td>
<td>For one (1) EMS staff from Tinian to attend EMT-Basic Instructor certification in Saipan.</td>
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<td>EMS11-11</td>
<td>For ten (10) EMS staff from Saipan, Tinian, and Rota to attend BLS for Healthcare Provider Instructor recertification in Guam.</td>
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<td>EMS11-12</td>
<td>For five (5) EMS/Rescue personnel from Tinian to attend on-the-job training in Saipan for 7 days.</td>
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<td>EMS11-13</td>
<td>For five (5) EMS/Rescue personnel from Rota to attend on-the-job training in Saipan for 7 days.</td>
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<td>EMS11-14</td>
<td>For five (5) EMS/Rescue personnel from Saipan to participate in the exchange program in Rota for 7 days.</td>
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<td>EMS11-15</td>
<td>For five (5) EMS/Rescue personnel from Saipan to participate in the exchange program in Tinian for 7 days.</td>
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<td>EMS11-16</td>
<td>Contractual cost for traffic-related “train-the-trainer” EMS courses to qualified EMS staff from Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.</td>
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<td>EMS11-17</td>
<td>Purchase of EMT-Basic, BLS for Healthcare Providers, and Heartsaver CPR course course materials.</td>
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<td>EMS11-18</td>
<td>Purchase pocket masks and other related training supplies needed for students who complete the Heartsaver CPR and other public education and injury prevention campaigns.</td>
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<td>EMS11-19</td>
<td>Payment of public education ads to increase awareness in reducing traffic related injuries or deaths.</td>
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<td>EMS11-20</td>
<td>Purchase of promotional items for distribution at presentations, displays, and other activities.</td>
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<td>EMS11-20</td>
<td>Purchase necessary EMS equipment and supplies for ambulances/rescue units to be utilized in responding to motor vehicle crashes.</td>
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<td>EMS11-21</td>
<td>Monthly service fees for telephones, cellular phones, internet access, fax, and pagers assigned to the Office of EMS/Rescue Section.</td>
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<td>EMS11-22</td>
<td>Office supplies such as printer inks, fax toners, photocopying papers, pens, etc. for Office of EMS/Rescue Section.</td>
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<td>EMS11-23</td>
<td>EMS educational resource and reference materials for EMS provider certification.</td>
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Estimated Carry-Forward from FY10 - $95,000.00

|               | Sub-Total                                               | $192,300.00 |
|               | Indirect Cost @ 16.45%                                   | $32,000.00  |
|               | TOTAL EMEM REQUEST                                      | $224,300.00 |
## TRAFFIC RECORDS - TR

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<th>Send Two (2) personnel to the 2011 Traffic Records Forum at scheduled location and date.</th>
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<td>TR11-02</td>
<td>Send Two (2) personnel to the AAMVA Conference</td>
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<td>ISP/LAN service fees for crash connectivity.</td>
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Estimated Carry-Forward from FY10 - $44,000.00

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### Paid Media - PM

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<th>PM11-01</th>
<th>Printing and airing of prevention messages on signboards and electronic displays for CIOT, Buckle-up, Drunk Driving, and CPS mobilizations.</th>
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<td>PM11-02</td>
<td>Procurement of library and other reference materials to include printing of forms, brochures, flyers, etc.</td>
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<td>PM11-03</td>
<td>Payment of advertising and audio-visual media at radio stations, television stations, magazines, local newspapers for CIOT, Buckle-up, Drunk Driving, and CPS Mobilizations.</td>
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Estimated Carry-Forward from FY10-$4,000.00

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TOTAL TRAFFIC RECORDS REQUEST: $ 29,200.00