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“Team Focus”
“Galulue Fa’atasi”

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Dear Chris Murphy;

I am pleased to present the American Samoa’s Annual Report for the federal fiscal year 2014 Highway Safety Program activities.

This report provides an overview of the American Samoa use of the NHTSA FY2014 funds and the approved carry forward funds from previous years. Our program goals and accomplishments are presented as defined in our FY 2014 Highway Safety Plan. We achieved and made progress in reaching out to the community once again and implement more Police Officer’s training this year. We continue to strive to improve our seat belt usage with the new design and looking at extending this to our neighbor islands for the first time..

On behalf of the Department of Public Safety personnel and our Office of Highway Safety staff, I would like to thank you for continuing to support our highway safety programs.

Wish you and your staff a prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM E. HALECK
Commissioner of Public Safety
Governor’s Representative for Highway Safety

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Executive Summary

- **Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2014 Accomplishments**
  - Increased number of alcohol and speeding enforcements resulted in high numbers of citations
  - Two fatalities were non-alcohol, speeding nor seat belt related
  - OHS funded DPS Enforcements activities by months are as follow
    - Alcohol Enforcement – January
    - Speed / Alcohol Enforcement - February to April
    - CIOT – Seatbelt Enforcement - May & June
    - Speed / Alcohol Enforcement - July
    - Speed / Alcohol Enforcement - August & September
    - Occupant Protection (OP) - September & November
    - Alcohol Enforcement - October & December
  - OHS maintains a 77% on seat belt use with new design; seat belt citations decreased by 849 since 2009 while compliance increased by 19%
  - More than a 100 car seats were distribute at scheduled fitting stations
  - 30 Officers successfully completed the first ARIDE in American Samoa also recertified under the 2013 March SFST Edition; CHP Consultant provided the training
  - Three of OHS staff successfully completed the Program Management course which brings OHS to a 100% complete

**FFY 2014 Challenges**

- Enforcement fuel resources
- Local travel approving process
- New change in DPS leadership
1.0 Highway Safety in American Samoa

1.1 Introduction

The American Samoa Highway Safety Program is administered by the Department of Public Safety, Office of Highway Safety. The Commissioner of Public Safety, William E. Haleck is the Governor’s Representative, and Mr. Fred Scanlan is the Territory Highway Safety Coordinator.

Mission

The mission of the American Samoa Office of Highway Safety is to reduce the traffic crashes, traffic fatalities, injuries, and property damage on the American Samoa roadways, and to create a safer environment for motorists, passengers, and pedestrians.

Our enforcement programs continued to be successful with reductions in total number of crashes; persons injured and decrease in impaired driving arrests from 2012. ARIDE certification has made a big difference in the alcohol enforcements and the number of drugged driving started to populate for future assessments. 2014 set the baseline for drugged driving.

Goals

Goals for this Federal Fiscal Year 2014 Annual Report are set and committed to in the 2014 Highway Safety Plan.

1.2 Crash Summary

In American Samoa, the total number of crashes decreased by 25 between 2007 and 2014. Table 1 provides detail in key areas of the American Samoa highway safety trends from 2007 to 2014.
Table 1. Traffic Safety Trends in American Samoa (2007-2014)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Crash Data / Trends</th>
<th>Progress Report Data 2007 to 2013</th>
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<tr>
<td>C-1 – Fatalities</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td>C-2 – Serious Traffic Injuries</td>
<td>73</td>
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<td>C-3 – Fatalities/VMT Total</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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<td>C-3- Fatalities/VMT – Rural</td>
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<td>C-3-Fatalities/VMT -Urban</td>
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<td>C-4-Unrestrained Passenger Vehicle Occupant Fatalities in all seating positions</td>
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<td>C-5-Alcohol Related Fatalities</td>
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<td>C-6-Speed Related Fatalities</td>
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<td>C-7-Motorcycle Fatalities</td>
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<td>C-8-Unhelmed motorcyclist Fatalities</td>
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<td>C-9-Drivers Age 20 or younger involved in fatal crashes</td>
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<td>C-10-Pedestrian Fatalities</td>
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<td>B-1 Observe seat belt use for passenger vehicles, front seat outboard occupants</td>
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<td>A-1 Seat Belt citations issued during grant funded enforcement activities</td>
<td>NA</td>
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<td>A-2 Impaired driving arrests made during grant funded enforcement activities</td>
<td>NA</td>
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<td>A-3 Speeding citations issued during grant funded enforcement activities</td>
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<td>Number of Persons Injured</td>
<td>106</td>
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<td>Total Crash</td>
<td>705</td>
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<td>Alcohol Related crashes</td>
<td>34</td>
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<td>Speed Related Crashes (by Community / municipality)</td>
<td>6</td>
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¹ OSCAR data started NA=Not Available, N/A=Not Applicable, NC=Not Collected
1.3 Program Focus Areas/Challenges

The Highway Safety Office and the Department of Public Safety, Traffic Division continued to make significant progress in spite of new administration policies, local challenges and other resources.

The following program areas were focused on in the OHS’ FFY 2014 Highway Safety Plan, page 1. These included:

1. **Occupant Protection** – Compliant rate for seat belt usage and child passenger safety restraints used in American Samoa is below national average.
2. **Alcohol** – Impaired driving has increased with drugged driving been identified as a problem.
3. **Speed** – Speed citations continued to increase due to an extension of road resurface projects.
4. **Pedestrian Safety/Other Road Users** – The safety of school pedestrians.
5. **Traffic Records** – Continue on improving timeliness, accuracy, completeness, uniformity, compatibility, and integration of traffic records for problem identification and performance measurement.
6. **Police Traffic Services** – Increase visible enforcement, equipment, and other resources to deter violations of law.
7. **Planning and Administration** – The coordination, monitoring, and evaluation of highway safety projects.

Table 2 shows the goals of OHS for mitigating these problems in American Samoa.

<table>
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<td>Occupant Protection</td>
<td>• increase Islandwide observed seat belt use of front seat outboard occupants in passenger vehicles by 5% from the June 2012 75% to 81% by June 2014</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• Increase Car Seats on island</td>
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<td>• Community Outreach and School Competition</td>
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• Support National Campaign

Alcohol
• Continue to maintain zero DUI related traffic fatalities in FY2014.
• Increase public awareness
• Increase Impaired Driving Enforcements

Speed
• Reduce the role of speeding in highway fatality
• Increase speed enforcement

Pedestrian
• Increase involvement of partners in pedestrian safety
• Increase Public Awareness

Planning & Administration
• Provide management, supervision and support for all the activities of the island traffic safety program

Traffic Record
• Continue enhancement of OSCAR
• Continue develop and piloting of E-Citation
• Continue enhancement of Traffic Data Collection

Police Traffic Service
• Increase Visible Enforcement
• Increase HVE resources
• Increase saturation patrol

1.4 Accomplishments

American Samoa achieved some improvements in FFY 2014. A brief summary of these accomplishments is provided below and more detail is provided in Section 3 of this annual report.

Occupant Protection:
• Significant increase of seat belt use under new design; reflects a decrease of citations issued
• An instructor candidate has one more course to complete to be fully certified as the first CPS Instructor for American Samoa.

Alcohol:
• Significant increase of officers re-certified under the new 2013 SFST Edition.
• First ARIDE course in American Samoa; 30 officers certified
Traffic Records:
  • Roadway Information Management System designs of infrastructure overlays completed.

Planning and Administration:
  • OHS completed and submitted Highway Safety Plan to NHTSA.
  • OHS applied for and was awarded Section 405(c) grant.
2.0 Trends in American Samoa Highway Safety Data, 2005 - 2014

The following figures provide “Select Performance Measures” that the Governors Highway Safety Association recommended.

Year 2014 is the most recent year that most data sets available, and the highways safety programs performance measures for that year are highlighted in the graphs below. Trends from 1999 to 2005 can be considered “baseline” and from 2005 to the present “progress”. When baseline data are inadequate or unavailable, only five-year trends are graphed.

2.1 Performance Measures

![Figure 1. Number of Crashes Decreased. Baseline (2005)]
Figure 2. Number of Fatalities

Figure 3. Number of Injuries
Figure 4. Number of Pedestrian Fatalities

Figure 5. Number of Persons Injured
2.2 Program Area Performance Measures

Impaired Driving

Figure 6. Alcohol Related Crashes

Figure 7. Number of Impaired Driving Arrests
Occupant Protection

Figure 8. Observed Seatbelt Usage

Figure 9. Number of Seatbelt Citations Issued
Shows an increase 1829 citations from 2008 to 2014
Figure 10. 2013 and 2014 Not Observed
3.0 Programs and Projects

The accomplishment and budget are described in this section.

3.1 Program Management

Planning & Administration Program Summary

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<td>402</td>
<td>Planning &amp; Administration</td>
<td>$80,000</td>
<td>$71,930.67</td>
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Goal

- See Table 2

Planned Activities:

The Highway Safety Coordinator is responsible for the day to day operation of the agency. He administers the highway safety program, coordinates safety planning activities and resources with partners, monitors and manages budget. The Highway Safety Coordinator is very active in the Traffic Records Coordinating Committee and supervises the highway safety office staff.

Accomplishments:

- More community involvement in partnership and problem solving
- Staff 100% Program Management Course completed
- Share data with Motor Carrier Program to increase traffic enforcements
- Completed and delivered the FFY 2015 Highway Safety Plan to NHTSA.
- AL Manager completed the Impaired Driving Management Course
Program Performance Measures

- Deliver the FFY 2015 Highway Safety Plan by July 1, 2014.

3.2 Alcohol Enforcement

Outreach and Enforcement

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Goal

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Planned Activities

- Conduct DUI enforcements and participate in the National Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign.
- Outreaches

Accomplishments

- Increase number of DUI enforcements
- ARIDE training

Program Performance Measures

- Increased number of DUI arrests
- Increased community awareness
- 30 ARIDE certified officers

3.4 Occupant Protection

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Goal

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Planned Activities

- Continue planned enforcement of safety belt use to achieve 81% use rate.
- Procure car seats in support of Child Passenger Safety program.
- Conduct new survey design and assessment.

Accomplishments

- Increase Enforcement of seatbelt law during the national ‘Click It or Ticket” enforcement mobilization and CPS Week.
- One technician to be instructor certified by 2015
- Extend seat belt survey to the neighbor island of Manu’a

Despite these achievements, much remains to be done. American Samoa’s seat belt use rate is still below national average. We will continue with enforcement and education with the hope to achieve 81% use rate by 2015 with the new survey design.

Program Performance Measures

- Increase in Seatbelt use.
- Increase awareness of the “Click It or Ticket” (Fusi Pe Tusi) slogan through school competition.
- Increase community awareness, joining effort with Village Police
3.5 Police Traffic Services

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<td>Traffic Enforcement Services &amp; Equipment</td>
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Goal

- See Table 2

Planned Activities

- Continued enforcement to maintain zero fatalities.
- Provide more resource as enforcements demands

Accomplishments

- 30 Officers SFST recertified; 2013 March Edition
- Procured 2 Impalas for HVE and for daily traffic operations (Impalas)
- Two motorcycles added to the enforcement inventory

Program Performance Measures

- 50% increase of officers during major campaign
- More vehicle support for HVE
- 3 major sobriety checkpoints