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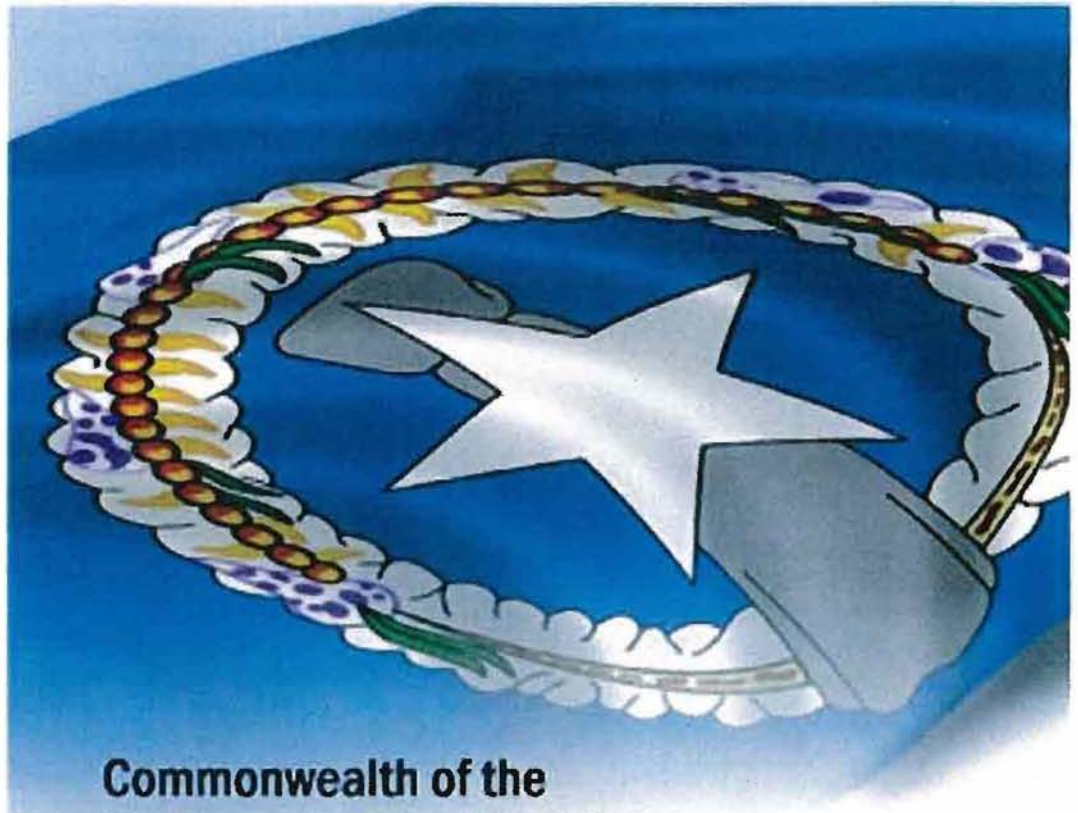
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Dear Dr. David Manning

The CNMI Department of Public Safety hereby submit the CNMI's Highway Safety Programs Annual Report covering Calendar year 2010.

Our staff would like to extend a sincere appreciation to you and your staff for working closely and sharing their expertise with our staff on highway safety programs. In 2010, we achieve numerous objectives and 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,

Aniceto T. Ogunoro  
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## SUMMARY OF THE CNMI'S COMMONLY REPORTED STATISTICS

Data Elements	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
No. of Vehicle Registered	20,273	20,715	17,910	12,012	14,935	19,254
Licensed Driver (New & Renewal)	6,697	8,042	7,772	8,586	3,808	4189
Total Crashes Reported	3838	3325	3359	2560	1630	1868
Total Injuries	278	265	564	578		167
Yearly Fatalities	9	13	5	4	9	7

### YEARLY DUI ARRESTS AND FATALITIES INVOLVED

Data Elements	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Arrests	337	414	396	283	164	247
Fatalities (Alcohol Involved)	7	6	1	1	5	3
Crashes	84	86	96	86	40	76

### YEARLY SEAT BELT SURVEY PERCENTAGE USAGE RATE

Data Element	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Child Restraint % Usage Rate	56%	73%	83%	82%	76%	83%
Occupant Protection % Usage rate	90%	90%	91%	92%	90%	89.9%

## 2010 Training & Development

### Planning & Administration

#### (P/A)

On October 22-23, 2009, DPS Commissioner Santiago F. Tudela, OIC Highway Safety Office, Chief Francis S. Taimanao and Leonardo T. Duenas, Highway Safety Program Manager traveled to Rota to conduct program review and evaluation for DPS Rota Traffic/DUI Programs.

On November 5-6, 2009, the OIC for Highway Safety Office, Chief Francis Taimanao and Leonardo Duenas, Highway Safety Program Manager traveled to Tinian to conduct program review and evaluation for DPS Tinian Traffic/DUI programs.

On February 23-24, 2010, the DPS Commissioner Santiago F. Tudela, OIC for Highway Safety Office Chief Francis Taimanao and Leonardo T. Duenas, Highway Safety Program Manager traveled to Rota to Deliver the Sobriety Checkpoint Trailer to DPS Rota Traffic/DUI Section.

On April 11-13, 2010, the DPS Commissioner Santiago F. Tudela and the OIC for Highway Safety Office Chief Francis Taimanao attended the 2010 Lifesavers Conference in Philadelphia, PA and then attended the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Region IX Leadership Meeting in San Diego from April 14-15, 2010.

On May 24-28, 2010, the OIC for Highway Safety Office Chief Francis Taimanao attended the 2010 Pre-Highway Safety Plan meeting and training for Managing Federal Finances in Honolulu, Hawaii.

On June 25, 2010, the OIC for Highway Safety Office Chief Francis Taimanao the Leonardo T. Duenas, highway safety Program Manager to inspect the new Police Motorcycle (9000cc) delivered by Tang Enterprise.

On September 1, 2010, the Deputy Commissioner Ambrosio Ogomoro and OIC for Highway Safety Office

Chief Francis Taimanao were on Tinian to conduct Program Review for DPS Tinian Highway Safety Programs.

On September 2-4, 2010, the Deputy Commissioner Ambrosio Ogomoro and OIC for Highway Safety Office Chief Francis Taimanao were on Rota to conduct Program Review for DPS Rota Highway Safety Programs.

On September 26-29, 2010, the DPS Commissioner attended the 2010 Governor's Highway Safety Administration (GHSA) meeting in Kansas City, MO.

### Occupant Protection/Child Restraint (OP/CR)

On March 22-26, 2010, Ms. Margaret DLG. Camacho, Financial Manager and Leonardo T. Duenas, Highway Safety Program Manager attended the Program Management Course in Phoenix, Arizona.

On April 11-13, 2010, Ms. Margaret DLG. Camacho attended the 2010 Lifesavers Conference Philadelphia, PA, then traveled to San Diego to attend the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Region IX Leadership Meeting on April 14-15, 2010.

On August 24-30, 2010, POI. Regino M. Celis and FF Sylvan

Laniyo from Saipan together with POI. Tito Hocog from DPS Rota travel to Ft. Worth, TX, to attend the 2010 Kidz in Motion annual conference.

On March 16-21, 2010, Ms. Marlene Carbullido (CPS Instructor) and GPD, Police Captain Darren Apiag (Asst to the Instructor) from Guam traveled to Saipan to conduct Re-Certification on Child Passenger Safety Technician for DPS personnel on Saipa, Tinian and Rota: Sgt Jarrod Mangloan, Tito Hocog from Rota and POIII. Wally Villagomez from DPS Tinian.

On April 10-13, 2010, POIII. Wally Villagomez, POI. Raquel Ogomoro, and POI. Tito Hocog traveled to Philadelphia, PA to attend the Pre Child Passenger Safety and 2010 Lifesavers Annual Conference

### Police Traffic Services (PTS)

On August 3-4, 2010, the following DPS on Tinian and Rota attended the 2010 Pre-Highway Safety Planning and Performance Measures meeting/training on Saipan.

The following personnel from both islands are as follow: DPS Tinian, Sgt. Eloy Fitial, POIII. Wally Villagomez, from DPS Rota, Resident Director, Felix Santos, Sgt. Jarrod Manglona and POI. Tito Hocog.



2010 Child Passenger Safety Technician's re-certification on Saipan (March 17-20, 2010).

## Training and Development Con't

### Alcohol and Other Drugs Countermeasures (AL)

On November 16-19, 2009, the Instructor for EC/1R II (Intoximeter Breathalyzer), Sgt. Jarrod Manglona traveled to Tinian to train/certified the Police Officer's on Tinian on the Intoximeter Breathalyzer equipment.

On April 11-13, 2010, Mr. Leonardo T. Duenas and Sgt. Sylvan Rangamar (Traffic Commander) attended the 2010 Lifesavers Conference in Philadelphia, PA, then traveled to San Diego on April 14-15, 2010, to attend the 2010 National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Region IX Leadership Meeting.

On May 24-25, 2010, Mr. Leonardo T. Duenas attended the 2011 Pre-Highway Safety Planning meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii, then on the following days May 26-28, 2010, Mr. Leonardo T. Duenas and Ms. Agnes Cepeda, Federal Programs Supervisor from CNMI Gov't Department of Finance attended training on Managing Federal Finances in Honolulu, Hawaii.

On September 19-25, 2010, the (2) Instructor's for Police Motorcycle, Sgt. Anthony Macaranas and POI. Daniel Smith traveled to Rota to conduct training/Certified the Police Officer's on Rota.

### Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

On May 12-15, 2010, Fire Director, Tom Manglona, Firefighter Antonio Kapileo, Firefighter Patrick George travel to Tinian to conduct training and certification on Automated External Defibrillator (AED).

On July 18-15, 2010, Fire Director, Tom Manglona and Firefighter Antonio Kapileo traveled to Rota to conduct Emergency Medical Technician Class.

On July 31-August 1, 2010, Fire Director, Tom Manglona traveled to Tinian to conduct Electronic Version training .

On July 31-August 1, 2010, the following Fire personnel travel to Rota to conduct Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Recertification, FF. Patrick George, FF. Antonio Kapileo, And FCS. Augustine Dosalua from DPS Tinian traveled from Tinian to Rota.

On August 1-2, 2010, Fire Director Tom Manglona and FF. Antonio Kapileo traveled to Rota to conduct Electronic Version training.

On August 24-30, 2010, Firefighter Sylvan Laniyo attended the Kidz in Motion Annual Conference in Ft. Worth, TX.

### Section 408: Highway Data Improvement Grant.

On July 25-28, 2010, The Traffic Record Coordinating Committee (TRCC) Chairwoman, Judge Ramona Manglona, Mr. Wayne Archibald (TRCC), and Bureau of Motor Vehicle, Director Juana Leon Guerrero (TRCC) traveled to New Orleans, LA to attend the 2010 Traffic Records Forum.



Managing Federal Finances training held in Honolulu, Hawaii on May 26-28, 2010.



TINIAN, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

# Tinian Highway Safety Program

## Traffic Section Overview

The Tinian Department of Public Safety continue to enforce all traffic laws. In January 2010, the island of Tinian recorded one traffic fatality (Moped run off roadway).

At the presence, There are two additional personnel assigned to Traffic/DUI Section to assists on highway safety programs. The Tinian Department of Public Safety recorded six traffic crashes, compared to 2009 with fourteen.

The plan for 2011 is to certify additional officer's as Police Motorcycle operator and attend other highway safety related training in regards to traffic matters.

The Tinian Traffic/DUI Section will continue to Laser activities and Public Education to ensure that the motorized are safe on our road ways.

This section will continue to work hard to reduce the number of fatality



2009 At Scene Traffic Investigation Training on Saipan.

## Training and Equipment

In 2010, Tinian Department of Public Safety received two police package motorcycle's for Selective Traffic Law Enforcement (STLE) and other highway related, to include Traffic/DUI Section on Tinian received one desktop computer one laptop computer and one projector that will be used for administrative and presentation on schools, meetings and community activities.

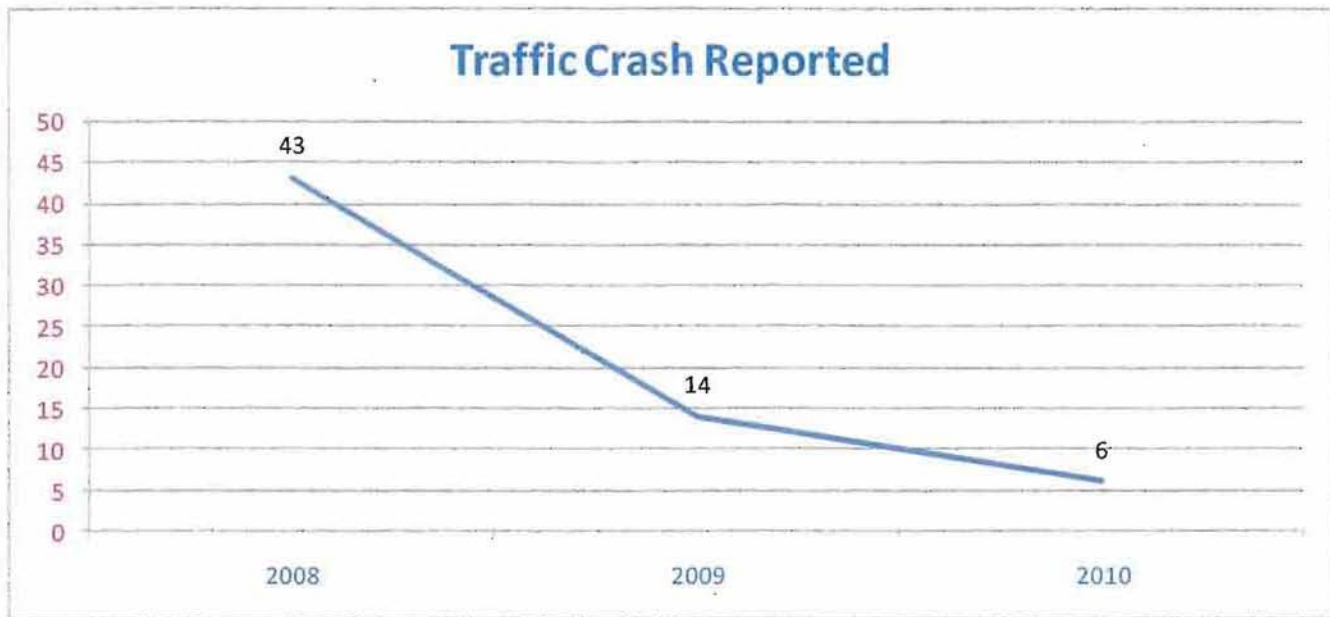
officers to attend the Basic Traffic Investigation Course on Saipan in June 15-26, 2009.

In 2010, the Officer In Charge for Tinian Traffic/DUI Section, POIII. Wally Villagomez attended the Lifesavers Conference in Philadelphia. The same Officer also attended the Child Passenger Safety Technician recertification on Saipan in March 2010.

of Public Safety 's goal is to have the Officer's who were trained in At Scene Traffic Investigation can now attend the Advance Traffic Investigation training in the future so that the Officer's certification program with Saipan and Rota Police Officer's that are certified.

This section sent five The Tinian Department

## Traffic Crash Reported



## Occupant Protection / Child Restraint

The annual campaign on Click It or Ticket Mobilization and Child Passenger Safety Week.

This section conducted a presentation at Tinian Elementary School on May 26, 2010 regards to seat belt and Car seat. On May 28, 2010 This section also did a presentation at Head Start for the students and the parents

As a result of this program young children are safer in our streets when traveling on our highways A fitting stations has been identified for this purpose.

Presentations were conducted to the community on properly securing car seat occupants.

Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz signed a proclamation proclaiming, September 19-25, 2010, child Passenger Safety Week

The Tinian Department of Public Safety conducted Occupant Protection/Child Restraint (OP/CR) Checkpoints and Courtesy Car Seat Inspections, six citations were issued during the OPCR checkpoints, three Car Seats were inspected during Courtesy Car Seat Inspection.

On May 19, 2010 Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz signed the Proclamation Click It or Ticket After the proclamation the Police and Fire section had a mini motorcade around San Jose Village

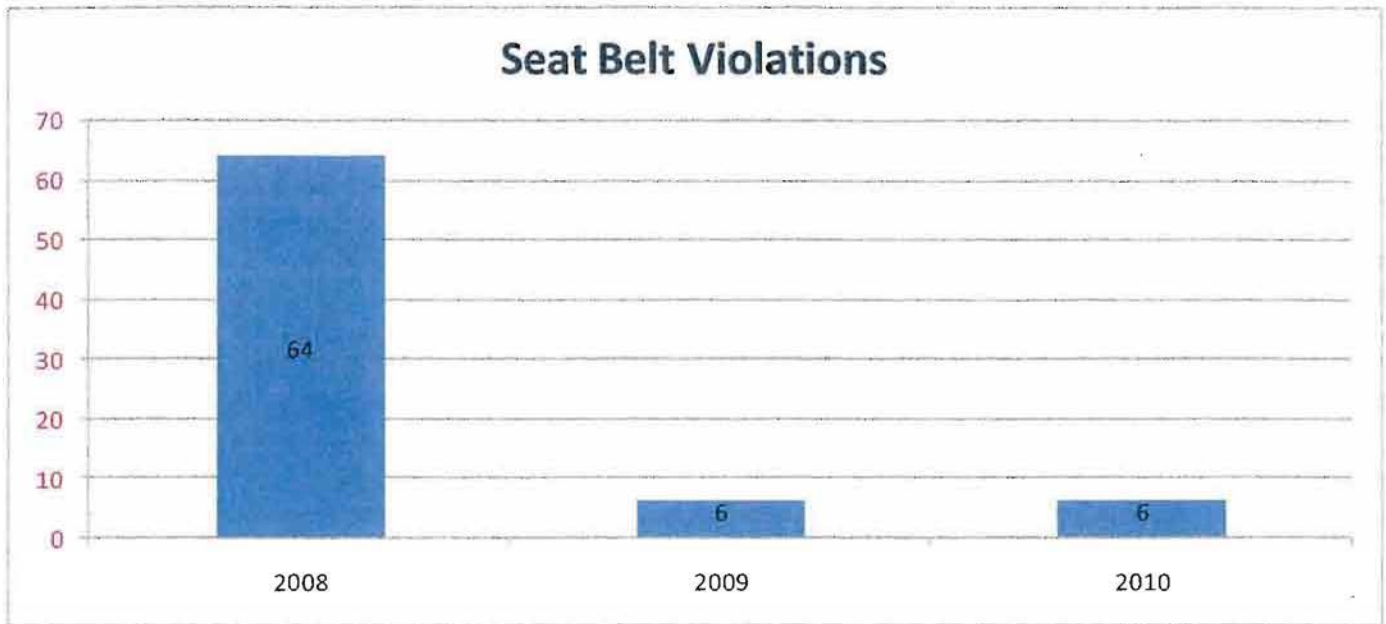
On June 1, 2010 Officer Kioni Cruz and Policer Office Wally Villagomez did a presentation at Tinian High School. STLE Enforcement resulted ten Traffic Citations.



2010 Click it or Ticket Proclamation Signing at the Tinian Mayor's Office by Tinian Mayor Ray Dela Cruz.



## Seat Belt Violations



## OP/CR Checkpoint Operation & Car Seat Inspection



# Alcohol and Other Drug Countermeasures

During the 2010 Drunk Drugged Driving Prevention (3D) Month campaign, the Tinian Department of Public Safety planned activities such as school presentation, Santa Clause visitation to all the school, Christmas Caroling at the Christmas Carnival and a visit Government agencies and private Businesses to inform them about the danger of drinking and driving.

As part of the 3D activities, we also did Deterrence, STLE Enforcement and Sobriety Checkpoints during the holiday season and continue thru.

This section continues to fight against impaired driving during high peak periods and holidays

This mobilization includes sobriety checkpoint and selective traffic law enforcement programs.

During the Impaired Driving in August 2010, we also planned activities such as STLE enforcement and Sobriety Checkpoint operation, twelve citations were issued out during the enforcement activities with three active

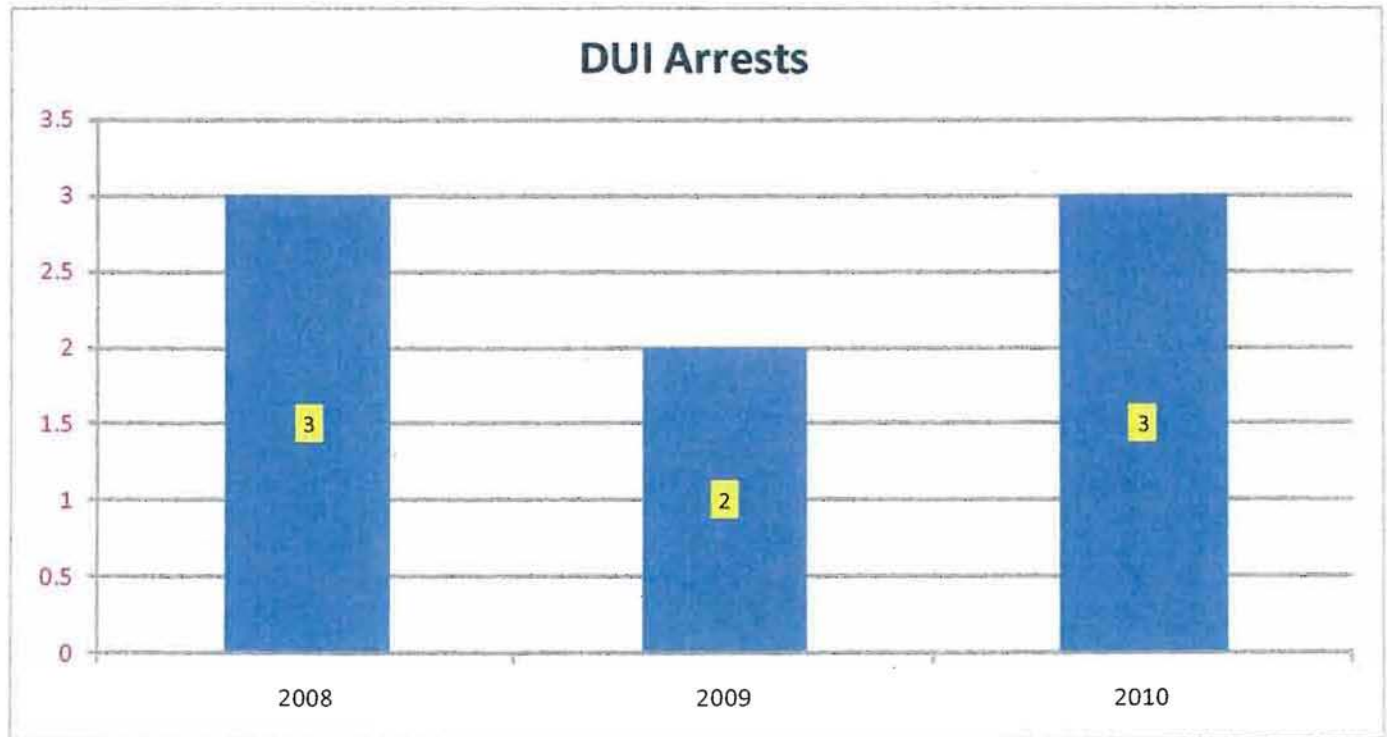
In 2010, the Tinian Department of Public Safety received one brand new Intoximeter Breathalyzer Machine for DUI processing, the Officer's at the sametime were certified as operator.

In 2010, there were three DUI Arrests and no DUI related crash and fatality.

The Goal for 2011 is to maintain the Zero DUI fatality and to continue the enforcement efforts on the Tinian highways and roadways.



2010 December 3D Month campaign school visit



# Traffic Section Overview



The Luta Traffic Section is composed of one Officer-in-Charge with two subordinate personnel. Due to the lack of manpower in the local department, the section must run with a total of 3 personnel.

Despite this lack of manpower, the personnel assigned to the section have excelled in accomplishing the tasks assigned to them. They have formulated an efficient, yet effective schedule that would address the needs of all the programs run by the Traffic Section.

Recently, additional manpower has been added to the section in the form of a "task force". Officers assigned to the Patrol Section have been additionally tasked to assist Traffic

Section officers with the performance of their duties such as DUI enforcement, Laser activities, and Seatbelt and Child Restraint enforcement operations. The officers assigned to this task force are also primarily tasked to assist in checkpoint and Highway Criminal Interdiction (HiCI) operations.

The Traffic Section Commander meets regularly with the officers assigned to the "task force" to hand out enforcement schedules and other concerns.

The Traffic Section also gets additional manpower from other sections of the department such as the Criminal Investigation Section and the Boating Safety Section.

This collaboration between sections aids all sections in accomplishing their goals and objectives.



Traffic Section Officers

ROTA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

# Rota Highway Safety Program

## Vehicle and Equipment Overview

The Traffic Section currently has three vehicles to utilize for its daily operations. There is one marked Ford Explorer used for DUI and Investigative operations. There are also two Kawasaki Vulcans used for Seatbelt and Child

Restraint enforcement activities as well as other uses such as speed operations and parades.

The Explorer was purchased in 2008 through Highway Safety Grants. The motorcycles were purchased in 2009 through Highway Safety Grants.

There are also other equipment assigned to the section to aid in its enforcement and community outreach programs.

In 2009, the section received a DUI mobile trailer along with the equipment necessary to conduct checkpoints. It also utilizes older equipment that has been kept operational through the years.





# Occupant Protection

Based on recent surveys conducted by the Traffic Section, Rota's current seatbelt usage rate rests at 83.8 percent for drivers and 74 percent for child restraint. This meets or exceeds the national average as a result of the vigilance and commitment by its officers.



Traffic Section conducting an OP/CR Checkpoint

The Traffic Section, in collaboration with local non-profit organizations and other civic groups continues to strive for greater awareness and compliance in regards to seatbelt and child restraint laws.

The annual campaigns of the Click it or Ticket Mobilization, Buckle Up CNMI, and the Four Steps for Kids program, have proven to be an effective medium in strengthening Rota's Occupant Protection/Child Restraint program. Through these programs officers conduct high volume traffic stops as well as an increase in public education and awareness activities.

Through our community outreach programs we have been able to reach a large amount of people and increase education and awareness. Each annual activity continues to see a rise in the number of participants. For example, the number of Child Restraint Assistance Vouchers given out was 19 compared to zero in previous years. Community members also take advantage of our annual Display Sites held in various locations throughout the island.

The Traffic Section also continues to conduct remote presentations at schools, camps, and other areas for civic and government organizations.

To spread important and vital information the Traffic Section has worked with local media outlets for air and print media. It has also opened a website under social networking sites such as Facebook and Myspace to target the younger, technically advanced demographic.

A vast majority of the occupant protection program focused mainly on community outreach and education. This consisted of publication of banners, handouts, pamphlets, and promotional items.

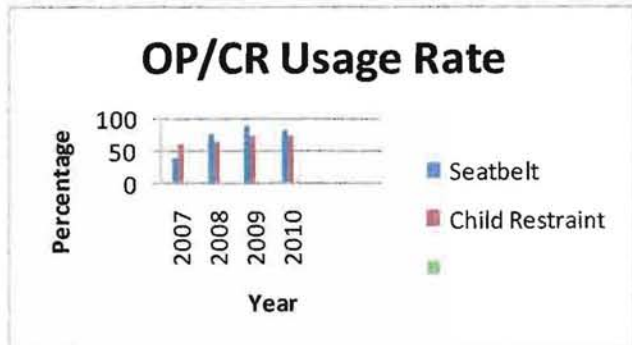
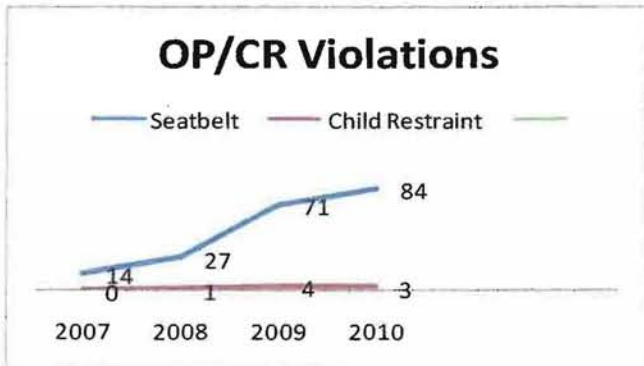
The Traffic Section is a staple in schools and civic organizations due to its untiring efforts in increasing public awareness.

Through our efforts, we were able to achieve and accomplish the following for Occupant Protection and Child Restraint program for the year 2010:

1. Issued 84 citations for safety belt violations
2. Issued 3 citations for child restraint violations
3. Conducted 4 OP/CR Checkpoints
4. Conducted 4 OP/CR surveys
5. Conducted 8 of OP/CR presentations
6. Sent 2 officers to Child Passenger Safety Technician recertification training



Trick or Treaters in front of 4Steps Banner





# Police Traffic Services

The goal of the Rota Traffic Section's police traffic services program is to improve efficiency in the investigations of fatal or near-fatal crashes as well as enforce traffic laws on our highways and roadways by way of professional training and equipment acquisition designed to enhance and accomplish specified PTS tasks.

Funding from the U.S. DOT National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has been the main financial source for local authorities in implementing these vital programs.

With assistance from the Highway Safety Office the Traffic Section has continued its efforts in achieving national goals by reinforcing its programs. The Traffic Section has conducted checkpoints, saturation patrols, drunk driving prevention, speed management, traffic crash reduction, and other mobilizations in the community. It has also involved other enforcement agencies such as the Division of Youth Services and the Customs Division.

We have continued to focus a lot of our efforts in speed management with random laser enforcement at strategic and high volume areas. Speed enforcement has also been focused in school and rural areas frequented by children and adolescents. These speed enforcement operations 32 speeding citations in 2010 compared to 12 in 2009. A greater focus on speed enforcement resulted in less traffic crashes in those enforcement areas. It should be noted however, that an increase

in the number of non-traffic crashes was seen.

Traffic fatality reduction on the island of Rota continues to be its foremost focus. We have been able to prevent fatal crashes from occurring for over 5

years. We have also been able to reduce the number of near-fatal crashes to zero for the past 4 years. Our focus on increased enforcement and education activities have greatly aided our efforts.

A greater focus was set on public outreach programs for police traffic services. Through our website on social networking sites such as Facebook we were able to reach a larger number of people in a more efficient manner. At various times during the year, the website features educational posts as well as photos and videos of programs conducted. It also announces any new information or public service announcement coming from the Traffic Section.

The Traffic Section continuously make presentations to civic and other organizations as well as youth groups and at school activities to better educate the public and increase awareness of aggressive driving.

Saturation patrols that were conducted



Motor Officers during Operators Certification Course

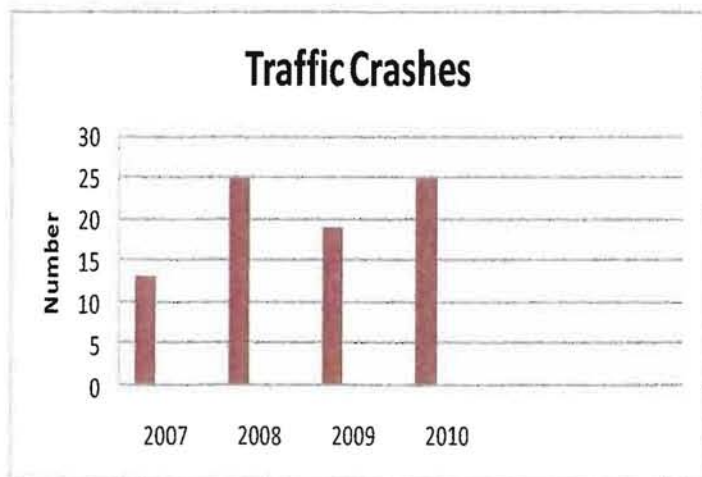
have stepped up deterrence in regards to DUI and aggressive driving.

Through our efforts we were able to accomplish the following for police traffic services program in 2010:

1. Sent 2 traffic officers to attend the HSP meeting in Saipan
2. Maintain traffic fatalities at zero for the year
3. Maintain the number of traffic crashes with serious injuries at zero for the year
4. Certified 6 officers in motorcycle operators course
5. Conducted 3 presentations on motorcycle and pedestrian safety



Traffic Officers conducting a presentation at the Headstart Program



# Alcohol & Other Drugged Countermeasures



As with all other states and territories, Rota continues to see impaired driving as a major problem on its highways and roadways. The Rota Traffic Section continues to implement aggressive impaired driving campaigns to deter operators from going behind the wheel when impaired. However, behavioral and cultural factors continue to pose a challenge to the program. With innovative and educational programs targeting specific demographics, we have been able to curb the number of DUI-related crashes on the island.

An increase in enforcement efforts also attributed to a lower number of DUI-



3D Candlelight Vigil

related crashes. However, according to recent surveys con-

ducted by students of the local high school, many would-be offenders were deterred due to the program's Drunk & Drugged Driving Prevention (3D) campaign. This campaign is well known throughout the island of Rota by all age groups and different demographics. The success of the program is attributed to the wide range of people targeted to participate. The coalition of youth, govern-



Sobriety Checkpoint held along SF Hwy. Tatachog

ment, and civic groups along with law enforcement personnel have formed a

hugely successful educational and awareness campaign.

Some of the activities highlighted during the campaign are: selective traffic law enforcement, highway interdiction, sobriety checkpoints, candlelight vigil ceremonies, sports tournaments, as well as other community oriented activities.

To date, the Traffic Section has conducted 18 sobriety checkpoints with 12 more pending on the island of Rota.

These sobriety checkpoints are located in high volume and problematic areas during peak and off-peak hours. The Traffic Section

also enlists the aid of volunteers and student groups to assist and observe the checkpoints. This participation further educates the participants.

Enforcement efforts led to the arrest of 7 DUI offenders in 2010. Although this number may seem small compared to most areas, this is a large number for the population of the island.

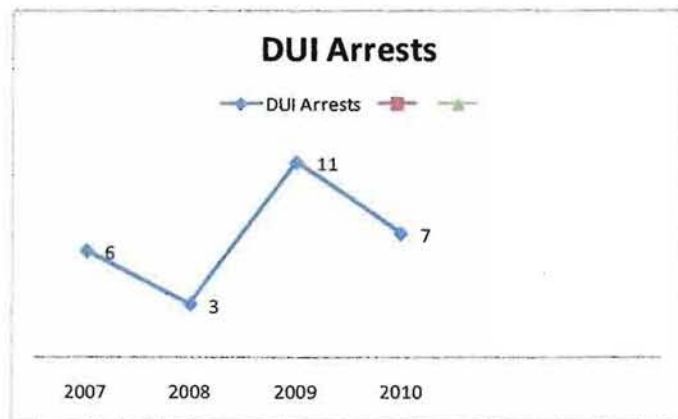
Of the 25 crashes reported in 2010, 10 were alcohol related. It should be noted that on the dates there were alcohol related crashes, the section's enforcement capabilities were hampered due to financial and personnel constraints.

During the 3D campaign for 2010 the Traffic Section has made arrangements with local vehicle rental agencies to implement a Designated Driver Program.

This program has been suspended for 10 years on the island due to numerous reasons. However, due to the diligence and tireless efforts of the Traffic Section's officers and collaborative efforts with private and non-profit organizations we are able to re-implement this program.

Through our efforts we were able to accomplish the following for the alcohol and other drug countermeasures program for 2010:

1. Conduct Intoximeter operator training for 4 officers
2. Conducted 5 presentations on Impaired Driving
3. Conducted 18 sobriety checkpoints with 12 pending checkpoints



Community members during the 3D Candlelight Vigil

# Conclusion

Although the island of Rota is a small community, the Traffic Section aims at providing it with the best in police traffic services it can render. Officers assigned to the section continue to strive for excellence in their duties as they serve their community. Through the various programs it has implemented, the Traffic Section has forged a bond with the community unlike any other. The popularity and effectiveness of its programs allow the Traffic Section to reach all age groups and demographics to better educate and inform. This enables the flow of information to go uninterrupted and allow for a greater success of its programs and activities.

Despite a lack of funding and manpower the officers within the section continue to improve the programs in which they are mandated to carry out. The dedication of these officers is noteworthy and commendable.



Officers during a Traffic Section ceremony

The Traffic Section is gradually increasing its efforts to better spread

information through technology based concepts. The remoteness of the island and the limited resources it has, has hindered most program's success as compared to their counterparts in Saipan and the mainland. However, the Traffic Section has formulated avenues in which to address advertisements and paid media challenges.

In collaboration with civic groups and private entities, the Traffic Section is looking towards produces their own public service announcements and air commercials through the government-run cable channel.

In conclusion, despite the challenges this small section may face, it continues to achieve excellence in regards to its programs.



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# *Luta Traffic Section*





## NHTSA-EMS 2010 ANNUAL REPORT

### **Performance Measure 1: TRAFFIC-RELATED EMS TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION**

The Department of Public Safety-Fire Division, Office of EMS continues to provide traffic-related training and certification courses for EMS/Rescue personnel in the islands of Saipan, Rota, and Tinian from EMT-Basic (EMT), Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers (BLS), and other specialized training such as Prehospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) that provide emphasis on trauma-related injuries from motor vehicle crashes or other traffic-related incidents. These traffic-related courses are required for EMS/Rescue personnel and are conducted at least twice a year depending on their recertification cycle. EMT and BLS continue to be the minimum certification and staffing requirement to work on the ambulance or rescue unit.

At present we have 80 personnel in Saipan, 9 in Tinian, and 6 in Rota. We have 3 lead EMT instructors, 1 EMT skills instructor, and 9 BLS instructors between the three islands. We need to maintain the certification of our EMT and BLS instructors and recruit additional instructors to adequately and effectively conduct these traffic-related training and certification programs. The additional EMS instructors will improve and sustain the quality of training and education being conducted to EMS/Rescue personnel in responding to motor vehicle crashes or traffic-related injuries. All BLS instructors will need to attend the 2010 update on Emergency Cardiac Care Guidelines as part of their instructor requirement.

In 2010 we conducted 6 EMT training and certification courses: January, February, March, April, July, and September. In addition, in April 2010 we brought EMS instructors from the U.S. Mainland to conduct traffic-related "train-the-trainer" programs to certify local EMS instructors as well as PHTLS to recertify all EMS/Rescue personnel. To date, we've recertified 59 EMS/Rescue personnel in EMT from Saipan, 9 from Tinian, and 6 from Rota. The remaining 21 personnel from Saipan are scheduled to be completed by the end of December or early next year in January 2011. All 95 EMS/Rescue personnel have been recertified in BLS between the three islands throughout 2010 but their recertification will be due sometime next year in 2011 depending on their recertification cycle.

We continue to seek and obtain national certification through the National Registry of EMTs to demonstrate the minimum level of competency as compared to other providers in this profession. So far, 10 EMS/Rescue personnel, 9 from Saipan and 1 from Tinian have successfully taken the certification exam either at the first or second attempt. We continue to have a difficult time in achieving our goal at least an 80% pass ratio on the first attempt taken by EMS/Rescue personnel because of English being a second language for majority of our personnel. Having well-trained and competent EMT-Basics to respond to motor vehicle crashes that deal with critical and dangerous situations or treat seriously injured victims from traffic-related incidents requires continuous EMS professional education, training, and certification.

Funding support is needed to sustain recruitment and retention of EMS instructors, administer the NREMT exams, certify and recertify EMS/Rescue personnel at all levels to include maintaining sufficient instructional materials, equipment, and supplies.

**Performance Measure 2: TRAFFIC-RELATED EMS ON-THE-JOB TRAINING AND EXCHANGE PROGRAM**

The Department of Public Safety-Fire Division, Office of EMS/Rescue Section needs to enhance its traffic-related EMS on-the-job training for EMS/Rescue personnel from the islands of Rota and Tinian. This traffic-related EMS training program will allow those personnel to be proficient in their EMT knowledge and skills as it relates to motor vehicle crashes or traffic-related injuries. Of the 95 EMS/Rescue personnel, 9 are from Tinian and 6 are from Rota. Thus far, we've only conducted this once in August 2010 for 3 EMS/Rescue personnel from the island of Rota.

We would like to conduct this traffic-related EMS on-the-job training program on a rotational basis until all EMS/Rescue personnel from these areas have completed the program. Furthermore, EMS/Rescue personnel from Saipan will continue to use this opportunity to network with their peers in Rota and Tinian while their counterparts undergo this training in Saipan as part of an exchange program. In August 2010, 4 EMS/Rescue personnel from Saipan participated in the exchange program in Rota and provided in-service training regarding EMS response to motor vehicle crashes or traffic-related injuries using the "jaws of life" equipment and trauma patient assessment.

Funding support is needed to maintain and sustain this traffic-related EMS on-the-job training and exchange program for EMS/Rescue personnel from the islands of Rota and Tinian which will enhance their EMT knowledge and skills when responding to these incidents and provide them with the necessary "hands-on" tools and experience needed in achieving better patient outcomes in traffic-related crashes within their EMS systems.

**Performance Measure 3: TRAFFIC SAFETY AND EMS PUBLIC EDUCATION AND INJURY PREVENTION PROGRAM**

The Department of Public Safety-Fire Division, Office of EMS has successfully conducted numerous traffic safety and EMS public education injury prevention campaigns in collaboration with the traffic section within our department and other government agencies and stakeholder organizations as it pertains to motor vehicle crashes or traffic-related incidents. We continue to partner with our stakeholders to provide innovative and alternative public education programs to the communities, citizens, and visitors in the islands of Saipan, Rota, and Tinian to reduce the need for emergency medical services which are crucial to preventing and reducing motor vehicle crashes or traffic-related injuries by keeping the public informed and educated on these issues.

In May 2010, we conducted our annual Firehouse Openhouse Family Fun Day as part of the 2010 EMS Week activities at one of our fire stations in Saipan and in the islands of Rota and Tinian. That event, even though there were at least two other well-publicized events that was being conducted by other government agencies and organizations at the same day, was attended by more that 500 individuals from all different nationalities which included parents, children, and interested citizens. In the last 4 years, EMS has been more actively involved in increasing awareness of occupant protection for younger adults, advocate for stricter traffic laws in the hopes of addressing or eliminating traffic fatalities and injuries involving children here in the CNMI through our EMSC program that specifically targets families, women, and children. This will continue to bring the attention of everyone and participation of all the different ethnic groups here in the CNMI by encouraging them to become a "partner for life" by contributing to public service as part of their civic duties to prevent injuries, reduce illness, and ultimately save more lives.

In December 2010, EMS/Rescue personnel participated in the department's annual Drunk and Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month. The Office of EMS participates in this campaign annually for the last 17 years to include our EMTs being trained and certified as Child Passenger Safety Technicians. At present, we have 3 EMS/Rescue personnel from the island of Saipan that have been certified and have participated in numerous Occupant Protection and Child Restraint and DUI Checkpoints throughout the year with our traffic safety officers.

EMS/Rescue personnel play a very active and critical role in these efforts to reduce traffic crashes and resulting deaths, injuries, and property damage because they witness first-hand the detrimental effects of speeders or aggressive drivers, adults or minors consuming alcohol and driving under-the-influence, the lack of or improper use of seatbelts or child restraining devices for infants and children, driving in inclement weather or on difficult road conditions, and simply driver or pedestrian error. These traffic safety and EMS public education campaigns will be conducted throughout the year.

Lastly, if we are not successful in our traffic safety education and injury prevention efforts because motorists and pedestrians fail to use good judgment, we must resort to emergency response and actions by our community members. It is a known fact that early recognition of injuries, immediate response, treatment and prompt transportation of patients to the hospital is crucial to survival for victims involved in motor vehicle crashes or traffic-related incidents. As part of this initiative we have been very actively in our First There First Care Bystander Care, Make The Right Call, and Heartsaver CPR campaigns. We have conducted at least 17 classes throughout 2010 between the three islands and have trained over 220 individuals and have targeted motorists from our adults, young adults, and ethnic populations.

Funding support is needed to maintain and sustain traffic safety and EMS public education and injury prevention campaigns to include training, equipment, and sufficient public education materials and supplies.

**Performance Measure 4: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING & TRAFFIC-RELATED EMS SYSTEM MONITORING**

The geographic location of the CNMI from the U.S. Mainland and our island neighbors and the physical separation by the ocean between the islands of Saipan, Rota, and Tinian has continued to make it difficult for EMS professionals in the CNMI EMS System to network and share information with other EMS systems and professionals as it pertains traffic safety and emergency response to motor vehicle crashes or traffic-related incidents. These challenges in professional development and EMS system monitoring by EMS personnel has created gaps in enhancing our efforts in traffic safety education and performing EMS system monitoring which is imperative to keeping abreast in the latest issues and developments in traffic-related EMS responses.

Although we've been successful in our efforts locally, research in medicine nationally continues to produce new and best practices and innovative technologies that affect prehospital patient care in responding to and transporting from motor vehicle crashes or traffic-related injuries. Our involvement in EMS associations or organizations at the national level has proven beneficial in that the critical needs of the CNMI EMS System is well received and taken into consideration when addressing traffic safety and education, emergency response to traffic-related incidents, and conduct research to save more lives of victims involved in motor vehicle crashes. In August 2010, we were able to send 1 of our Child Passenger Safety Technician along with other traffic safety officers to attend the Kids in Motion Annual Conference in Dallas, Texas. We have yet to be able to send any of our EMS personnel to the annual Lifesavers Conference or any other EMS conferences or meetings.

Furthermore, involvement of the state EMS office in Saipan between the more rural islands of Rota and Tinian has been minimal and almost non-existent in terms of EMS system monitoring because of our inability to perform such task without funding support. This is crucial to addressing traffic-related EMS response times, scene times, and transport times to include evaluating patient outcomes from motor vehicle crashes or traffic-related incidents. EMS system monitoring will allow us the opportunity to meet with local EMS staff and personnel to discuss and ensure that national initiatives and project activities pertaining to traffic safety are being implemented locally

Funding support is needed to maintain and sustain professional development training and traffic-related EMS system monitoring by attending national conferences or meetings and performing system monitoring between our jurisdictions.

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES MONTHLY STATISTIC**

Date(s): \_\_\_\_\_ (0000-2359) Shift: \_\_\_\_\_

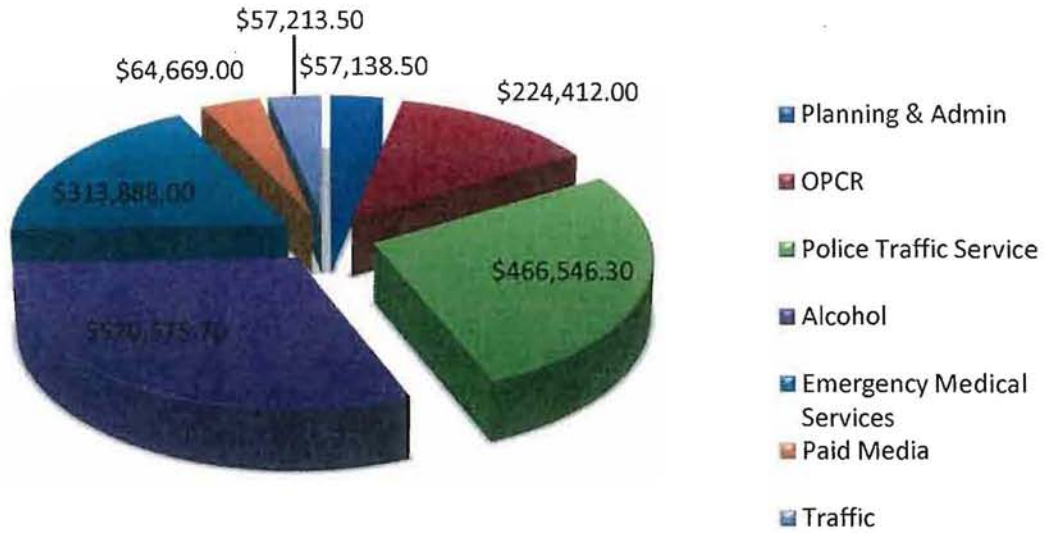
**JANUARY - DECEMBER 20, 2010**

TYPE OF INJURY/COMPLAINT	#	ETHNICITY						
Abdominal Pain/Injury	215							
Altered Mental Status	65	<b>Total Transported:</b>						
Back Pain/Injury	39	Code 1				Australian	2	
Cardiac Arrest (non-trauma)	9	Code 2				Bangladesh	30	
Cardiac Arrest (trauma)	4	Code 3				Black	2	
Chest Pain (non-trauma)	166	Code 4				Carolinian	742	
Chest Pain (trauma)	9					Caucasian	108	
Coughing-up Blood	2					Chamorro	1531	
Delivery	0	<b>Fires:</b>					Fijian	4
Difficulty Breathing	217	Structure				Filipino	453	
DOA-Obvious Signs	46	Vehicle				FSM	217	
Extremity Pain/Injury	330	Grass				Hawaiian	36	
Fever	43	Other (specify):					Hispanic	1
Head, Neck, Face Pain/Injury	284	Total				Indian	4	
Headache (non-trauma)	19					Japanese	65	
Labor Pain	18					Korean	64	
Nausea, Vomiting, Dizziness	187					Paluan	165	
Numbness & Tingling	19					Russian	2	
Rectal Bleed	2					Samoan	2	
Respiratory Arrest	1					Sri Lankan	1	
Seizure-Like Activities	56					Thailander	6	
Unconscious/Unresponsive	29					Other	38	
Vaginal Bleed	6					<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3736</b>	
Vomiting Blood	6	<b>Submitted By:</b> Antonio S. Kapileo Jr.						
General Weakness/Body Pain	278	<b>EMS/R-SS (print name/sign)</b>						
Other Injury/Complaint, No C/C	294							
Patient/Parental Refusal (signed AMA)	673	<b>xc: Commander, EMS/Rescue Section</b>						
<b>TOTAL FIELD PATIENTS</b>	<b>3017</b>	<b>Fire Division - Administration</b>						

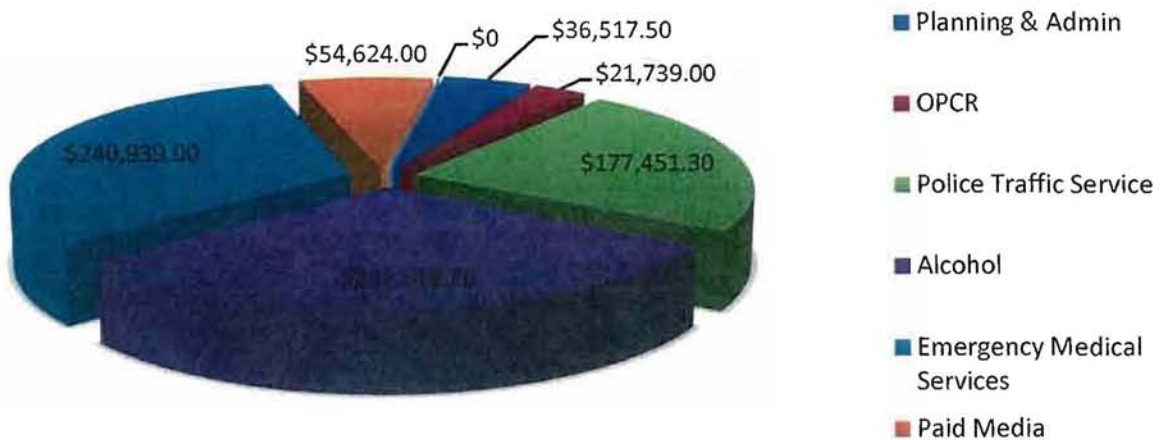
OTHER SERVICES		ETHNICITY					
Incoming Medevac	43	Australian		Filipino		Russian	
Outgoing Medevac	59	Bangladesh		FSM		Samoan	
Appointment Patient	179	Black		Hawaiian		Sri Lankan	
Appointment Return	147	Carolinian		Hispanic		Thailander	
Discharge Patient	346	Caucasian		Indian		Other	
Incoming Appointment Patient	5	Chamorro		Japanese			
Outgoing Appointment Return	2	Chinese		Korean		<b>TOTAL</b>	
Outgoing Discharge	0	Fijian		Paluan			
Hearse	18						
<b>TOTAL OTHER SERVICES</b>	<b>758</b>						
No Patient Contact/Canceled Enroute	259						
<b>TOTAL AMBULANCE RUNS</b>	<b>4622</b>						

OTHER STATISTICS									
Ambulance Response - MVC	373	Fatal:		Critical:		Minor:		Non-Injury:	
Patients Transported from MVC	72	Fatal:		Critical:		Minor:		Non-Injury:	
Auto-Pedestrian	10	Fatal:		Critical:		Minor:		Non-Injury:	
Rescue Unit Response - MVC	379	Fatal:		Critical:		Minor:		Non-Injury:	
Rescue Unit Response - Medic Assist	409								
Hospital Admissions									
Treated & Release at ER									
Patients Age 0-18 years	639								
Patients Age 19-55 years	1839								
Patients Age 56 - Over	1266								
Mileage Per Day		R-1:		M-2:		M-4:		M-5:	M-6:
Fuel Per Day (gals.)		R-1:		M-2:		M-4:		M-5:	M-6:

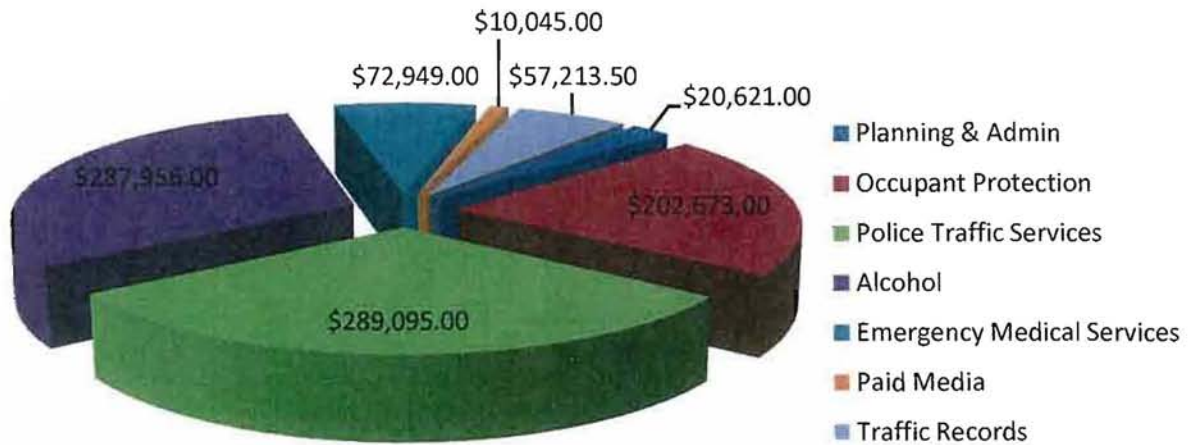
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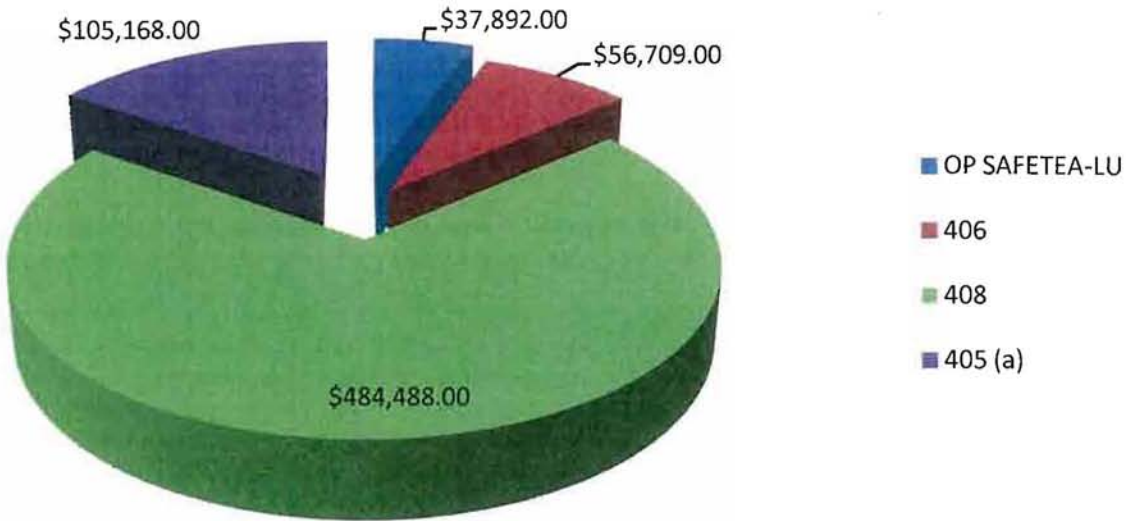
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### FY 2010 APPROVED FUNDING



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### FY 2011 CARRY-OVER FUNDS

