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HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAMS
ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

December 27, 2005

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Of Transportation
National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration
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Dear Dr. David Manning

The CNMI Department of Public Safety is proud to submit our Highway Safety Programs Annual Report covering Calendar year 2005.

Our staff would like to extend a sincere appreciation to you and Regional Program Manager Mr. Victor Dea for working closely and sharing his expertise with our staff on highway safety programs. In 2005, we did accomplish some of our goals and have utilized a majority of our financial resources to ensure a safer CNMI. We hope that our report meets your approval and hopefully would be beneficial to NHTSA.

On behalf of the Department of Public Safety personnel, we would like to wish you and your staff a very prosperous New Year and may the New Year bring happiness and good health to all of us.

Sincerely,

Santiago F. Tudela
Commissioner of Public Safety
Governor's Highway Safety Representative

2005 HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAMS ANNUAL REPORT

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Mission Statement:

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), Department of Public Safety, Office of Grants and Special Programs (OGSP) handles federal programs. One of the programs within OGSP is the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) whose mission is to reduce the number of traffic/alcohol related crashes especially those involving serious injuries and fatalities on the islands of Saipan, Tinian and Rota..

We continue to work harder in increasing the usage rate on Child Restraint of 73 % in 2005 to 80 % in 2006, to continue our public education and information program and enforce-

ment efforts. We also work on increasing the number of our current seat belt usage rate of 90% to 97% in 2006.

As part of our efforts of reducing the current status of our yearly traffic personal injuries and fatalities we place more efforts on public education on highway related issues and to put more attention on our current enforcement efforts on those traffic violations by implementing traffic enforcement programs that will assist us in meeting our goals and objectives in reducing the number of crashes involve injuries and fatality.

In addition, we also place an emphasis on more

attention in the enforcement efforts by increasing the number of DUI personnel that patrol our streets especially during the evening hours when these fatalities occurred. To continue our public education on drinking and driving by working together with other government agencies and private businesses in addressing our current statistics on DUI arrests, injuries and fatalities.



Highway Safety Programs Overview

The Commissioner of Public Safety is designated Governor's Representative for the CNMI Highway Safety programs and the Officer in Charge of the Office of Grants and Special Programs is designated Highway Safety Coordinator. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Western Region office continues to provide leadership and technical assistance for our highway

safety programs. We continue to work closely with other government agencies, private businesses and the CNMI Safe & Sober and Baby Pedro Foundation a non-profit organization.

To list a few, the Department of Public Works (DPW), Mayor's Office, different Health Clinics on Saipan, to include Tinian and Rota. Several private businesses also assisted during our highway safety

annual awareness monthly campaign on highway safety programs such as Child Passenger Safety Week, Buckle Up America Week, and also during mobilization campaign and during the Month of December month (Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention (3D) Month campaign.

Each year the CNMI Department of Public Safety, Office of Grants and Special Programs develops an annual report on traffic safety progress as a guide for the CNMI's federally-funded traffic safety activity. The report provide a brief overview of the historical and projected Child Restraint/Occupant Protection usage rate, traffic crashes, Emergency Medical Services and DUI data. Emphasis is given to those countermeasures programs

that are supported through the Federal Highway Safety Programs as funded under U.S. Title 23, Section 402, 405(a), 2003(b) and Section 411. Other funding sources utilized to supplement proposed countermeasures programs include funds from our local government and through the CNMI Safe & Sober and Baby Pedro Foundation, a non-profit organization Many of these efforts are coordinated and supported by the

Department of Public Safety on Saipan, Tinian and Rota. In addition to the excellent work done by our partners, the CNMI highway safety programs are well coordinated by well trained professional staff and leadership under the traffic section personnel on Saipan, Tinian and Rota and continues to emphasize the importance of increasing professionalism through advance training opportunities for professional development.

Planning and Administration Overview

Objective: To continue to implement effective highway safety programs in the CNMI.

The Department of Public Safety, Office of Grants and Special Programs under 402 funding for NHTSA Programs is as follows:

1. Planning and Administration (P&A)
2. Child Restraint and Occupant Protection (CR/OP).

3. Police Traffic Service (PTS).
4. Alcohol and Other Drugs Countermeasures (AL).
5. Emergency Medical Services
6. Advertising-PM

Earmarked Grants Applied:

- A. Section 405(a): Occupant Protection Incentives Grant.

- B. Section 2003(b): Child Passenger Protection Education.

- C. Section 411: Highway Data Improvement Incentive Grant.



Program Introduction

Fiscal Year 2005:

**October 1, 2004 to
September 30, 2005**

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Highway Safety Programs is comprised of a number of traffic Safety projects directed at one common goal, reducing the number of traffic crashes, fatalities and injuries on Saipan, Tinian and Rota highways.

Each Year, Traffic Safety Annual Progress Report is developed and imple-

mented by the Department of Public Safety, Office of Grants and Special Programs for submission to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Western Region office on or before January 1, the following year.

The annual report summarizes the achievement and activities of the CNMI Highway Safety programs during each fiscal year for Child Restraint, Occupant Protection, Police Traffic Services, Alcohol and

Other Drugs Countermeasures, Emergency Medical Services and Advertising.

2005 Highway Safety Programs Training and Development

NHTSA 402 Funding:

- December 17&18, 2004, the following Department of Public Safety personnel were on Rota to attend the 2004 December Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month kick-off: DPS Commissioner, Santiago Tudela, Traffic personnel, Lt Robert Charley, Sgt. Sylvan Rangamar, POIII John Sablan and FFI. Stuart Peter (DPS Santa Claus).

- March 13-15, 2005, the following Department of Public Safety and Office of Grants and Special Programs attended

the 2005 Lifesavers conference in Charlotte, North Carolina., OIC, Office of

Leonardo Duenas attended the 2005 NHTSA, Western Region "Partners Meeting"



2005 NHTSA, Western Region Partners Meeting with Dr. David Manning and DPS Commissioner Santiago Tudela.

Grants and Special Programs, Chief Francis Taimanao, Lt. Robert Charley, Sgt. Joseph Flores, Margaret Camacho and

Leonardo Duenas.

- March 16-18, 2005, DPS Commissioner, Santiago Tudela, Chief Francis Taimanao and

held in Carmel, California.

- March 24-27, 2005 DPS Commissioner, Santiago Tudela attended the "Governor's Highway Safety Association (GHSA) Executive Training Seminar" in Savannah, GA.

- May 9-20, 2005, Traffic personnel POII John Sablan and POI Daniel Smith attended the "Police Motorcycle Instructor Course" in Jacksonville, FL.



2005 NHTSA, Western Region Partners Meeting with Capt. Terry Letuli (Samoa) and Rosalind Tianco from NHTSA, W.R.

2005 Training & Development Continue

• On June 14-17, 2005, the following Department of Public Safety personnel from Saipan, Tinian and Rota, Sgt. Steve Mendiola (Rota), POII. Jarrod Manglona (Saipan) and POI. Trent Aldan (Tinian) attended the "Instructor Development Workshop in Reno, NV.

the 2005 TEA21 Planning meeting on Tinian. The meeting attended by the Tinian DPS, Resident Director and Tinian Traffic OIC and personnel.

• On June 23, 2005, the DPS Commissioner of Public Safety, Santiago Tudela, Chief Francis Tai-

Director, Deputy Director, Commander for Traffic/Patrol, Traffic OIC and personnel.

• On July 11-13, 2005, DPS Commissioner of Public Safety, Santiago Tudela and Chief Francis Taimanao attended the "MADD Law Enforcement Leadership Summit" in Reno, NV, for this trip both traveler given a per-diem only.



2005 Lifesavers conference Lt. Terry Letuli (Samoa), Chief Francis Taimanao with CNMI DPS personnel from Saipan Traffic Section and Mrs. Margaret Camacho, NHTSA Financial Manager.

• On June 22, 2005, DPS Commissioner of Public Safety, Santiago Tudela, Chief Francis Taimanao, Margaret Camacho and Leonardo Duenas attended

the 2005 TEA21 Planning meeting on Rota. The meeting attended by the Rota DPS, Resident

Director, Deputy Director, Commander for Traffic/Patrol, Traffic OIC and personnel.

• On July 32 to August 4, 2005, Mrs. Juana C. Leon Guerrero, Supervisor Bureau of Motor Vehicle (BMV) and Traffic/DUI Data Analysis Processor Mrs.

Thelma Ichihara attended the 2005 Traffic Records Forum in Buffalo, NY

2005 Training & Development Continue

- On August 24-26, 2005, both Police Motorcycle Instructors were on Rota to certify the Rota Police Officers on Police Motorcycle operator training.

- On September 7-9, 2005, the two Police Motorcycle instructors were on the island of Tinian to certify the Tinian Police Officers on Police Motorcycle operator training.

- On September 15-17, 2005, the following Department of Public Safety, Traffic Section personnel on Saipan and Rota, POI Victor Hocog, POI Regino Celis (Saipan) and Raimundo Manglona (Rota), attended the "Child Passenger Technician Recertification Course on Guam. The Traffic personnel from DPS Tinian, POI Trent Aldan last minute pulled out due to family hospital appointment.

- On October 19-22, 2005, the following the CNMI Government employees from different agencies attended the "2005 NHTSA DWI/Drug Court Training in Phoenix, Arizona. They are as follows: Judge Juan T. Lizama (Superior Court), Mrs. Rosemond Santos, Traffic Prosecutor (Attorney General), Mrs. Frieda Demapan (Attorney General), Mrs. Ursula Aldan (Chief Probation Officer), Dept of Public

Safety Deputy Commissioner, Juan Salas, Ellsbeth Alepuyu and Mrs. Tricia Reyes both from (Public Defender).



Photo: 2005 Lifesavers conference Lt. Robert Charley and Leo Duenas touring the Exhibits Hall.

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**Acting DPS Commissioner
Governor's Highway Safety Representative**

Major Bertha C. Tudela
Officer In Charge
Office of Grants and Special Programs

SUMMARY OF THE CNMI'S COMMONLY REPORTED STATISTICS

Data Elements	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	Sept 2004	Sept 2005
No. of Vehicle Registered	18,114	22,028	20,101	19,746	19,315	18,095	19,046	20,181	19,196
Licensed Driver (New & Renewal)	9,200	6,868	5,588	8,273	6,885	7,133	5,861	6,617	7,364
Total Crashes Reported	2216	2544	2491	2118	2561	2547	3229 (3246)	Sept 04 2435	Sept 2005 3806
Total Injuries	201	117	251	200	131	135	179	199	247
Yearly Fatalities	3	8	6	4	1	4	8	9	Year 2005 13

YEARLY DUI ARRESTS AND FATALITIES INVOLVED

Data Elements	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	Sept 2004	Sept 2005
No. DUI Arrests	390	521	359	494	596	475	369 (375)	257	387
Yearly DUI Fatalities	1	6	2	2	0	1	5	7	Year 2005 6
DUI Involved Crashes	105	107	88	89	117	110	115	84	Sept 2005 89

YEARLY SEAT BELT SURVEY PERCENTAGE USAGE RATE

Data Element	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Child Restraint % Usage Rate	18%	43%	37%	25%	52%	72%	47%	56%	73%
Occupant Protection % Usage rate	94%	97%	97%	97%	97%	91%	87%	90%	90%



Child Restraint & Occupant Protection Overview

OBJECTIVE: To continue to implement new and effective program to educate the public about the importance of Child Restraint and Occupant Protection:

In 2005, The Department of Public Safety on Saipan, Tinian and Rota continued to enforce the child restraint and seat belt violation law and continues to educate parents about the importance of seat belt use on every trip. During the Child Passenger Safety Week in February of 2005, Governor Juan N. Babauta signed the 2005 proclama-

tion on February 10, 2005, declaring February 13-19, 2005, as “National/CNMI Child Passenger Safety Week in the CNMI”. Several government agencies were present to witness the signing of the proclamation at the Governor’s conference room.

After the 2005 Child Passenger Safety Week proclamation was signed, a brief demonstration of the child restraint was then conducted. Every year, the 2005 Child Passenger Safety Week committee members plan activities for the duration of February month campaign instead of the designated week of (February 13-19, 2005). Several events that were scheduled were cancelled

do to manpower shortages, but we still managed to work together with other section within the Department of Public Safety and Fire/EMS personnel to carry out the activities. The events were considered successful in regards to the increase in the number of usage rate for 2005 with 73% when compared with 2004 of 56%.

The Department of Public Safety on Saipan, Tinian and Rota needs to continue to implement new ideas and programs in educating the community about the importance of child restraint and seat belt and to put more attention on education on ethnic groups that are residing on Saipan, Tinian and Rota .



2005 Child Passenger Safety Week proclamation signing and car seat demonstration.



Governor Juan N. Babauta during 2005 Child Passenger Safety Week proclamation signing.

Public Information and Education Program

In working together with different media on island, each media plays a big role in informing the community about the important of child restraint and seat belt usage in every ride.

In 2005, several of the print media on Child Passenger Safety Week (CPSW) were published

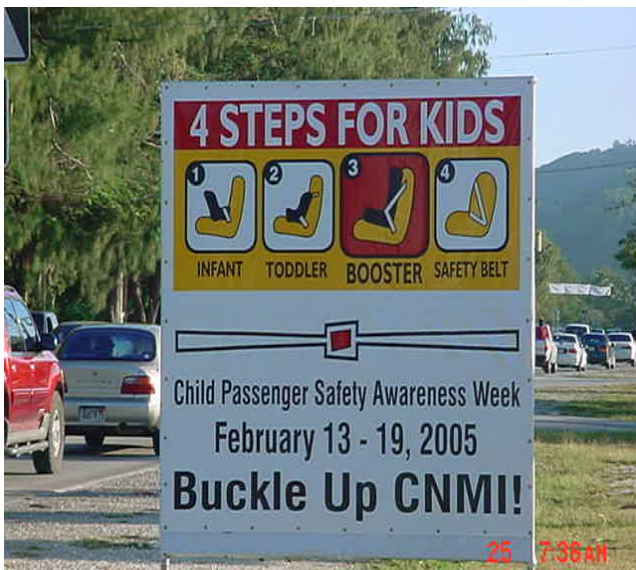
Guam. The Radio Stations for both AM/FM again assisted us in recording the child passenger safety week public service announcements (psa) of the 10/15 seconds PSA's that were aired live every hour and during traffic report in the morning and afternoon hours. Awareness banners 8ftX8ft were erected along major intersection on Saipan, Tinian and Rota for motorists information.

With the continued support and assistance provided by our only local Television Station assisted us in producing localize 30 seconds of child passenger safety information coordinated by the 2005 CPSW

committee members, commercial shows of the proper way of using child restraint.

New in 2005, the committee also localized a national poster depicting the height and age of children that need to be in certain child restraint, these posters were distributed at the hospitals, schools and day-care centers throughout the islands on Saipan, Tinian and Rota.

We continue to visit schools to conduct presentation,. In 2005, we decided to focus on children from 3-8 years old, parents, teachers and caregivers.



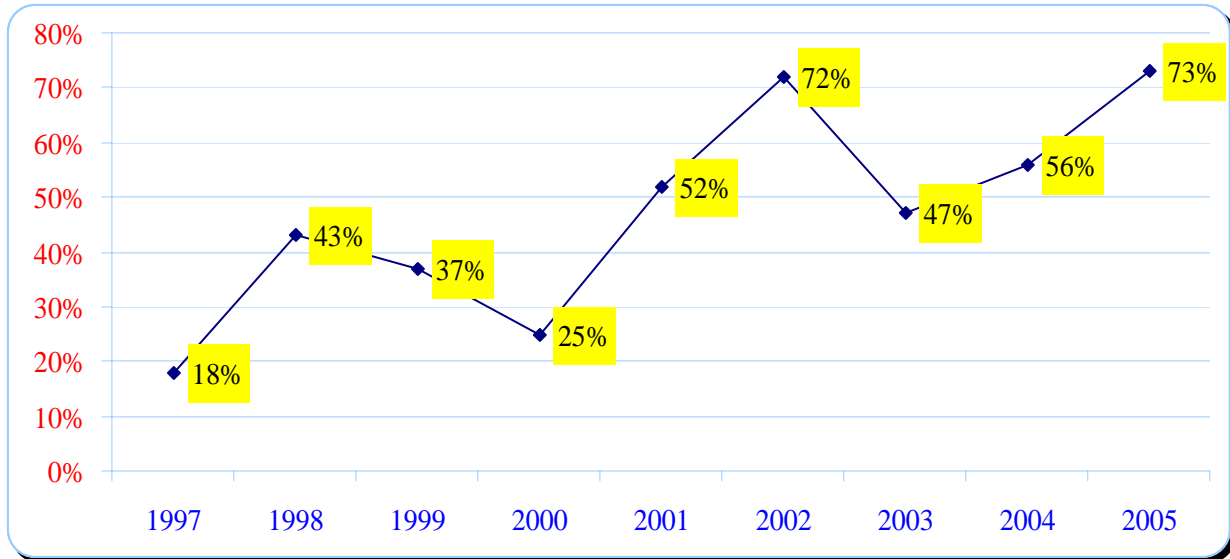
Vinyl Signboard 8ftX8ft along busy highway

on different local Newspaper's and Magazines (Beach Road & Island Locator). The local Magazines published were distributed every first week of each month and were distributed on Saipan, Tinian, Rota and I believe even



Motor Carrier Safety Assistant Program enforcement vehicle working together on seat belt education.

Yearly Child Restraint Usage Rate



Child Restraint Education & Demonstration



Car Seat/Seat Belt Checkpoint & Fitting Stations:

In 2005, the Department of Public Safety Conducted thirty two (32) combined CR/OP Checkpoint at different locations. During the Checkpoint, vehicles that entered the Checkpoint were pulled over to the side of the road were either cited for car seat/seat belt violations or given an inspection and education.



Child restraint “Courtesy inspection” at Price Costco during Child Passenger Safety Week on Saturday, February 19, 2005.

The four (4) designated Fitting Stations on Saipan is as follows: Susupe Fire Station (Station 1), Garapan Fire Station (Station 2), Capitol Hill Fire Station (Station 3), Koblerville Fire Station (Station 4) and one (1) each on Tinian and Rota Fire Station. In 2005, we sent out to the media message informing the public of the location, date, and time of

the Fitting Stations. During the month of February 2005, the fitting station was held at Station 1 from 09:00—11:00 a.m., no vehicle came in voluntarily. The Child Passenger Safety Week (CPSW) chairman then took it upon himself to search the immediate vicinity for vehicles with child restraints, the efforts though were

unsuccessful. No child restraint inspected and installed by the end of the first Fitting Station schedule. During the month of February 2005, the Fitting Stations scheduled at the different designated location were held with little or less vehicle that entered for inspection.

The following Fitting Station data is as follow:

Location	CR Type	Age of Child	Make	Model
Kagman	Booster	5 Years	Graco	Turbo Booster
Kagman	Rear Facing	3 Months	Evenflo	Discovery
Kagman	Convertible	3 Years	Evenflo	Tribute
Garapan	Convertible	1 Year	Dorel	Regal Ride
Garapan	Booster	6 Years	Cosco	Shield Booster

2005 Child Passenger Safety Awareness Week Program Awareness



Photo's: Above Governor Juan N. Babaura during Child Passenger Safety Week proclamation signing, school presentation, courtesy inspection, sign-board and printed information for public awareness.



CNMI Child Passenger Safety Week
February 13-19, 2005

4 STEPS FOR KIDS

- 1** INFANT
- 2** TODDLER
- 3** BOOSTER
- 4** SAFETY BELT

Most kids age 4 to 8 need booster seats

When do you use a booster seat?
After your child outgrows the child safety seat.

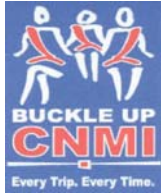
Children who have outgrown child safety seats should be properly restrained in booster seats until they are at least eight years old unless they are 4'9" tall.

BUCKLE UP CNMI
Every Trip. Every Time.

- REAR-FACING INFANT SEATS** in the back seat from birth to at least one year old and at least 20 pounds.
- FORWARD-FACING TODDLER SEATS** in the back seat from age one to three and at least 20 to 40 pounds.
- BOOSTER SEAT** is in the back seat from age four and 40 pounds to at least age eight unless 4'9" tall.
- SAFETY BELTS** in the front or back seat if age eight or older unless they are 4'9" tall.

Department of Public Safety
Sajous, Tinian & Rota

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Buckle Up America/CNMI Awareness Week

Buckle Up America/CNMI Awareness Week, May 24-31, 2005

Every year, the CNMI Department of Public Safety on Saipan, Tinian and Rota formed a committee to prepare for Buckle up Awareness Week campaign (activities).

The committee members consisted of personnel from the Patrol Section, Fire/Emergency Medical Services the CNMI Safe & Sober Foundation and representative from Common-

wealth Health Center (CHC). We conducted seat belt surveys before and after the Buckle Up Awareness Week to show the results of seat belt usage compliance rate.

In 2005, the survey conducted showed a usage rate of 90%. Activities for Buckle Up Week we joined together with Emergency Medical Services Week committee which was also scheduled for May 15-21, 2005. Several activities that took place

for this special event included Selective Traffic Law Enforcement (STLE), Child Restraint/Seat Belt Checkpoint that were held at different locations during day light hours, display, other community programs and displays and school presentations with EMS committee members. We worked closely with the media to assist our campaign in putting out the messages about the importance of buckling up on every trip.

We coordinated with the media on what seat belt commercial will be aired during our local news hour to include prime time. Both radio stations AM/FM again put out our messages on seat belt during their traffic report every morning, afternoon and evening rush hours.



Led by police commissioner Sandy Tudela, back right, police and Emergency Medical Services personnel pose in front of the Governor's Office building Monday morning. Gov. Juan N. Babauta signed six proclamations yesterday relating to the CNMI's Buckle Up program, EMS week, and police week.

DPS: Many commuters still not buckling up

By LIBERTY DONES

There are still too many people driving and riding cars and other vehicles in the CNMI who don't buckle up, according to the Department of Public Safety.

During the "Buckle Up in Your Truck" proclamation sign-

ing yesterday, the DPS acknowledged that "far too many drivers and passengers in the CNMI still do not buckle up despite the heightened educational campaign being conducted by the department."

This, even as authorities warned that pickup trucks involved in fatal crashes "roll over twice

as often as passenger cars.

By wearing a safety belt, the risk of dying in a rollover crash is reduced by up to 80 percent.

On Saipan, DPS said, recent surveys show a "74 percent [safety belt] usage rate by travelers on the highways and bi-ways."

The DPS said that, when

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Photo: 2005 Buckle Up and EMS Week Proclamation signing on May 9, 2005.



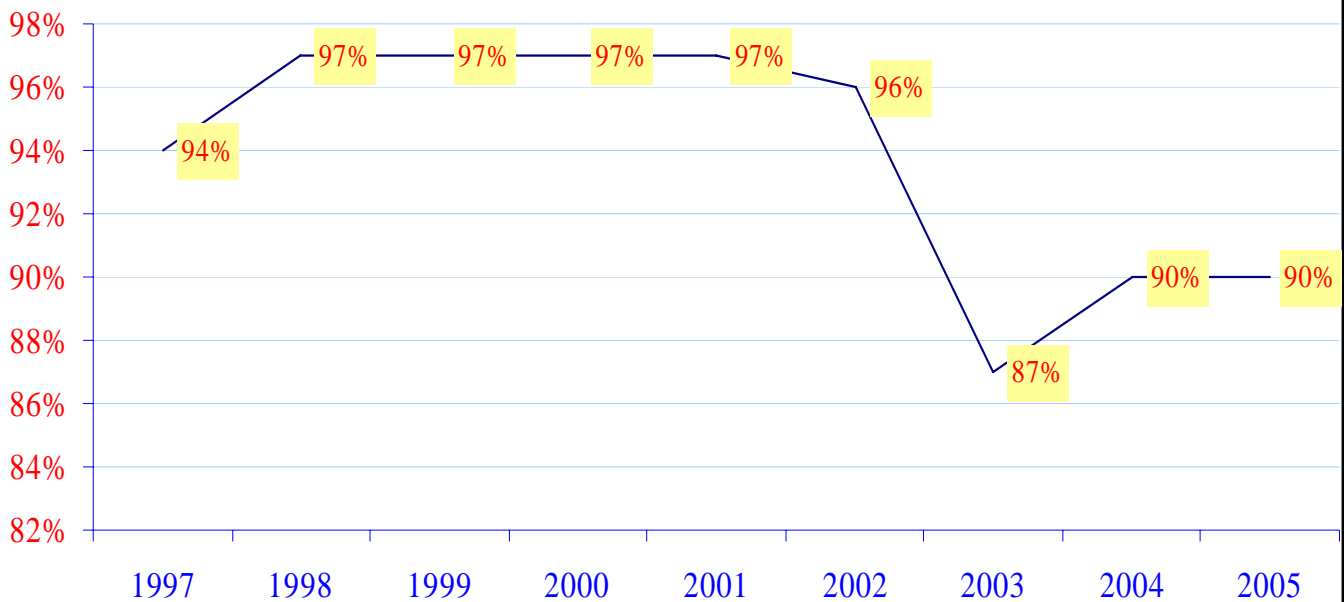
Public Information and Education Program

Printing of educational materials continued to be provided for distribution during displays, check-points, and to students that requested seat belt information. We printed 8ftX8ft vinyl banner, new information on seat belt that included child restraint, four (4) of the 8ft X 8ft banners were donated by the CNMI Safe and Sober/Baby Pedro Foundation sponsored by Mobil and were distributed two (2) for Saipan, and one (1) each for Tinian and

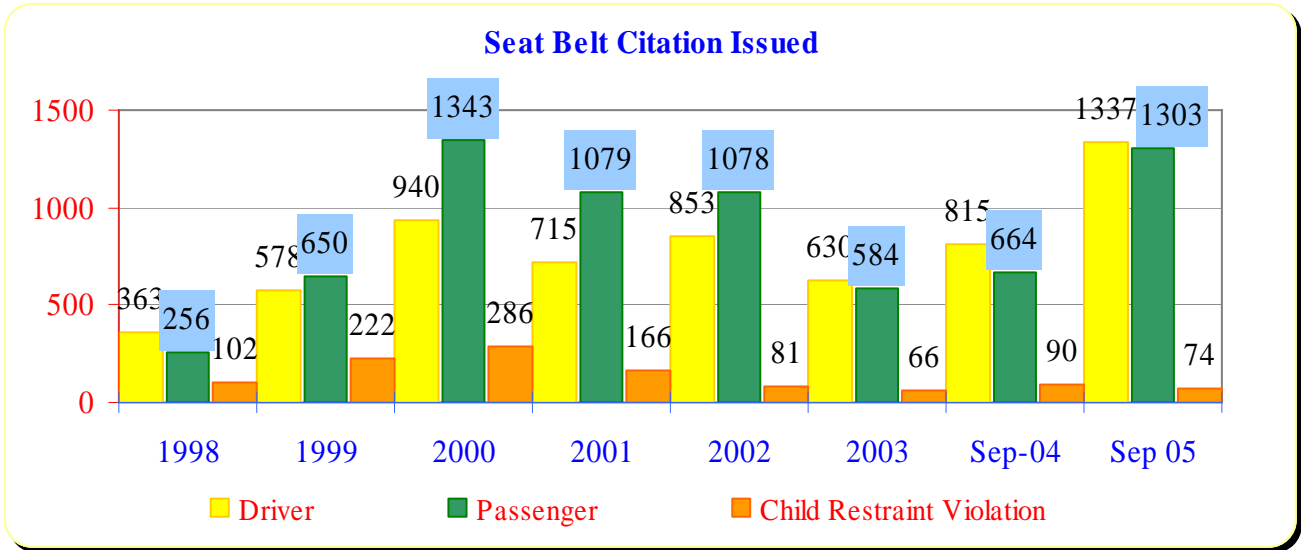
Rota. Again, in 2005, our Buckle Up Week messages were published on Beach Road and Island Locator magazines together with the local newspaper which played a major role in assisting us in putting out the messages on seat belt information and were distributed to Saipan, Tinian and Rota.



Yearly Occupant Protection Survey



Yearly Seat Belt Violations Citation Issued



2005 Buckle Up America/CNMI Campaign



2005 Child Passenger Safety Awareness Week Proclamation



CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY WEEK February 13 – 19, 2005

A Proclamation

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for children ages 4-14, as well as for older teens and young adults throughout our nation.

In the United States, an average of six children ages infant to 14 were killed and 797 injured in motor vehicle crashes every day.

In 2004, there were 3,731 traffic related crashes on the island of Saipan. Children ages infant to 5 years were present in 9 percent of the vehicles involved in these crashes.

A recent survey revealed that 64 percent of children below five years of age were restrained and 36 percent were unrestrained in vehicles traveling on the main roads in villages in the CNMI. This is an 8 percent increase in usage compared to that of the year 2004.

Statistics showed that approximately 70 percent of the unrestrained children in a vehicle received minor to major injuries during a car crash. One child under the age of 5 years was admitted in the intensive care unit, another had moderate injuries and the rest received minor injuries.

Statistics also showed that 100 percent of those children properly restrained in a vehicle during a crash were not injured.

Death and injury may be significantly reduced through greater public awareness information, education, and enforcement of child safety laws.

All 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Territories and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, have enacted laws requiring the use of child passenger protection systems.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JUAN N. BABUATA, Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth, in recognition of every person's right to adequate protection when being transported in a motor vehicle, hereby proclaim and endorse the week of February 13-19, 2005, as **CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY WEEK** in the CNMI. I call upon all citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, hospital, and schools in the Commonwealth to promote and encourage the community to observe the week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities to increase the awareness of the lifesaving measures of correctly using child safety seats to protect against risk of death or injury.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 10th day of February 2005.

2005 Buckle Up America/Buckle Up CNMI Awareness Week Proclamation



BUCKLE-UP AMERICA BUCKLE-UP CNMI WEEK MAY 24 – 31, 2005

A Proclamation

Buckle-Up America and Buckle-Up CNMI are forging broad, community based partnerships to increase the proper use of seat belts and child safety seats to 90 percent by the end of the year of 2005, thereby saving our community precious lives and taxpayer dollars.

Increasing seat belt use is still the most effective way to save lives and reduce injuries in crashes on our roadways.

Inpatient hospital care costs for unbuckled crash victims are 50 percent higher than for those who buckled up; 85 percent of these costs are borne by society, signifying the degree to which we all pay for unsecured passengers.

Increasing the seat belt use rate from 68 to 90 percent would help prevent an estimated 5,536 fatalities and 132,670 injuries throughout the nation. Child fatalities would be reduced by 25 percent and the nation would save \$8.8 billion annually.

Research show that 70 percent of the time, children are not buckled in a vehicle when the driver is unbuckled.

A study by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has affirmed that states with standard enforcement laws have significantly higher seat belt and child safety seat use. Correct uses of seat belts have contributed to a decrease in number of fatalities by up to 45 percent. The effectiveness of correctly installed child safety seats reduces fatal injury by 69 percent for infants and children.

A recent survey on Saipan reveals 74 percent usage by travelers on the highways and bi-ways.

We must support and endorse public education initiatives of Buckle-up America and Buckle-up CNMI and encourage the public-private partnership of public officials, law enforcement agencies, associations, community and health groups and businesses in ensuring that all children and adults buckle up.

We must support and encourage law enforcement agencies in their efforts to promote and visibly enforce compliance of the CNMI seat belt and child safety seat laws, thus saving lives, reducing injuries, and saving CNMI taxpayer money.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JUAN N. BABAUTA, Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth, do hereby proclaim May 24-31, 2005 as **BUCKLE-UP AMERICA and BUCKLE-UP CNMI WEEK**. I encourage the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 9th day of May 2005.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Juan N. Babauta".

2005 Buckle-Up in your Truck Proclamation



BUCKLE-UP IN YOUR TRUCK

A Proclamation

WHEREAS, injuries and deaths from traffic crashes bring loss and suffering to the citizens of this community; and

WHEREAS, the cost of such injuries brings economic hardship to families; and

WHEREAS, the community's health care system and emergency response resources are significantly impacted by injuries of traffic crashes; and

WHEREAS, research shows that using safety belts and child safety seats is still the single most effective way to prevent deaths and injuries in motor vehicle crashes; and

WHEREAS, far too many drivers and passengers in the CNMI still do not buckle up; and

WHEREAS, research show that in this region of the country, your odds of dying in a pickup truck crash are higher than any other area of the nation; and

WHEREAS, pickup trucks in fatal crashes roll over twice as often as passenger cars and wearing a safety belt can reduce the risk of dying in a rollover crash by up to 80%; and

WHEREAS, intensified law enforcement and public education has been proven to increase safety belt use in this community and throughout the nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JUAN N. BABAUTA, Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, join public and private sector leaders across CNMI in supporting the "**Buckle Up in Your Truck**" campaign and safety belt enforcement mobilization and do urge all residents and visitors of the CNMI to buckle up themselves and buckle up their children to protect life and the quality of life in this community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand on this 9th day of May 2005.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Juan N. Babauta".

2005 Click It or Ticket Mobilization Proclamation



2005 CLICK IT OR TICKET MOBILIZATION -May 23 – June 5, 2005

A Proclamation

WHEREAS, when ranked by specific age, motor vehicle crashes continue as the leading cause of death in the United States for ages 3 through 33; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, 59 percent of all 18- to 34-year-old passenger vehicle occupants who were killed in crashes, were not wearing safety belts. Sixty-two percent of the 18- to 34-year-old male passenger vehicle occupants who were killed in crashes were not wearing safety belts, while 52 percent of the 18- to 33 year-old female passenger vehicle occupants were not buckled up; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, safety belt use by pickup truck occupants was about 70 percent, among the lowest for any demographic group. Safety belt use in rural area was a little better at 76 percent, but still below the national average; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, the economic cost of police-reported crashes involving 15 to 20 incidents was about \$40.8 billion; and

WHEREAS, lap/shoulder safety belts, when used, reduce the risk of fatal injury front-seat passenger car occupants by 45 percent and the risk of moderate critical injury by 50 percent. For light-truck occupants, the use of safety belts reduce the risk of fatal injury by 60 percent and moderate-to-critical injury by 65 percent; and

WHEREAS, usage rates in jurisdictions with stricter belt enforcement laws continue to exhibit generally higher usage than those less able to enforce their laws; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, 74 percent of all passenger vehicle occupants who were restrained survived fatal crashes and only 42 percent of those who were not restrained survived; and

WHEREAS, recent survey on Saipan reveals 74 percent usage by travelers on the highways and bi-ways; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that between 1975 and 2000, safety belts prevented 135,000 fatalities and 3.8 million injuries, saving \$585 billion in medical and other costs. If all vehicle occupants had used safety belts during that period, nearly 315,000 deaths and 5.2 million injuries could have been prevented with a cost saving of \$913 billion; and

WHEREAS, in celebration of the 2005 *Click It or Ticket Mobilization*, traffic safety advocates across the Nation and in this community are working with the mayors and elected officials to increase safety belt awareness and drive up belt use – especially among teenagers and young adults, pickup truck drivers, and those living in rural areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JUAN N. BABAUTA, Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, join public and private sector leaders across CNMI in supporting the "2005 Click It or Ticket Mobilization" campaign and safety belt enforcement mobilization and do urge all residents and visitors of the CNMI to buckle up themselves and buckle up their children to protect life and the quality of life in this community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 9th day of May 2005.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Juan N. Babauta".

Police Traffic Services

Objective: To continue to implement Police Traffic Services in the CNMI for effective traffic enforcement in reducing traffic crashes and fatalities.

As mentioned in the 2004 Highway Safety Program "Annual Progress Report", despite the shortage of Police Officers as a result of their deployment to Iraq in the early part of 2004, the CNMI Department of Public Safety on Saipan, Tinian and Rota continued to monitor and enforce traffic violations in conducting Selective Traffic Law Enforcement (STLE), Laser Speed enforcement at different locations.

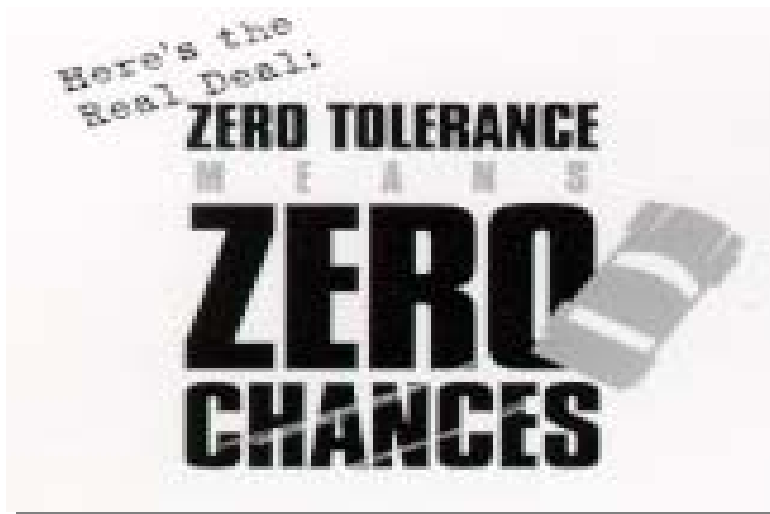
In making sure the highway is safe for motorists, police officers also worked closely with other government agencies such as the Department of Public Works in addressing problem highways and continue to enforce all problem drivers who are not following the rules of the road.

At times, officers also assisted in other highway related functions i.e., annual events such as Triathlon (Tagaman) where visitors from different countries such as Guam, Japan, Hawaii, and other states participated. This also includes annual Fun Run/Walkathon throughout the year from different

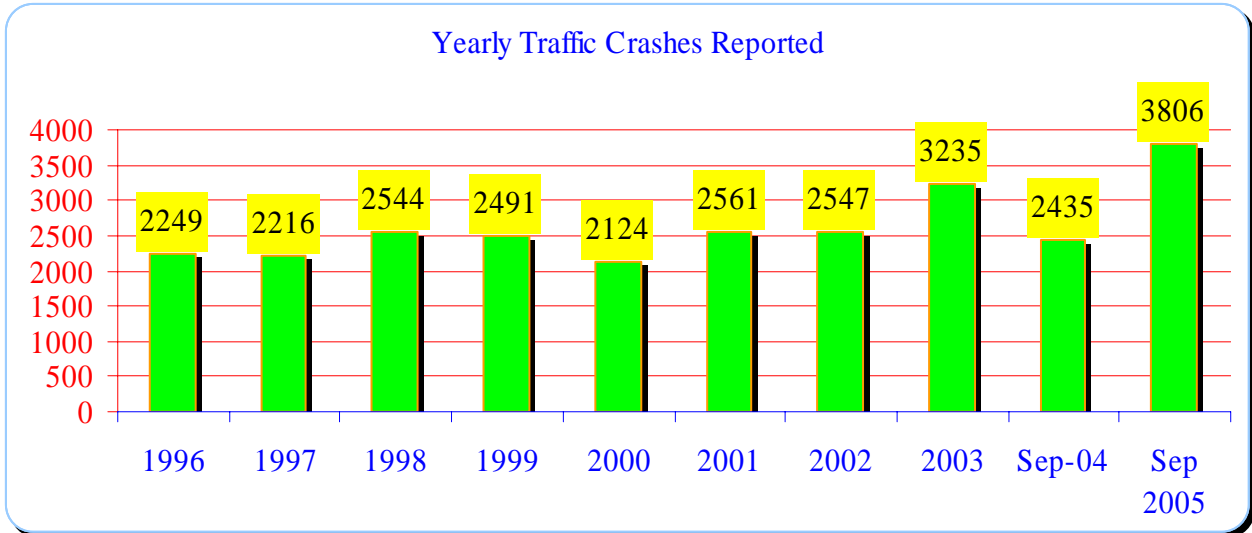
schools, businesses and other organizations. In 2005, the CNMI recorded thirteen (13) traffic fatalities four (4) of which were auto ran off, two (2) head-on collision, two (2), auto/pedestrian, one (1) auto/bicycle, one (1) moped/pedestrian, three (3) auto/auto. Out of the thirteen (13) fatalities in 2005, six (6) were recorded alcohol related, with two hundred sixty (260) minor personal injuries and twenty eight (28) for serious injuries.

There were a total of 4,149 citation issued as of September 2004 to September 2005, for speeding violations using Speed Laser enforcement.

From October 2004 to September of 2005, there were a total of 3,806 traffic crashes reported in the CNMI. Auto/auto traffic crashes is the highest rate recorded. Most of these crashes occurred between the hours of 7:00-11:00 a.m. and from 12 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.



Traffic Crashes Reported



Public Information and Education

The CNMI Department of Public Safety continues to provide public information and education through distribution of highway safety educational materials during checkpoints, displays, community meetings, school presentations and other annual local events

The media plays a big role in informing the motorists about the traffic situation and condition during their hourly traffic report. This to include some of the Insurance Companies on island that also provides television commercials on

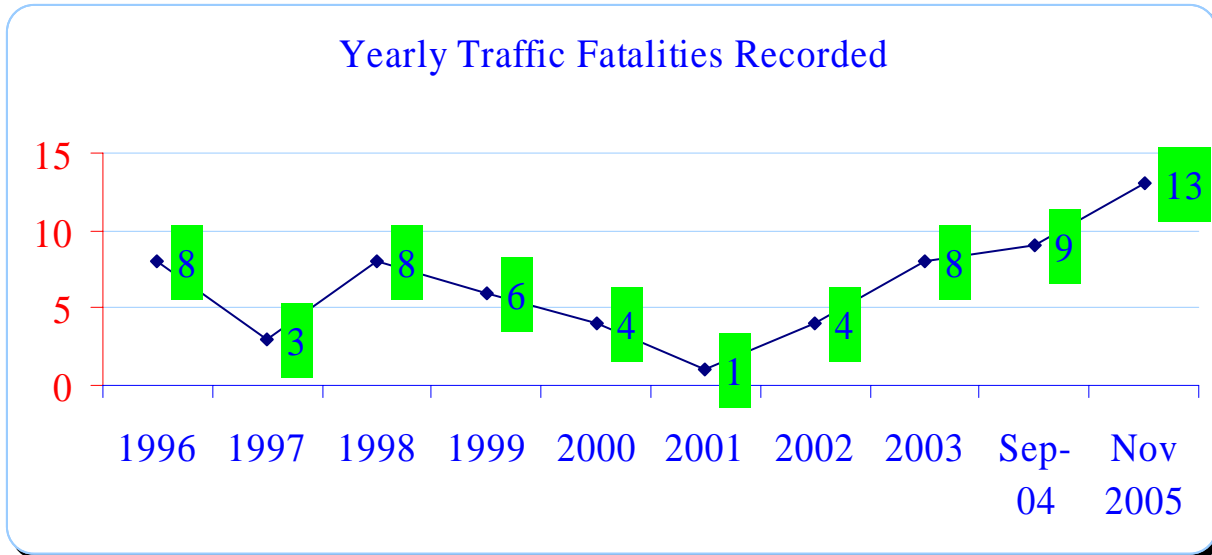
highway safety related issues to include seat belt usage.

We continue to inform and educate the community during traffic violation stops together with the assistance of Motor Carrier Safety Assistant Program (MCSAP) enforcement personnel in providing assistance on commercial vehicle by incorporating their commercial vehicle education on highway safety related matters in which they (MCSAP) also include seat belt usage, the detriments of drinking and

driving during their traffic violation stop. They also give presentations on each different commercial vehicle's companies on Saipan, Tinian and Rota.



Total Traffic Fatalities Recorded

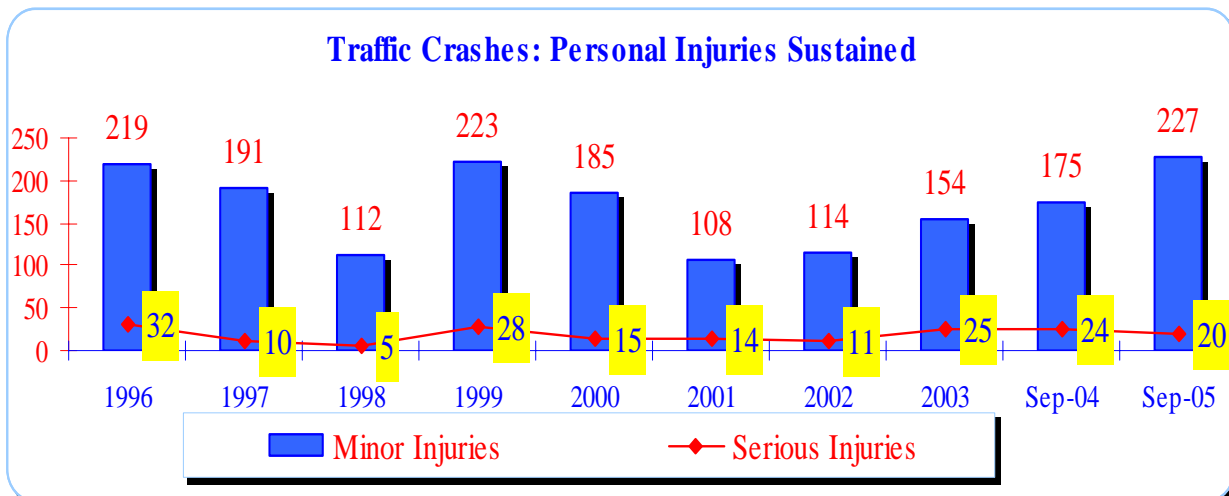


Traffic Crashes: Personal Injuries Sustained

The chart above illustrates an increase in traffic fatalities in 2005 to thirteen (13) compared to 2004 with only nine(9). About a sixty nine percent (69%) increase in 2005. The results of these fatalities

were either pedestrians under the influence, persons with health problems and other problems involving alcohol. Again, the fatalities show that different ethnic groups were involved. As of September

2004 to September 2005, the number of traffic crashes involving personal injuries shows (227) for minor injuries and (20) for serious injuries recorded.





Alcohol and Other Drugs Countermeasures

As always, the CNMI Department of Public Safety continues to enforce, monitor and deter drinking and driving on public highway or roadway on Saipan, Tinian and Rota.

We continue to combat the drinking and driving problems that we face everyday, the decreased in number of DUI involved traffic fatalities in 2005, with the figure of (6) compared to 2004 with (7) recorded. The data shows that more needs to be done especially on the enforcement efforts and public educa-

tion and to work closely with the media to air our messages on highway safety alcohol related (detriments of drinking and driving) and to continue to work with the CNMI Safe & Sober Foundation and other government agencies such as the Community Guidance Center and the hospital in addressing the problem. We need to put more attention as to what works in educating the community about the dangers of drinking and driving.

We will continue to look into the number of traffic fatalities and evaluate reasons involved in traffic fatalities. Especially those that are alcohol related, so that we may incorporate our education efforts in informing and reminding those groups involved of the importance of traffic safety and to avoid drinking and driving. This accomplished by publishing information on drinking and driving at local news media organizations.



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY 3D 2002 P.S.A.'s

• Sobriety Checkpoint • Designated Driver • Innocent Victims •

October 2004/September 2005 DUI Data

As of October 2004, to September 2005, there were 380 DUI arrests, six (6) DUI related fatalities, six (6) serious and thirty three (33) minor injuries involved DUI related crashes. Most of these DUI crashes that involved

fatalities in 2005 were from different classification such as auto ran off fixed object with one (1), followed by one (1) auto ran off roadway, one (1) pedestrian involved alcohol, two (2) head-on collision and one (1) moped/

pedestrian. Some of the DUI fatalities that were recorded or involved were from different ethnic groups (Chamorro/Carolinian, Micronesian, Filipino/Japanese, and Caucasian.

Public Information and Education

We continue printing educational materials on DUI related brochures for distribution to the island of Saipan, Tinian and Rota during Checkpoints, displays and other highway safety related events.

We continue to provide 8ftX8ft vinyl banner on “*You Drink and Drive, You Lose, Designated a Sober Driver*” that were erected along the highway on the three (3) islands (Saipan, Tinian and Rota).

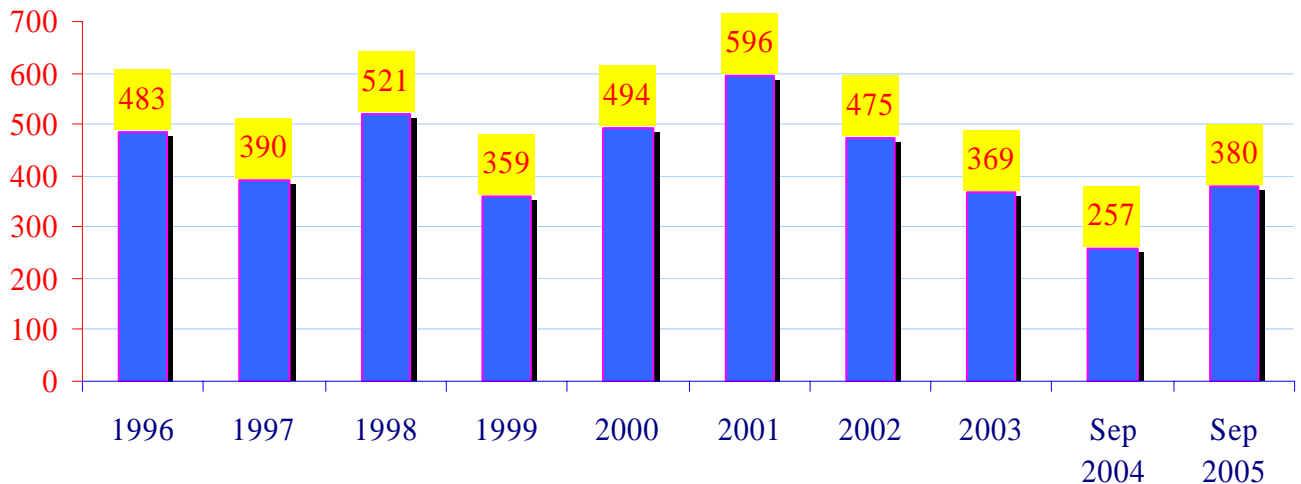
to play a major role in sponsoring our highway safety messages on child restraint, seat belt, emergency medical services and driving under the influence of alcohol published for the Fourth of July messages for the motorists information. Some of our drinking and driving education again were printed on both local magazines (Beach Road and Island Locator) that distributed 3000 copies on Saipan, Tinian and Rota, plan is in the process to increase the number of copies to be distributed in the future.



Photo: Sobriety Checkpoint Operation.

We continue to work closely with the local media organizations, both radio stations FM/AM and television station in publishing and airing out our messages on drinking and driving. This to include the Fourth of July celebration. The CNMI Safe and Sober Foundation continues

Yearly DUI Arrests



December 2005, CNMI Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention (3D) Month



Every year in preparation for December Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention 3D Month campaign, the Department of Public Safety started with a committee meeting as early as October of 2005, the committee member representatives consist from each section within the Department of Public Safety and the CNMI Safe & Sober Foundation.

Each of the committee members were assigned tasks to prepare for the December month activities and campaign such as proclamation signing, school presentation, Santa Claus school visit, 3D kick-off, designated driver

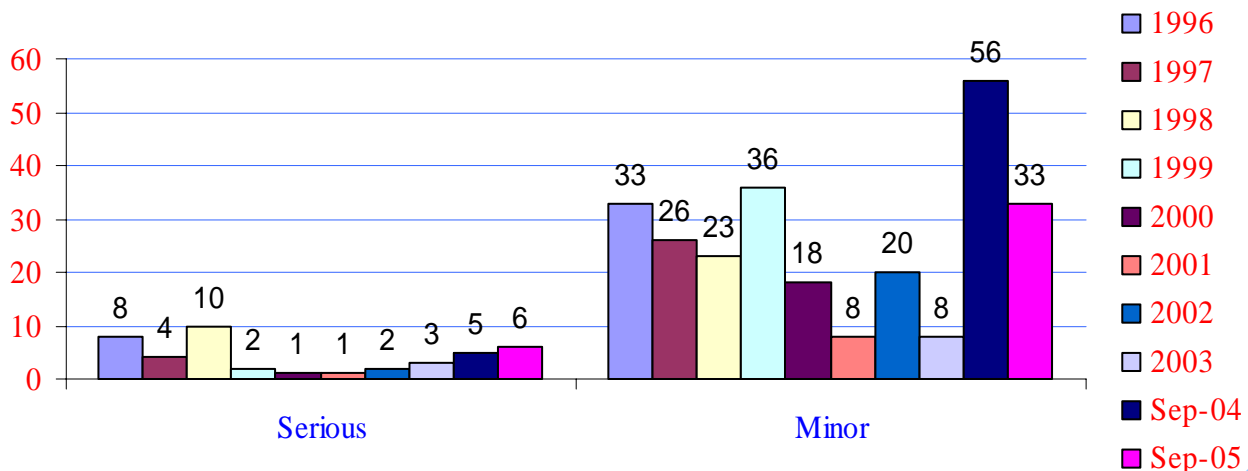
program, checkpoint, selective traffic law enforcement, bartender classes, printing of DUI educational materials and posting of 8ft X 8ft vinyl signboard (You Drink and Drive You Lose. Designate a sober driver). As early as November of 2005, the Department of Public Safety conducted checkpoints, highway criminal interdiction weekly which will run through the first week of January 2006, to remind the community of not drinking and driving during the upcoming Holidays. Just before Thanksgiving (November 24, 2005), Governor Juan N.

Babauta signed the December 2005 3D Month proclamation on November 23, 2005, with personnel from the Department of Public Safety, Fire/EMS, other government agencies and representatives from DPS Tinian and Rota were present to witness the signing.



Photo: 2005 3D Santa Claus school presentation

DUI Personal Injuries Sustained



2005 December 3D Month continue

To include during the Month long campaign in December of 2005, the CNMI Department of Public Safety on Saipan, Tinian and Rota prepare activities for December 3D month to deter drunk drivers as well as to educate the community about the importance of drinking and driving. As early as November of 2005, the 2005 3D committee were out conducting presentations at both public and private elementary and high schools focusing more on drinking and driving, seat belts, and distributing promotional items.

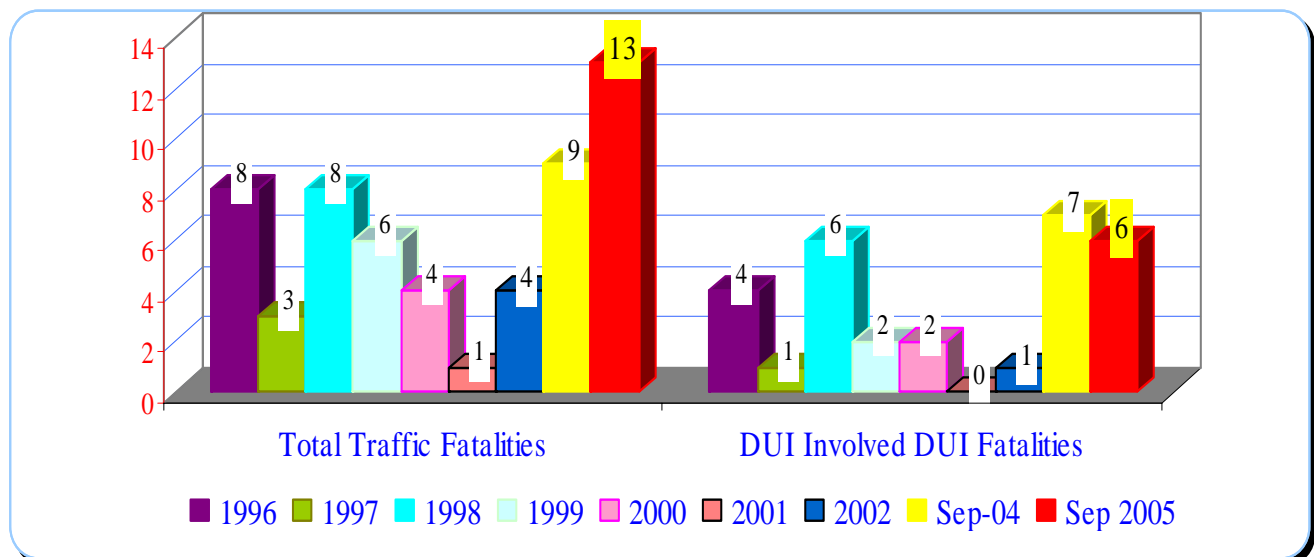
This year Santa Claus school visit on Saipan, Tinian and Rota were not

that success due to the bad economy and donation of candies were not that effective to accommodate both public and private schools. What we did was Santa Claus was made though made available for those schools that had candies available for distribution.

As of December 16, 2005, the CNMI Department of Public Safety conducted thirty six (36) Sobriety Checkpoints and will continue through the first week of January 2006, to include Tinian and Rota. Some of the scheduled checkpoints were either cancelled due to bad weather (rain).



Again, the 2005 December 3D month designated driver program was made possible by volunteers from Northern Mariana College and from the community to assist during the weekend/holiday in December and during the New Year's celebration. More than fifty (50) Designated Driver volunteers participated in the program. With the assistance of some private businesses car rentals were donated as well as radios and cell phones to be utilize by the drivers during their scheduled activity.





2005 December 3D Month Campaign



PHOTO'S: GOVERNOR JUAN N. BABAUTA SIGNING THE 2005 3D PROCLAMATION WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY, 2005 3D CHAIRMAN, 3D SANTA CLAUS AND PHOTO'S OF ACTIVITIES FOR 2005 3D MONTH CAMPAIGN.



One for the road... Is it really worth it?

Remember, impairment starts with the first drink and impaired driving is a crime. This Holiday season, law enforcement are conducting sobriety checkpoints, having parties everywhere and asking citizens to report impaired drivers.

No matter how many times you've heard it, there are people who just don't get it- DRINKING AND DRIVING DON'T MIX. Remember...

You Drink & Drive YOU LOSE

Designate a Sober Driver.

WHAT THAT LAST DRINK CAN COST YOU:	
Vehicle towing and storage fee	\$ 1,000.00
Car insurance premiums fee	\$ 1,500.00
DUI penalty fee	\$ 500.00
Backless Driving	\$ 250.00
Court fee	\$ 100.00
DUI classes	\$ 100.00
Attorney fees	\$ 5,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 9,350.00
Community service	100 hrs.
Mixed working days	14 days

See how these costs from various locations.

3D WARRIORS

Department of Public Safety
Office of Grants and Special Programs
Tel: 664-7120 or Health Section at 664-9284-85

Give It A Life!



Photo: Governor, DPS Commissioner, DPS personnel, 2005 3D committee from Saipan, Tinian and Rota

2005 December Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention (3D) Month "Proclamation"



CNMI DRUNK and DRUGGED DRIVING PREVENTION MONTH December 2005

A Proclamation

Each December we turn our attention to the problem of drunk driving by observing National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month. Though the holidays bring joy in celebrations with family and friends, they also bring a tragic increase in the incidence of impaired driving. This season, I ask each resident and visitor of the Commonwealth to avoid driving while under the influence of alcohol or drugs, to help stop others from driving in an impaired condition, and to increase community awareness about these issues.

Despite the many efforts by communities, and citizen groups to stop drunk and drugged driving, 16,694 alcohol-related fatalities were recorded in 2004, a decrease of 411 or almost 2.4 percent from the total of 17,105 recorded in 2003. The greatest reduction in fatalities was among those crashes where the highest blood-alcohol content (BAC) was .08 and above. In 2004, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands recorded 337 DUI arrest with 7 alcohol related fatalities.

Every person should reaffirm his or her personal responsibility to drive free of the influence of alcohol or drugs and to prevent others from driving under that same influence. We must promote practices such as designating a sober driver, stopping impaired family members and friends from getting behind the wheel, reporting impaired drivers to law enforcement officials, and teaching our young people safe, alcohol and drug-free driving behavior.

We should also promote coordinated public policies and citizen campaigns against drunk and drugged driving in our communities. One example is our Department of Public Safety's "You Drink & Drive, You Lose" campaign. This local coalition of community, private, government and law enforcement organizations will increase public awareness of the hazards of impaired driving. Their message warns of the criminal penalties for impaired driving, including imprisonment and the loss of license, vehicle, time from work and money in fines and court costs.

As we celebrate the joyous holiday season, we can help save lives by preventing impaired driving. In order to ensure the safety of our roads for all travelers, we must continue to fight drunk and drugged driving throughout the year.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JUAN N. BABAUTA, Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth, do hereby proclaim December 2005 as **CNMI DRUNK AND DRUGGED DRIVING PREVENTION MONTH**. I call upon our community and leaders to join the National Holiday Lifesavers Mobilization, sponsored by the "You Drink & Drive, You Lose" campaign. I also urge everyone to remember the hazards of impaired driving and to become involved in fighting this dangerous problem.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 23rd day of November 2005.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Juan N. Babauta".

Emergency Medical Services

The CNMI NHTSA Emergency Medical Services program has made numerous accomplishments as well as faced enormous challenges in accomplishing its goals and objectives. The continued economic uncertainty, the war in Iraq, and austerity measures placed by the CNMI Government, and environmental challenges has made it very difficult. From Super Typhoon Pongsona in December 2002, that devastated the CNMI and Guam, to its extensive recovery efforts, the SARS outbreak in Asia in February 2003, the war in Iraq in March 2003 which deployed a significant number of our EMS personnel who serve in the U.S. Army Reserves, to the sudden closures of garment factories and volcanic eruptions in 2004 as well as Super Typhoon Chaba in September 2004,

and now the pullout of Japan Airlines in October 2005, which has served the CNMI for the past 28 years, and accounts for over 50 percent of tourists coming to the CNMI and a potential lost earnings over \$300 million dollars in revenues.

These challenges has greatly affected the CNMI Department of Public Safety as well as other government agencies playing critical roles in safeguarding the safety, health, and well-being of CNMI citizens and its visitors which ultimately has disrupted our daily work and affected our way of life forever. Nevertheless, the Department of Public Safety-Office of EMS/Rescue Section has managed to persevere and continue to make the needed progress, although slow and often times frustrating, in accomplishing its stated

goals and objectives. The CNMI EMS System continues to provide emergency and non-emergency services to the islands of Saipan, Rota, and Tinian through the Department of Public Safety-EMS/Rescue Section. The CNMI responded to approximately 5,500 calls for ambulance and rescue services thus far this year whereas the islands of Tinian and Rota responded to less than 100-200 calls respectively. The persistent lack of local resources, slow-recovering economy, the war in Iraq, increased terrorist threats, and continued austerity measures put in place by the CNMI Government has made it difficult for local departments to provide additional funding for essential services to its citizens, the community, and its visitors.



Emergency Medical Services Con't

The Department of Public Safety-Office of EMS/Rescue Section continues to ensure that Emergency Medical Services are provided in the CNMI even with the limited resources available. The continued assistance from the federal government to provide funding for equipment, vehicles, training, supplies, public education and injury prevention campaigns, and other opportunities the local government is not able to provide has tremendously made an impact in providing essential services here in the CNMI. It is with great hope that in the future the federal government will

continue to look at the critical issues that the CNMI is facing and provide needed funds based on these needs. The NHTSA EMS Grant Program continues to be the longest funding source for the Department of Public Safety-Office of EMS/Rescue Section. Throughout the years, this program has provided training, equipment, supplies, and rescue response vehicles with the "jaws-of-life" equipment. The increase of motor vehicles in the island of Saipan alone has resulted in a higher number of motor vehicle crashes that often involves other vehicles, and pedes-

trians, objects primarily due to alcohol, weather, and other factors associated with driving or the use of a motor vehicle. With this, more serious injuries and often death are encountered by our EMS/Rescue services due to driving under-the-influence (DUI), unrestrained motorists and its occupants, the lack of the use of designated pedestrian crossings especially from our Chinese garment workers, unlawful street racing by teens, suicides, etc. Statistics from the islands of Rota and Tinian are far less in responding to motor vehicle crashes but these areas have a higher traffic fatality outcome or disability rehabilitation post-injury than Saipan because of increased response times to their more rural settings and the lack of adequate rescue response vehicles and equipment.



Photo: 2005 Emergency Medical Services/Buckle Up Week committee members group picture after the signing of both proclamation's.

Emergency Medical Services Con't

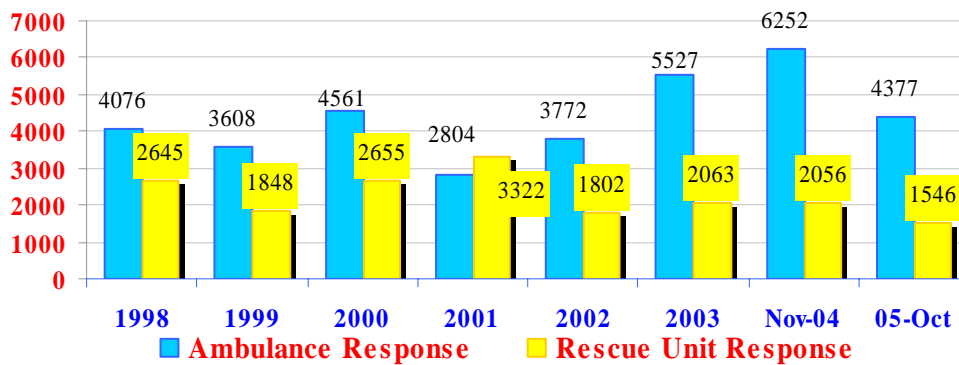
To make matters even worse, there is no trauma centers in the CNMI. Definitive care of even rapidly extricated trapped victims for immediate transport goes to our only health care facility in Saipan (approximately 15-45 minutes away via small plane respectively from the islands of Tinian and Rota) until they are stabilized for evacuation to Guam or Hawaii for further treatment. The NHTSA Grant Program has provided direction and focus to addressing this issue involving motor vehicle crashes to greatly reducing traffic fatalities or injuries here in the CNMI.

The standardized CNMI Pre-hospital Data Collection and Patient Care Reporting System has finally been completed in September 2005 and a contract has been issued to Med-Media, Inc. from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania which was funded by the NHTSA 411 Data Incentive Grant and the CNMI Ambulance Fee Revolving Account. This process has taken over 5 years to complete. The reasons were twofold. First, other budgetary needs have kept the CNMI from purchasing hardware and software that would be necessary for sophisticated data collection and analysis. Second, until recently there have been few, if

any, reliable software programs available - regardless of cost. An initial request-for-proposal (RFP) was done in November 2002 but was issued a cancellation notice in March 2003 due to a lack of additional funding needed to initiate this project. Only two stateside vendors responded, Med Data Solutions from Colorado and Med-Media, Inc. from Pennsylvania showed interest in the project. Med-Media was disqualified because they had failed the submission dateline and by CNMI Procurement Rules their proposal cannot be reviewed. MedData Solution's proposal was at a cost of \$145,000.00 and there was only

\$50,000.00 available from the NHTSA grant and no local funding available to help support the project. In April 2004 a second RFP was submitted and an advertisement was placed in May 2004.

Ambulance and Rescue Unit Response to Motor Vehicle Crashes



Emergency Medical Services Con't

The scope of work was sent out to over five software vendors and again only two responded, Med-Media, Inc. and a local vendor who is no longer in business. An award for the contract was approved by our department in August 2004. A minor setback was encountered from NHTSA Region 9 because the money needed re-approval through a carryover request into Fiscal Year 2005 and finally was made available in June 2005.

The contract needed to undergo several administrative, financial, and legal review and now it is set for implementation in December 2005. This project will tremendously assist the CNMI EMS program by the generation of monthly reports describing all trauma and medical calls and indicators will be selected to examine its efficacy in tracking specific pediatric issues, e.g. asthma, intentional and unintentional injuries, etc.

This data project will also provide training for data entry and reporting functions to EMS and hospital

now through the implementation and evaluation of this project to ensure that the data collection



Photo: Elementary students touring the Emergency Medical Services Ambulance during school visit.

personnel. However, additional funding is needed to procure new hardware, software, related accessories, and services to support the growing data collection needs for linkage and analysis of our system between the islands and our health centers. From the beginning, consultation and technical assistance from the National EMSC Data Analysis Resource Center (NEDARC) was done from the development of the RFP, through the review process, and

activities as proposed in this project will be met and is compliant with NHTSA's 2.2 Uniform Prehospital Dataset. Furthermore, this standardized and comprehensive data system will allow us to clearly target appropriate public education and injury prevention programs to the community and pre-hospital care training for EMS and hospital personnel.

Emergency Medical Services Awareness

Our public education and injury prevention campaigns has been our greatest accomplishments thus far with our continued efforts in CPR/1st Aid, "Make The Right Call", "First There First Care", and traumatic brain injury programs throughout our public and private schools, other government agencies, private businesses or organizations, and the general public here in the CNMI.

We will continue to strengthen these programs and increase awareness by placing special emphasis on children during EMS Week, Drunk and Drugged

Driving (3D) Prevention Month, Buckle-Up CNMI, Child Passenger Safety Week, and Public Health Week, etc. These activities are done in terms of classes, public service announcements, television or radio commercials, newspaper advertisements, billboards and banners, pamphlets, presentations, and public displays.

During 2005 we were involved in numerous activities throughout the CNMI such as conducting presentations at the elementary and high schools, day care providers, and the community college students, teachers, and staff. We

participated at health fairs conducted by the public school system and public health.

We conducted workshops to teachers and staff for special education and head start centers as well as staff at our juvenile detention center. We assisted in the occupant protection and child restraint checkpoints with our traffic officers, conducted seatbelt and car seat inspections and training to motorists, and taught classes to high school students involved in the law enforcement explorer program.

Lastly, we were involved in two major events for the CNMI which was the Marianas March Against Cancer and the July 4th Liberation Day Parade. Although a lot has been accomplished there is still more that needs to be done. The demand to provide these programs has increased and additional human and financial resources as well as updates on current practices are still needed to ensure continued success in reaching out to community.



Photo: EMS personnel demonstrate their equipment during school visit.

Emergency Medical Services Awareness Continued



EMS Ready Responsive Reliable

Emergency Medical Services Week May 15-21, 2005

Meet the 2005 EMS Week and Buckle-Up CNMI Planning Committees

SAIPAN TINIAN ROTA

EMS Week and Buckle-Up CNMI Proclamation May 9, 2005

Public Education

Golden Harvest, Jubah International School, San Antonio Health Day, Wih Elementary School, Pacific Islands Club, Northern Marianas College, Ojeq Elementary School, Koberville Elementary School

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY: CALL 911
 Department of Public Safety
 Fire Division
 Office of EMS/Rescue Section
 Saipan: (670) 664-9135
 Tinian: (670) 532-9081
 Rota: (670) 532-9081/3736

Emergency Medical Services Week May 15-21, 2005

EMS Ready Responsive Reliable

4 Links in the Chain of Survival

Early Access, Early CPR, Early AED, Early Advance Care

You as a bystander is the **FIRST** vital key in the chain of survival. Recognize an emergency then call for help!

make the right call
 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

You Should Know What EMS is:
 How to call EMS
 When to call EMS
 When not to call EMS
 What information to give the emergency dispatcher, and
 What to do until help arrives.

Emergency Medical Services for Childrens Day May 18, 2005

Teach your children when and how to use the life saving device (Telephone) at home to call for help during an emergency.
 Teach your children the alternative ways to get help when no house phone is available. Example: Neighbors, Stores, Cellphones & etc.

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2005 Emergency Medical Services Week Proclamation



EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK MAY 15-21, 2005

A Proclamation

WHEREAS, Emergency Medical Services is a vital public service; and

WHEREAS, in the year 2004, there were approximately 7,001 emergency medical services runs in the CNMI; and

WHEREAS, members of the Emergency Medical Services teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year; and

WHEREAS, access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Medical Services system consists of emergency dispatchers, physicians, nurses, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, educators, administrators, and others; and

WHEREAS, members of the Emergency Medical Services teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JUAN N. BABAUTA, Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth, do hereby proclaim May 15-21, 2005, as **CNMI EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK**. I encourage the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities while recognizing the values and accomplishments provided by each member of the EMS team.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 9th day of May 2005.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Juan N. Babauta".

2005 Emergency Medical Services Proclamation for Children Day



EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN DAY MAY 18, 2005

A Proclamation

Emergency Medical Services for children supports EMS, the community based public service whose presence is vital to children in need.

In 2004, there were approximately 1,030 runs for pediatric and adolescent children who were transported to the Commonwealth Health Center by professional and competent emergency medical technicians.

The needs of children are different from adults in medical emergencies. Emergency Medical Services for children promotes the high-level emergency care given by EMS providers with pediatric emergency skills who are unceasingly prepared to respond and restore children who access the system to optimum level of health.

Emergency Medical Services for children espouses the tenets and practices of family centered and culturally competent care for children and their families. They assist in the implementation of training for use of advanced technical equipment and services in preparation to save the life of a child.

Emergency Medical Services for children are provided by physicians, nurses, social workers, psychologists, emergency dispatchers, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, educators, administrators and others who address the issues surrounding the provisions of optimal pediatric and adolescent care. They assist in the development of training programs and guidelines for emergency care providers so that children with special health care needs get timely, appropriate care.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JUAN N. BABAUTA, Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth, do hereby endorse and proclaim May 18, 2005 as **Emergency Medical Services for Children Day** in the CNMI. I call upon all CNMI residents to support the importance of taking care of our children.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 9th day of May 2005.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Juan N. Babauta", written over a horizontal line.



Advertising-PM

In 2005, we continued to utilize the funding for printing of educational materials on highway safety especially during Child Passenger & Buckle Up Week, Alcohol program (drinking and driving), and during the fourth of July celebration in informing the community about the danger of drinking and driving and seat

belt usage. Again, we continued to air our locally produced public service announcement (PSA's) on child restraint, seat belt and DUI. We continue to provide publication of our highway safety messages on local newspapers which distributes copies to Saipan, Tinian and Rota, also we continue to print our highway safety messages

on two (2) of our locally produces Magazines (*Beach Road and Island Locator*) were distributes 3000 copies on a monthly basis to Saipan, Tinian and Rota. Advertising needs to continue in reaching the community and to give more attention and awareness to other ethnic groups on island.



Radio Stations: PSA's

Every year, the media for both AM/FM Radio Stations continue to provide assistance in airing our public service an-

nouncement on highway safety messages on child restraint, seat belt and

DUI. Every year we had police officers available for recording of highway safety PSA by each Radio Station that would be aired hourly, during rush hours and on weekends to remind listeners and motorists about the importance of child restraint, seat belt and drinking and driving as well as the status of the highway condition.

CNMI Child Passenger Safety Week
February 13-19, 2005

4 STEPS FOR KIDS

- 1 INFANT**
- 2 TODDLER**
- 3 BOOSTER**
- 4 SAFETY BELT**

Most kids age 4 to 8 need booster seats

When do you use a booster seat?
After your child outgrows the child safety seat.
Children who have outgrown child safety seats should be properly restrained in booster seats until they are at least eight years old, unless they are 4'9" tall.

BUCKLE UP CNMI
Every Trip. Every Time.

Department of Public Safety
Saipan, Tinian & Rota

REAR-FACING INFANT SEATS: In the back seat from birth to at least one year old and at least 20 pounds.
FORWARD-FACING TODDLER SEATS: In the back seat from age one to about age four and 20 to 40 pounds.
BOOSTER SEATS: In the back seat from about age four and 40 pounds to at least age eight, unless 4'9" tall.
SAFETY BELTS: In the back seat from about age four and 40 pounds to at least eight years old, unless 4'9" tall.

—National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)

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Safety Belt Mobilization
(May 23-June 5, 2005)

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2005 Performance Goals & Objectives

Occupant Protection/Child Restraint (OP/CR) Programs

In 2005, the CNMI Highway Safety Programs continue to work hard with the limited manpower resources for continuation of education and enforcement since the deployment of police officers from Saipan, Tinian and Rota to Iraq early part of last year. The child restraint

usage rate for 2005 show an increase of (73%) when compared with 2004 usage rate of (56%). The occupant protection maintain its usage rate of (90%) percent for 2005. The Department of Public Safety continue to provide public awareness on seat belt programs, printing of seat belt educational materials for distribution during checkpoints, and information published in local magazines were distributed on Saipan, Tinian and Rota.

We continue to work together with the media especially the Radio Stations in informing and giving awareness to the listeners and the driving public and continue to air our localized public

service announcement (psa) on child restraint and seat belt during annual awareness week for both child restraint and occupant protection programs. The only Television Station on island continue to play a big role in airing our previous 25/30 second child restraint/seat belt commercial that aired before our local news hour at 6:00 and 10:00.

As of December 16, 2005, the CNMI Department of Public Safety conducted twenty eight (28) child restraint and seat belt checkpoints. Several courtesy inspections were conducted at different locations on Saipan, Tinian and Rota. The enforcement efforts continued through Selective Traffic Law Enforcement (STLE) in working together with other sections within the Department of Public Safety in enforcing seat belt regulations, at the same time educating the community of its importance.



Police Traffic Services (PTS)

Police Traffic Services (PTS): October 2004 through September 2005, the CNMI recorded 3,806 traffic crashes with auto/auto crashes recorded the highest number follow by auto/park and auto hit and run. with 2435 traffic crashes reported as of September 2004, an increase of about 56%. There were thirteen (13) traffic fatalities recorded from January through December of 2005 with six (6) alcohol related. On the thirteen (13) traffic fatalities that were recorded in 2005, the following classification is as follow:

Three (3) were auto ran off fix object (one (1) of the fatality involved was alcohol related, two (2) auto/pedestrians (one (1) of the pedestrian was alcohol related crossing the four (4) lane highway), one (1) moped/pedestrian (the pedestrian was alcohol related), two (2) fatalities involved head-on collision (both alcohol related), one (1) auto ran off roadway (alcohol related), one (1)

auto/bicycle, and three (3) auto/auto fatalities were recorded on the four lane highway on November 2005.

Again, as mentioned in the 2004 Annual Report, most of the fatalities recorded were from different ethnic groups consisting of Filipino, Japanese, Chinese, Chamorro, Caucasian, and Chuukes, with majority of the fatalities happening between 9:00 p.m. and 04:00 a.m. The Department of Public Safety is evaluating the time occur-

rence of these fatalities and to put more attention in shifting schedule to night time enforcement. Public awareness is also consider top priority on educating the community about the traffic laws and other information that will assist other ethnic groups in understanding our highway laws and to prevent traffic crashes, serious injuries and fatalities.

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Alcohol and Other Drugs Countermeasures (AL)

October 2004 through September 2005, the CNMI Department of Public Safety recorded 380 DUI arrests, and six (6) DUI fatalities, a decrease of one (1) fatality from seven (7) DUI fatalities recorded in 2004. There were six (6) serious and thirty three (33) minor injuries. The Department of Public Safety on Saipan, Tinian and Rota put efforts with its limited resources to enforce DUI related violations and utilized some of the funding on DUI education by printing educational materials that were distributed during the check-point and display. We continued to publicize DUI edu-

cation and awareness in local magazines and newspapers in which they were then distributed to Saipan, Tinian and Rota. We continue to aired our 25/30 seconds DUI commercial that we locally produce in 2002 and aired on our only Television Station. The commercial was aired before and during the fourth of July weekend, and during the December 3D month campaign was aired during local news hours and prime time hours to include the sports channel.

We continue to work closely with the media especially with the am/fm radio stations in broadcasting our highway

mind the listeners about the danger of drinking and driving to include the seat belt messages and Emergency Medical Services (call 911 in an emergency).

The CNMI Department of Public Safety, Commonwealth Health Center and other agencies to include private businesses are asked to be involve in the prevention and awareness programs and to continue to work together in fighting the drinking and driving problem that we are facing with the community and other ethnic groups and visitors alike.

safety messages during their hourly traffic report and also re-



Performance and Corrective Measures:

Child Restraint and Occupant Protection:

- To continue to support and put more attention on highway safety programs with the acknowledgment of the Commissioner of Public Safety and the Resident Directors of Tinian and Rota.
- To request for NHTSA, Western Region assistance in authorizing our office to bring in Child Passenger Safety Technician from the State to certify those technicians with expired certification and to certify other Police Officers that were newly hired and are assisting the Traffic personnel on highway safety related programs.
- To continue our enforcement efforts on child restraint and seat belt, and to look into our usage rate for both (CR/OP).
- To continue to provide education and awareness on seat belt through local newspapers, magazines and to continue to air our 25/30 seconds commercial on our only Television Station.
- To continue to conduct CR/OP checkpoint, and conduct courtesy inspection.
- To continue to provide incentives (Promotional items) during annual awareness week.
- To continue to provide public awareness on seat belt information on 8ft X 8ft vinyl banner posted along the highway on Saipan, Tinian and Rota.

Police Traffic Services:

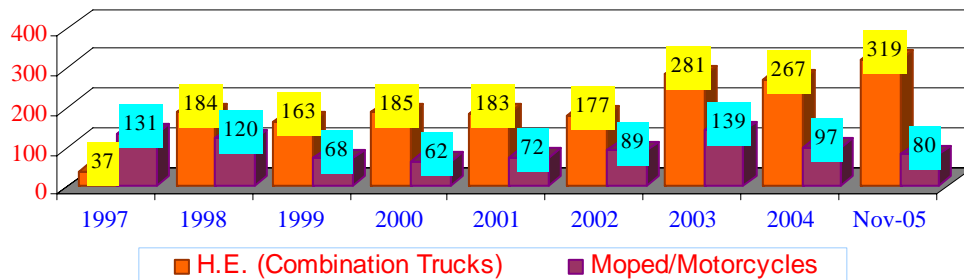
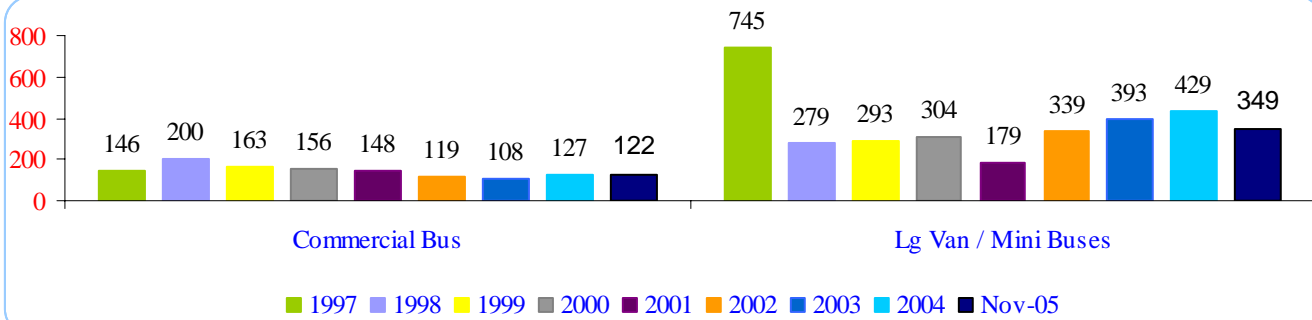
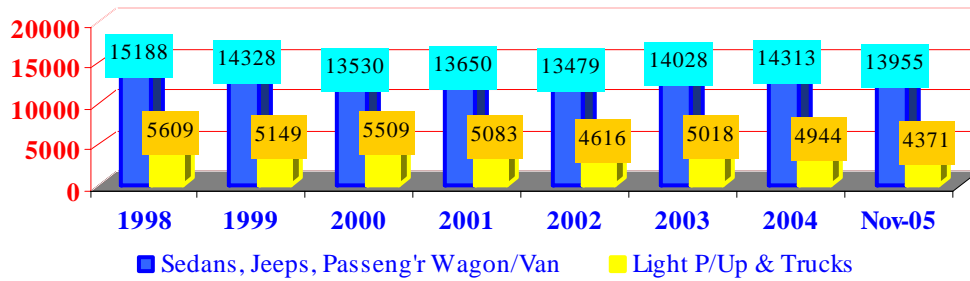
- To continue to work together with the Department of Public Works in addressing problem highways and the Bureau of Motor Vehicles on their testing for new driver license and conducting driving test.
- To continue our enforcement efforts, enforcing traffic violation, work on our pedestrian problems and address those problems through the traffic engineering at the Department of Public Works.
- To continue to work closely with other government agencies and private businesses on our education on traffic safety at schools, community meetings and through local annual events.
- To continue our Laser Speed enforcement, Selective Traffic Law Enforcement (STLE), and to seek the ranking Police Officer support and approval to increase manpower in patrolling the streets to prevent, deter, and reduce traffic crashes injuries and/or fatalities.

Alcohol and Other Drugs Countermeasures (AL):

- To assess our current DUI arrests and fatalities that occur each year, need to look into putting more Police Officers on the street during evening hours and on the weekends. To work harder in reducing the number of DUI arrests and fatalities which occurs each year.
- To continue to enforce all DUI related violations, and to continue to conduct Sobriety Checkpoints, and Highway Criminal Interdiction.
- To continue our education efforts on DUI targeting the different ethnic groups and the CNMI community in putting more efforts on DUI awareness.
- To continue to request for additional manpower for Traffic/DUI Section to assist in enforcing traffic DUI violations.
- To continue to work closely with the media on our DUI education, and prevention messages on DUI.

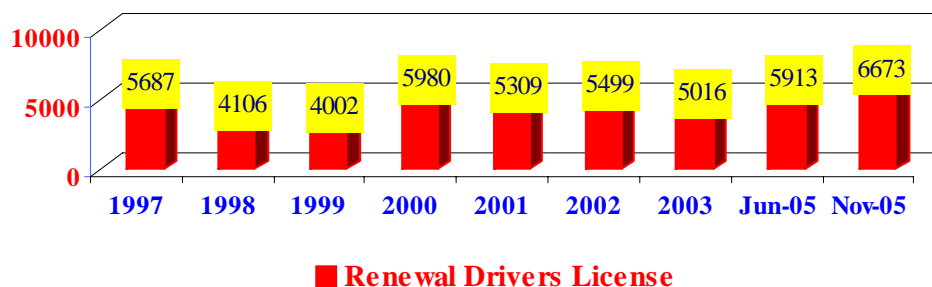
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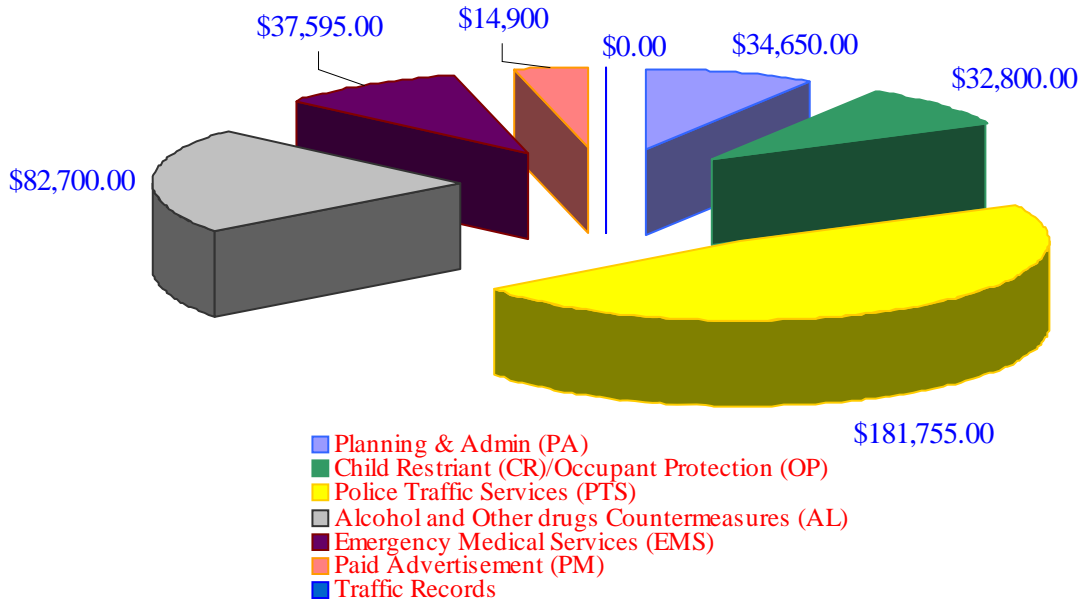
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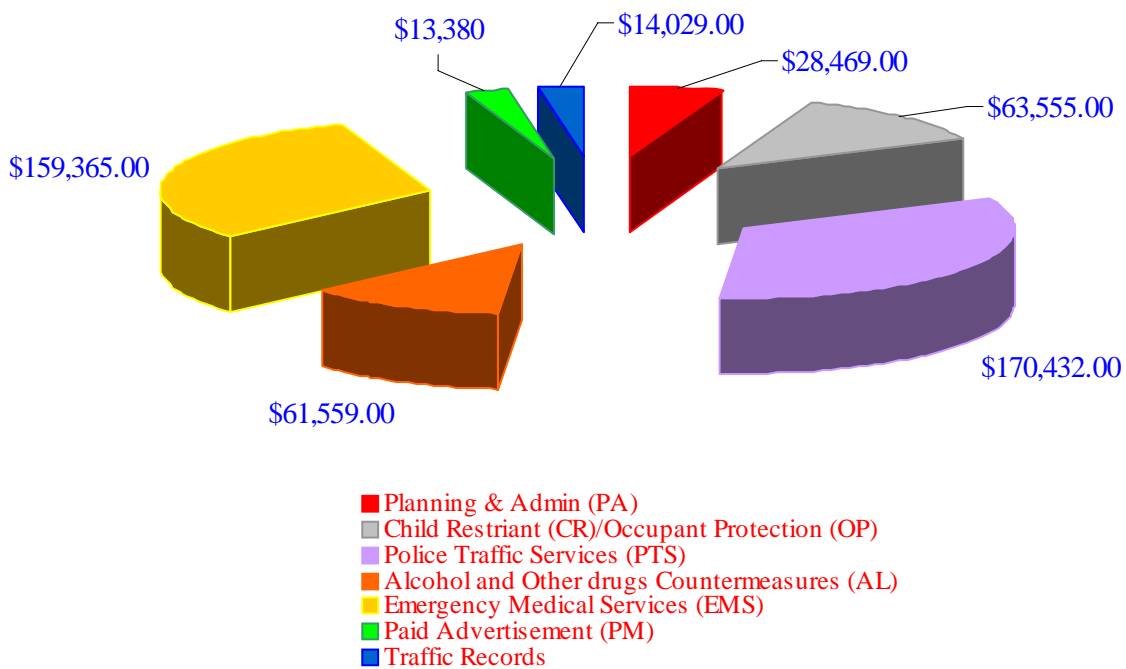


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Section 402 FY2005 Funding

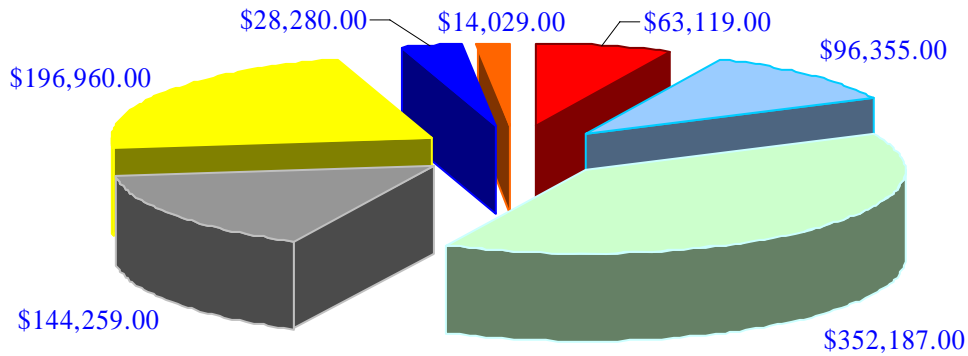


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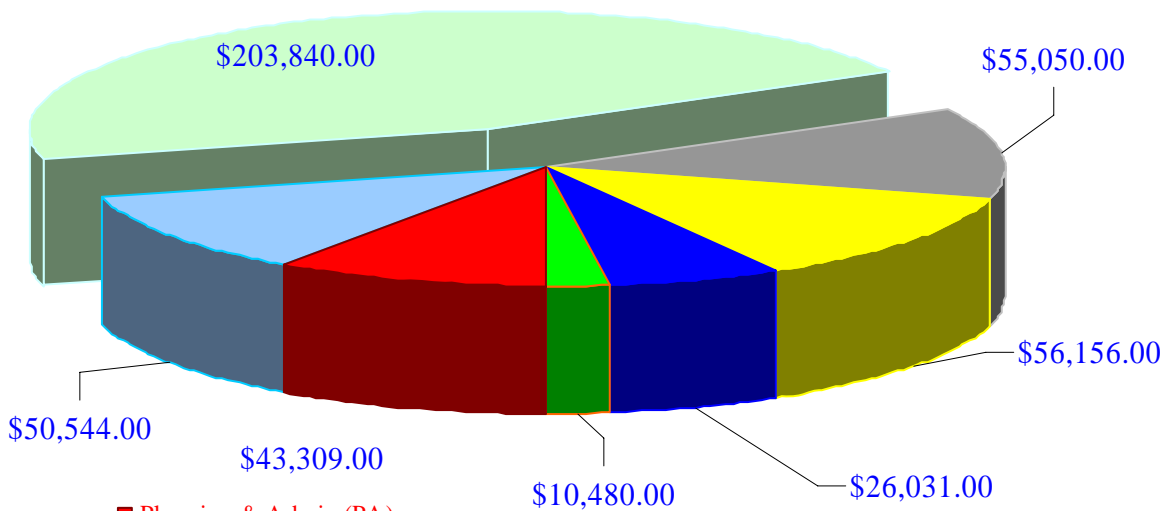
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Section 402: 2005 Total Approved Funding



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Section 402: 2005 Total Expenditure



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