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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 in increasing or maintaining the usage rate above 73 % in 2005 to 83 % in 2006, public education and information program and enforcement efforts plays a vital role in the

increased seat belt usage rate from 90% in 2005, to 91% in 2006.

Our goal of reducing traffic related injuries and fatalities greater emphasis on public education and enforcement efforts were implemented selective traffic enforcement programs assisted us in meeting our goals and achieving objectives in this reduction.

In addition, achievements resulted through by increasing the num-

ber of traffic/DUI personnel that patrol our streets especially during the day and evening hours when these fatalities occurred. We will continue our public education on seat belts drinking and driving through collaboration with other government agencies and private businesses in addressing our current statistics on seat belt, traffic 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.

We continue to work hand in hand with different agencies such as the Department of Public Works (DPW), Mayor's Office, different Health Clinics on Saipan, to include Tinian and Rota. Several private

businesses and the CNMI Safe and Sober Foundation in assisting us in our highway safety annual awareness and 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 various highway safety programs 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 coordi-

nated 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 profes-

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
- B. Section 2003(b): Child Passenger Protection Education.
 - C. Section 411: Highway Data Improvement Incentive Grant.

Earmarked Grants Applied:

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

Program Introduction

**Fiscal Year 2006:
October 1, 2005 to
September 30, 2006**

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 the following programs

such as Child Restraint, Occupant Protection, Police Traffic Services, Alcohol and Other Drugs Countermeasures, Emergency Medical Services and Advertising.



2006 Highway Safety Programs *Training and Development*

NHTSA 402 Funding:

- On November 23, 2005, POI. Trent Aldan, OIC for Tinian Traffic Section and POI. George A. Barcinas attended the 2005 3D proclamation signing on Saipan.
- On February 27, through March 3, 2006, POI. Jarrod Manglona from Saipan

Traffic Section attended the Instructor Course for Intoximeter Breathalyzer Machine in St. Louis, Missouri.

- On March 21, through April 5, 2006, POII. Victor Hocog from Saipan Traffic Section attended the DUI Standardized Field Sobriety Testing Course in Jacksonville, Florida.

- On April 7, through 14, 2006, the following Department of Public Safety from Saipan, Tinian, and Rota, Police Officer's from Traffic Section (Sgt. Steve Mendiola, Rota), POI. Charlotte Palacios, Tinian) and

(Josepha Deleon Guerrero, Saipan) attended the 24th 2006 Annual Lifesavers Conference in Austin, Texas.

- On April 11, through 17, 2006, Leonardo Duenas and Department of Public Safety, Commissioner Ernest M. Williams attended the 2006 National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Western Region "Annual Region Partners Meeting in San Diego, California.

- On April 16, through 21, 2006, Lourdes S. Deleon Guerrero from the Department of Finance (Federal Section) and Margaret Dlg. Camacho attended the Grant Tracking System training in San Francisco, California.

- On April 30, through May 6, 2006, Sgt. Joseph A. Flores (Operation Supervisor) from Saipan Traffic Section attended the Sobriety Checkpoint Operation Course in Miami, Florida.



Above photo, former Commissioner Ernest William during 2006 NHTSA, Western Region Partners Meeting CNMI Highway Safety Programs presentation. Below, group picture with Guam GPD, Chief Frank Ishizaki and Police Officer Frank Perez

2005 Training & Development Continue

- On May 26 and 27, 2006, EMT Coordinator, Thomas M. Manglona Jr. from Saipan Fire/EMT Section attended the Installation of Med-Media Pa-

- The following Department of Public Safety Police Officer's from Tinian and Rota were on Saipan

from June 4, through 17, 2006, to attend the "IPTM Basic Traffic Investigation Course", (P O I . Charlotte

Jonathan Dlc. Garces, POI. Shawn A. Ayuyu, Noel M. Calvo, and POI. George A. Barcinas from Rota DPS). On August 8 through 12, 2006, the following Fire personnel from Tinian and Rota DPS attended the "Fire Apparatus Operation/Vehicle Rescue & Ext" on Saipan (FF. Felix M. Santos and FF. Terrence Taimanao R. Rota DPS) (FF. Augustine Dosalua and FF. Brent H. Borja Tinian DPS).

- On August 17 and 18, 2006, Sgt. Jerry L. Ayuyu and Sgt. Thomas A. Blas Jr. were on Tinian to Conduct Laser Technology UltraLyte Operator's Certification training for Po-



2006 GHSA Banner Annual Meeting

tient Care reporting System on Tinian and Rota.

- On May 26 and 27, 2006, Francis Q. Pangelinan from Saipan Fire/EMT Section was on Tinian to follow up on EMSIS trainers and staff for Med-Media.

- On June 2, 2006, the Acting Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety Ramon Mafnas was on Tinian to conduct Program Review for Tinian DPS.

Palacios, POI. Christopher Pascua, POI. Estanislao Hocog and Trent Aldan from Tinian DPS) (POIL.



Photo: 2006 GHSA Annual Meeting Exhibits Hall, NHTSA Booth

2006 Training & Development

• On September 10, through 17, 2006, Saipan Fire personnel (FF. Jesse Mesa, FF. Michael Takai, and FF. John Blas) were on Rota on to conduct Vehicle Extrication and Rescue Operations Training for Fire personnel on Rota. Then on the following week on Tinian from September 24, through 30, 2006.

• On September 17, through 20, 2006, Leonardo T. Duenas and Highway Safety Programs Coordinator Francis S. Taimanao attended the 2006 Governor’s Highway Safety Administration Annual Meeting held on Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.



Photo: Sgt. Jerry L. Ayuyu during Operator Certification on Laser Speed Instrument on Tinian.



Photo: 2006 GHSA Annual Meeting during luncheon award presentation, Major Taimanao, Hawaii and Oklahoma OTS



Photo: IPTM Instructor’s presented plaque of appreciation from DPS, below group picture of DPS participant from Saipan, Tinian and Rota (Basic Traffic Investigation Course).



SUMMARY OF THE CNMI'S COMMONLY REPORTED STATISTICS

Data Elements	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Nov 2006
No. of Vehicle Registered	18,114	22,028	20,101	19,746	19,315	18,095	19,046	20,273	20,715	n/a
Licensed Driver (New & Renewal)	9,200	6,868	5,588	8,273	6,885	7,133	5,861	6,697	8,042	n/a
Total Crashes Reported	2216	2544	2491	2118	2561	2547	3246	3838	3325	3359
Total Injuries	201	117	251	200	131	135	179	278	265	564
Yearly Fatalities	3	8	6	4	1	4	8	9	13	5

YEARLY DUI ARRESTS AND FATALITIES INVOLVED

Data Elements	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Nov 2006
No. DUI Arrests	390	521	359	494	596	475	375	337	414	375
Yearly DUI Fatalities	1	6	2	2	0	1	5	7	6	1
DUI Involved Crashes	105	107	88	89	117	110	115	84	86	96

YEARLY SEAT BELT SURVEY PERCENTAGE USAGE RATE

Data Element	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Nov 2006
Child Restraint % Usage Rate	18%	43%	37%	25%	52%	72%	47%	56%	73%	83%
Occupant Protection % Usage rate	94%	97%	97%	97%	97%	91%	87%	90%	90%	91%



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:

The CNMI continued to enforce the child restraint and seat belt violation law and continues to educate parents about the importance of seat belt use every trip, every time. During the Child Passenger Safety Week in February of 2006, the Lt. Governor Timothy Villagomez signed the

2006 proclamation on February 7, 2006, declaring February 13-19, 2006, as “Child Passenger Safety Week in the CNMI”, During the signing several government agencies from different department were present to witness the signing of the proclamation at the Governor’s conference room.

After the signing of the proclamation, a brief presentation and demonstration on child restraint was then conducted. The Child Passenger Safety Week com-

Several events that were scheduled still managed to work together with other section within the Department of Public Safety with the shortage of manpower we were able to get assistance from Fire/EMS personnel to assists on the plan activities. The events were considered successful in regards to the increase in the number of usage rate of 73% in 2005 to 83% in 2006 survey.

The Department of Public Safety on Saipan, Tinian and Rota continues to conduct public information and education on the importance of child restraint and seat belt as well as conduct several Car Seat /Seat Belt Checkpoints, enforcement and erected 8ft X 8ft signboard along the busy highways for public awareness.

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**CNMI Child Passenger Safety Week
February 13-19, 2006**

4 STEPS FOR KIDS

1 INFANT 2 TODDLER 3 BOOSTER 4 SAFETY BELT

Most kids age 4 to 8 need booster seats

*Do it because
you love them.*

www.boosterseat.gov

2006 Child Passenger Safety Week Signboard Posted along busy Highway on Saipan, Tinian and Rota.



Public Information and Education Program

In 2006, we continued to provide several of the print media on Child Passenger Safety Week (CPSW) that were published on island local Newspaper's and local Magazines. The local Magazines published were continued to be distributed every first week of each month and distributed on Saipan, Tinian and Rota. Again, Radio Stations for both AM/FM play a big role in assisting us in recording messages in regards to child passenger safety week public service announcements (psa's) on car seat and seat belt. One of the FM Radio Station on Saipan contin-

ued to aired live every hour on the Radio Station traffic report in the morning and afternoon hours, this provide the listening public to hear more about the seriousness of the program. Public awareness such as banners 8ftX8ft continue to be erected along the busy main highways on Saipan, Tinian and Rota. As part of our efforts, we work closely with local Television Station assisting us in airing 30 seconds of child passenger safety commercial during local news hour during the schedule awareness week. Since additional school being open at

different villages on Saipan, we also believe even on Tinian and Rota, there's a need to provide more attention in increasing our school awareness activities to cover other school and also to include other private school that are increasing or opening their own new school at some villages on Saipan, Tinian and Rota.

We are looking into that we need to increase the number of child passenger safety trained technician's from Police/Fire EMS personnel to assist traffic personnel on public awareness at school and at other related events.

Infant in child seat unscathed in head-on collision

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE
REPORTER

An infant secured in a child seat was unhurt when a pickup truck and a car collided head on near the Kagman intersection on Sunday night, police said yesterday.

Maj. Edward H. Manalili, chief of the Department of Public Safety's Criminal Investigation Bureau, said the infant was in a child seat at the rear of the car.

Manalili said two persons were injured in the accident that happened along the back road south of the Kagman intersection at 6:50pm. Two other children were also slightly hurt.

Investigation showed that a northbound red Toyota Tacoma suddenly encroached on the southbound lane, colliding head on with a white Hyundai Elantra that was traveling south.

The driver of the Hyundai, an Asian woman, sustained a fractured right wrist and lower leg and lacerations to the leg and face. The unhurt infant was her passenger.

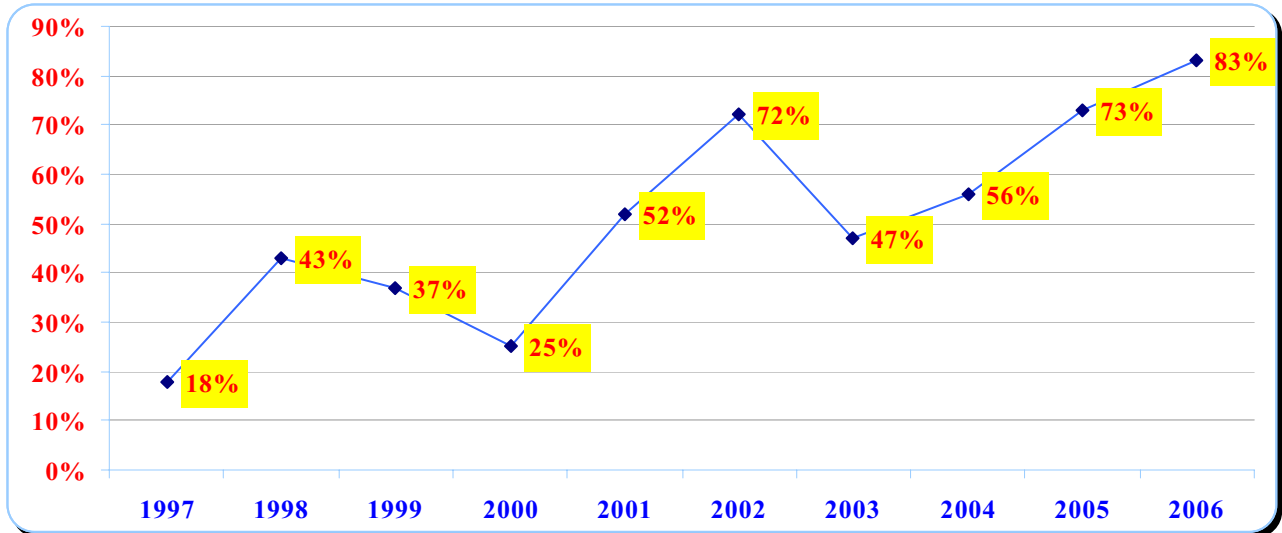
The driver of the truck was not injured but his passenger, an eight-year-old boy who was sitting in the truck's bed, sustained a fractured leg. The two other children sitting on the truck's bed complained of pain in the shoul-

der, neck and head.

Both vehicles sustained extensive damage, according to Manalili, who is also the acting DPS spokesman.

The victims were brought to the Commonwealth Health Center for treatment.

Yearly Child Restraint Usage Rate



Child Restraint Awareness



CNMI Child Passenger Safety Week
February 13-19, 2006

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.

—National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)

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 30 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** at age eight or older or taller than 4'9". All children 12 and under should ride in the back seat.

Do it because you love them.

8 out of 10 children don't use booster seats.

The #1 killer of children is car crashes—and if they're under 4'9", they could be in grave danger. Children using booster seats are 59% less likely to be injured in a crash than those wearing a safety belt alone. So don't take chances with your child's life—use a booster seat.

Raise your child right. If they're under 4'9", put them in a booster seat.

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4 STEPS FOR KIDS
INFANT TODDLER BOOSTER SAFETY BELT



2006 Child Passenger Safety Awareness Week Proclamation signing & Awareness



CHILD SAFETY WEEK

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Acting Gov. Timothy P. Villagomez pose with Department of Public Safety personnel after proclaiming CNMI Child Passenger Safety Week last Tuesday, Feb. 7.

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Feb. 13-19 is Child Passenger Safety Week

By Moneth G. Deposa
Variety News Staff
ACTING Gov. Timothy Villagomez yesterday designated Feb. 13 to 19 as Child Passenger Safety Week, in simultaneous observance of car seat compliance across the nation.

Villagomez said last year, the CNMI conducted a survey revealing that 73 percent of children under 5 years old were restrained and 27 percent were unrestrained in vehicles travelling on the main highways and in villages.

In 2002, motor vehicle traffic crashes were the leading cause of death for ages 3 through 33.

According to a study by the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, children from 4 to 8 who use booster seats are 59 percent less likely to be injured in a car crash than children who are restrained only by a safety belt.

Villagomez said there is a positive relationship between drivers using safety belts and children being restrained: 92 percent of the children who were transported by belted drivers were restrained compared to only 62 percent of the children transported by unbelted drivers.

"Too few children use booster seats," he said, adding that according to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates,

He added that as children grow, how they can ride safely in a car, truck, van or SUV changes.

For maximum child passenger safety, he said parents and caregivers should remember four steps: use rear-facing infant seats in the back seat from birth to at least one year old and 20 pounds; use forward-facing toddler seats in the back seat from age 1 and 20 pounds to about 4 years old and 40

CNMI Child Passenger Safety Week
February 13-19, 2006

A message from the Department of Public Safety
"Fans Don't Let Fans Drive Drunk"
Pass Your Keys to a Designated Driver This Super Bowl Sunday

4 STEPS FOR KIDS

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.

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)

REAR-FACING INFANT SEAT in the back seat from birth to at least one year old and at least 20 pounds

FORWARD-FACING TODDLER SEAT in the back seat from age one to at least age 4 and 40 pounds

SEATBELT SEAT in the back seat from age 4 to at least age 8 and 80 pounds unless 4'9"

SEATBELT SEAT in the front or other or taller than 4'9". All children 12 and older should use the back seat.

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Every Trip. Every Time.

2006 Child Passenger Safety Week Proclamation



CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY WEEK February 13-19, 2006

A Proclamation

In 2002, motor vehicle traffic crashes were the leading cause of death for age 3 through 33. According to a study by Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP), children ages 4 to 8 who use booster seats are 59 percent less likely to be injured in a car crash than children who are restrained only by a safety belt.

A positive relationship between drivers using safety belts and children being restrained: 92 percent of the children who were transported by belted drivers were restrained, compared to only 62 percent of the children transported by unbelted drivers.

In 2005, the CNMI conducted a survey revealing that 73 percent of children below five years of age were restrained and 27 percent were unrestrained in vehicles traveling on the main highways and in villages.

Too few children use booster seats. According to NHTSA estimates, only 10 to 20 percent of children ages 4 to 8 use booster seat.

That's why the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Department of Public Safety is joining the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Ad Council and others around Valentine's Day this year to commemorate Child Passenger Safety Week (Feb. 13-19, 2006). The primary goal this year is to remind all parents and other adults responsible for children traveling in motor vehicles: if the kids are less than 4'9" tall, they need to be in a booster seat.

As children grow, how they sit safely in a car, truck, van or SUV changes. For maximum child passenger safety, parents and caregivers simply need to remember and follow the 4 Steps for Kids:

1. Use rear-facing infant seats in the back seat from birth to at least one year of age and at least 20 pounds.
2. Use forward-facing toddler seats in the back seat from age one and 20 pounds to about age four and 40 pounds.
3. Use booster seats in the back seat from about age four to at least age eight – unless the child is 4'9" or taller, and
4. Use safety belts in the back seat at age eight or older or taller than 4'9".

It is imperative to remember that all children under age 13 must ride in the back seat.

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, TIMOTHY P. VILLAGOMEZ, Acting 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, 2006, 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 awareness of the lifesaving measures of correctly using child safety systems to protect against risk of death or injury.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 7th day of February 2006.



Click It or Ticket Mobilization / Occupant Protection

“Click It Or Ticket” Mobilization. National Enforcement Mobilization. Occupant Protection

In preparation for “Click It or Ticket Enforcement Mobilization, The Department of Public Safety on Saipan, Tinian and Rota plan out activities for the duration of the schedule Click It or Ticket Mobilization.

As we practice every year, committee members consisted of personnel from the Patrol Section, Fire/Emergency Medical Ser-

vices were call to be part of the 2006 Click It or Ticket committee member to represent their respective Section/Division within the Department of Public Safety, the CNMI Safe & Sober Foundation a non-profit organization involved every year in providing monetary or in kind donation use to promote the Click It or Ticket campaign. Again, in 2006, we conducted seat belt surveys before and after the Click It or Ticket campaign to show the results of seat belt usage compli-

ance rate. In 2006, the survey conducted showed usage rate of 91%, an increase of 1% compare to 90% in 2005, Activities for Click It or Ticket campaign 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 and evening hours during Sobriety Checkpoint operations, in 2006, the Kagman High School (Senior’s) join us in promoting the Click It or Ticket campaign throughout the mobilization. In promoting the Click It or Ticket campaign, we conducted displays and school visit . As In the past, we continued to work closely with the media in assisting us in our campaign in putting out the messages about the importance of buckling up on every trip.



Click It or Ticket signboard erected on the Motor Carrier pick up truck during the duration of the CIOT enforcement mobilization campaign.



Public Information and Education Program

Printing of educational materials continued to be provided for distribution during displays, checkpoints, we continue to erect 8ftX8ft vinyl banner every year with the CIOT message, and were distributed two (2) for Saipan, and one (1) each for Tinian and Rota. Again, in 2006, the CNMI continued to published the CIOT messages on Beach Road and Island Locator magazines together with the local newspaper's and the North Star newspaper issue on a

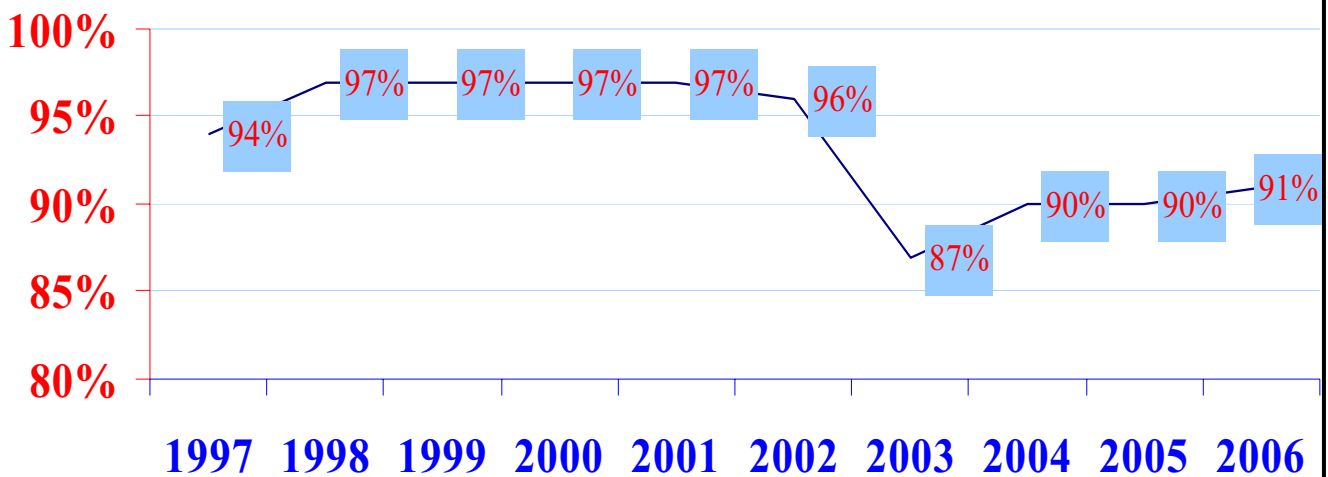
weekly basis. The media's played a major role in assisting us in putting out the messages on seat belt information neither on both radio station's (fm/am) or at the local television station that aired our seat belt commercial on Saipan, Tinian and Rota as well.



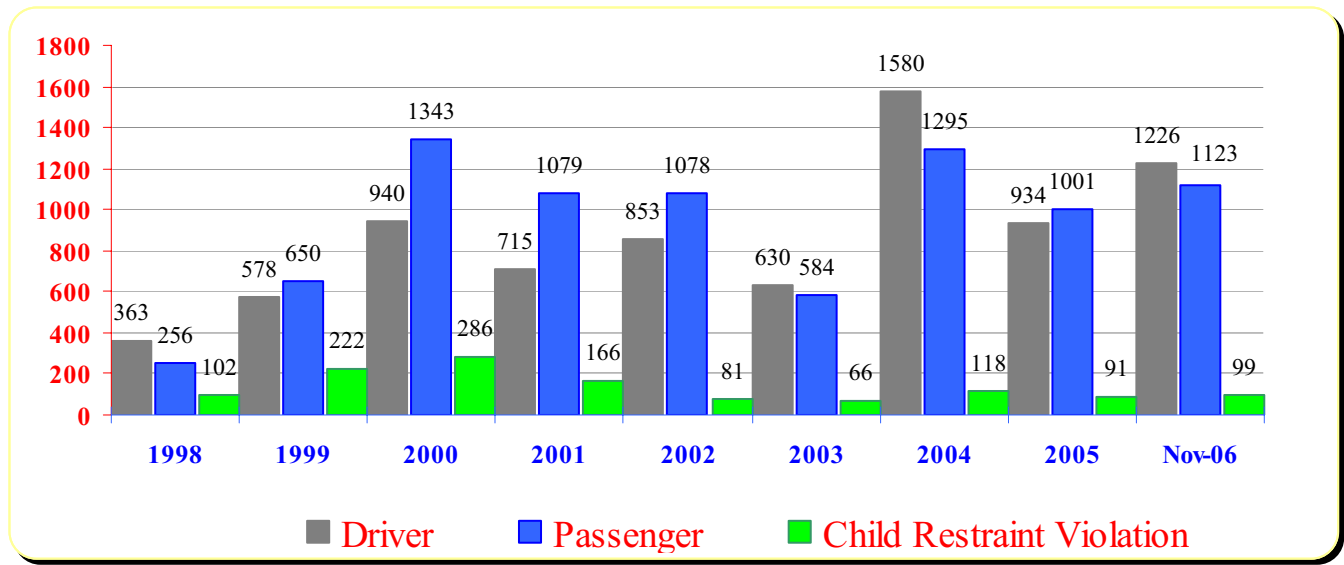
May 2006, photo taken during the CIOT Mobilization island-wide motorcade around the villages to promo the seat belt campaign.



Yearly Occupant Protection Survey




Yearly Seat Belt Violations Citation Issued



2006 THANKSGIVING MESSAGE (SAIPAN, TINIAN & ...)



2006 Click It or Ticket Awareness

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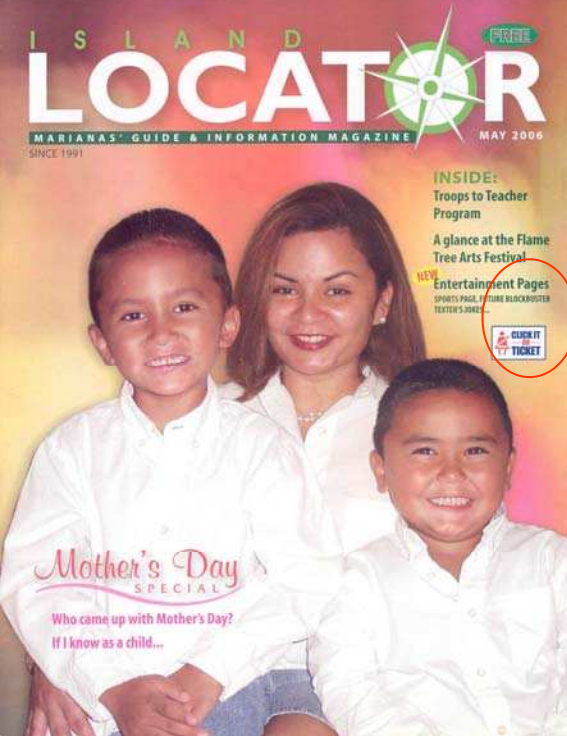


BUCKLE UP OR PAY UP.


FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL
CNMI DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AT 664-9120/9085




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YES, EVEN WAY OUT HERE.

2006 Click It or Ticket Proclamation



CLICK IT OR TICKET MOBILIZATION May 15 – June 3, 2006

A Proclamation

WHEREAS, the safety and security of the citizens and visitors of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and surrounding areas are vitally important; and

WHEREAS, a large percentage of our citizens regularly drive or ride in motor vehicles on our roadways; and

WHEREAS, one of five American motorists (18 percent nationally) still fail to regularly wear their safety belts while driving or riding in motor vehicles; and

WHEREAS, increasing regular use of safety belts is the single most effective way to protect people, reduce fatalities and injuries, and save lives; and

WHEREAS, the use of safety belts is supported by the laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Click It or Ticket America and Click It or Ticket CNMI are forging a broad, community based partnership to increase the proper use of seat belts and child safety seats to 90 percent by the end of the year 2006, thereby saving our community precious lives and taxpayer dollars.

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 2,536 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 shows 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 the number of fatalities by as much as 45 percent. The effectiveness of correctly installed child safety seats reduces fatal injury by 69 percent for infants and children.

A recent seat belt survey reveals 86 percent usage rate by travelers on the highways and bi-ways as of April 2006.

We must support and endorse public education initiatives of the Click It or Ticket Mobilization 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.

In celebration of the 2006 Click It or Ticket Mobilization, traffic safety advocates across the Nation and in this community are working with elected officials to increase safety belt awareness and drive up belt use – especially among teenagers and young adults, pick-up drivers, and those living in rural areas.

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 the CNMI taxpayer money.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH M. MENDIOLA, Acting Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, join public and private sector leaders across the CNMI in supporting the 2006 Click It or Ticket Mobilization campaign and safety belt enforcement mobilization. I urge all residents and visitors to buckle-up 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 10th day of May 2006.


ACTING GOVERNOR

Police Traffic Services

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

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 throughout the year at different locations.

In making sure the highway is safe for motorists, police officers also worked closely with other government agencies in addressing problem highways and

continued to enforce all problem drivers who are not following the rules of the road.

As of November of 2006, the CNMI recorded three thousand four hundred five (3,405) traffic crashes with six (6) traffic fatalities one (1) alcohol related and one (1) of the traffic fatality recorded in 2006 is a result of health issue (Heart Attack while driving classified as non-traffic related. 427 minor personal injuries and 137 for serious injuries, the highly increase of injuries is a result of auto insurance issues as per the traffic investiga-

tor's when compare to previous year's.

There were a total of two thousand nine hundred five (2,995) citation issued from January 2006 to November 2006, for speeding violations using Speed Laser enforcement.

In 2006, the CNMI recorded eight thousand six hundred two (8,562) traffic crashes in the CNMI with 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.

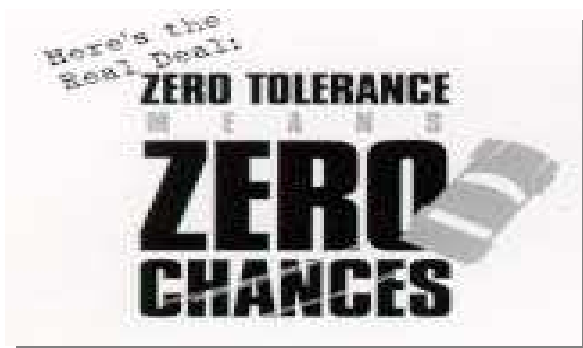
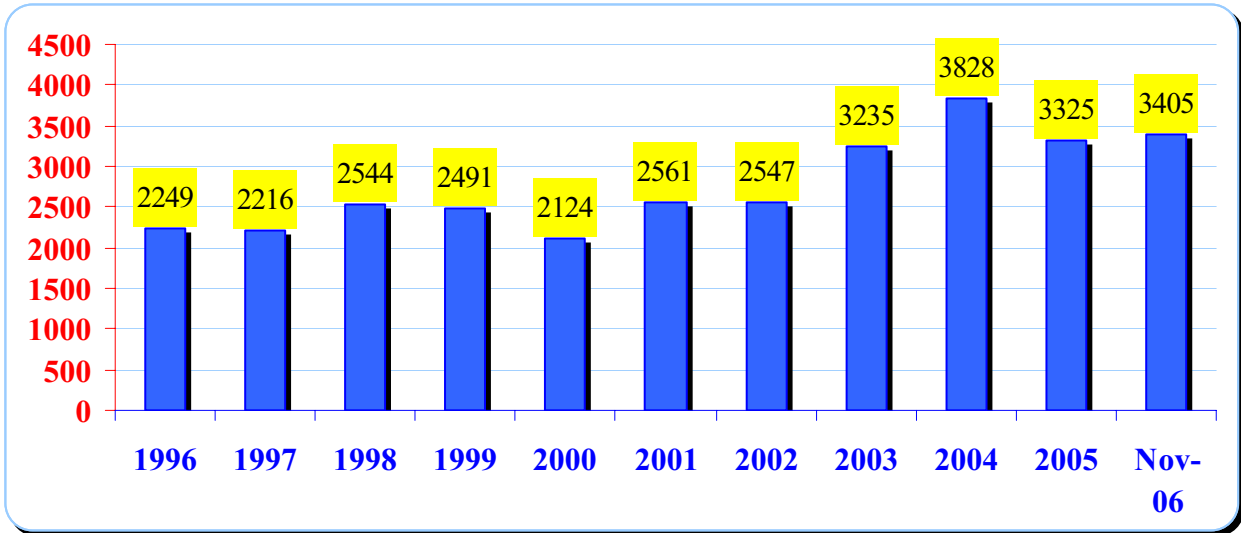


Photo: Sgt. Jerry L. Ayuyu during the Laser Speed Enforcement certification for Police Officer's on Tinian.

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 highway safety events.

The media always plays a big role in informing the motorists about the traffic situation and road condi-

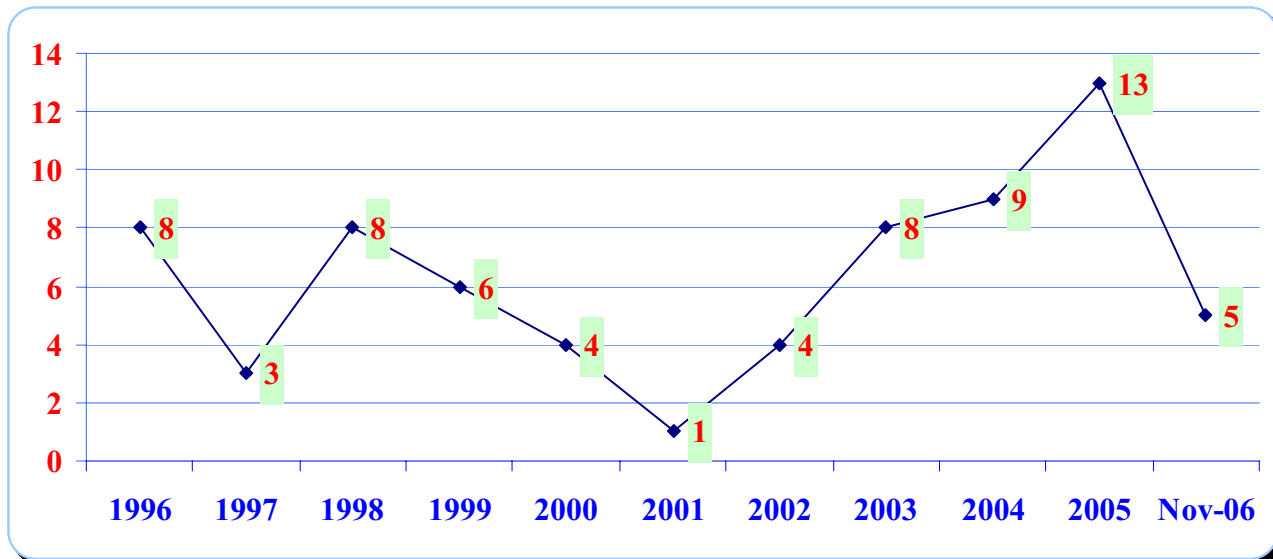
tion during their hourly traffic report. This to include the Insurance Companies on island that also provides television commercials on highway safety related issues to include seat belt usage. We continue to inform and educate the community about traffic related matters together with the Motor Carrier Safety Assistant Program (MCSAP). The MCSAP enforcement personnel had been working together on our traffic personnel in education incorporating our highway safety education together

with (MCSAP) commercial vehicle and promotion give-away such as t-shirts with the seat belt message. This include seat belt both child restraint/occupant protection, the detriments of drinking and driving during their traffic violation stop. The MCSAP personnel during their presentations on commercial vehicle's companies on Saipan, Tinian and Rota they continued to mention the importance of seat belt, drinking and driving and other highway safety related issues.



Photo: Laser Speed Certification on Tinian, Aug

Total Traffic Fatalities Recorded

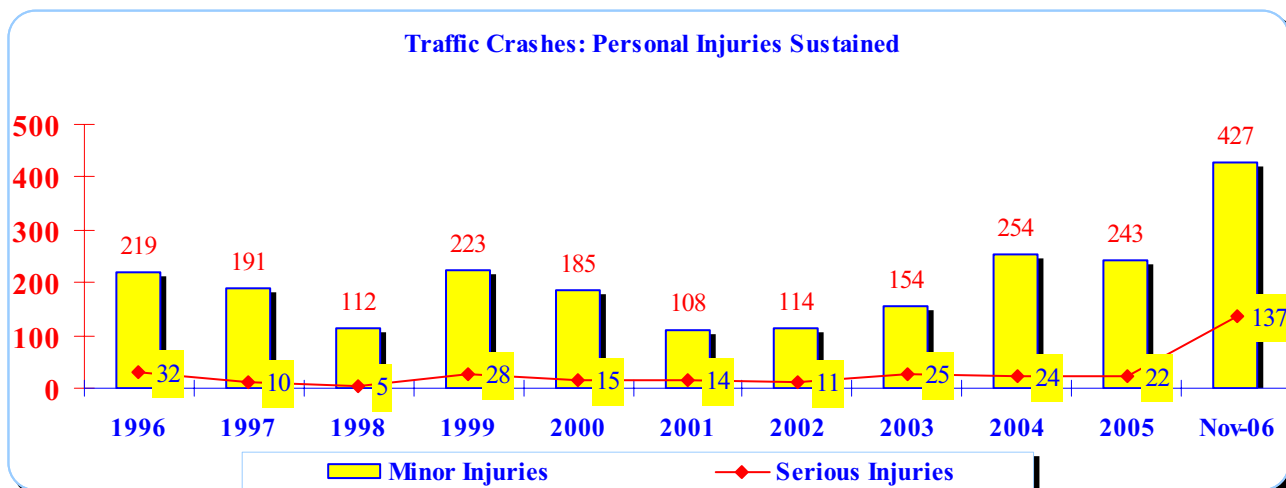


Traffic Crashes: Personal Injuries Sustained

The chart above illustrates a decrease in traffic fatalities as of November 2006 to five (5) compared to 2005 with thirteen (13), about thirty nine percent (38%) decrease in 2006. The results of these fatali-

ties were either auto/pedestrians, auto ran off and persons with health problems and other problems involving alcohol. Again, the fatalities show that different ethnic groups were involved. As of No-

vember of 2006. Below, traffic crashes involving personal injuries shows (427 for minor injuries and (137 for serious injuries recorded in 2006, an increase from previous year's.





Alcohol and Other Drugs Countermeasures

In keeping the highway safe, 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 enforce drinking and driving problems in

the CNMI that we face every day. Again, the decreased number of DUI involved traffic fatalities in 2006, with one (1) com-

pared to six (6) 2005. More is needed to be done especially on the enforcement efforts in putting more Police Officer's on the street to deter drunk driving. Public education is also the more important elements in proving prevention messages to the community in regards to drinking and driving, we need to continue 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 community, the CNMI Safe & Sober Foundation, other government agencies and the hospital in addressing the problem. We

need to continue to put more attention as to what works in educating the community about the dangers of drinking and driving.

We need to evaluate factors involved in traffic fatalities specially those that are alcohol related, more attention is needed so we will incorporate our education efforts in informing and reminding those groups involved the importance of traffic safety and drinking and driving. This will be accomplished by publishing information on drinking and driving at local news media organizations.



Localized poster distributed at government agencies & private Businesses

Traffic Statistic's as of November 2006 *"Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol"*

As of November 2006, there were 383 DUI arrests, and one (1) DUI related fatalities, there were no serious injuries reported and ninety four (94) minor injuries involved DUI related traffic crashes.

The DUI traffic crashes that involved fatality involved auto pedestrian. There were a total of ninety six (96) driving under the influence of alcohol related recorded on 2006, in which most of the

crashes involved in February and November, with thirty one (31) arrested from ages between 16—20 years of age as of November 2006.



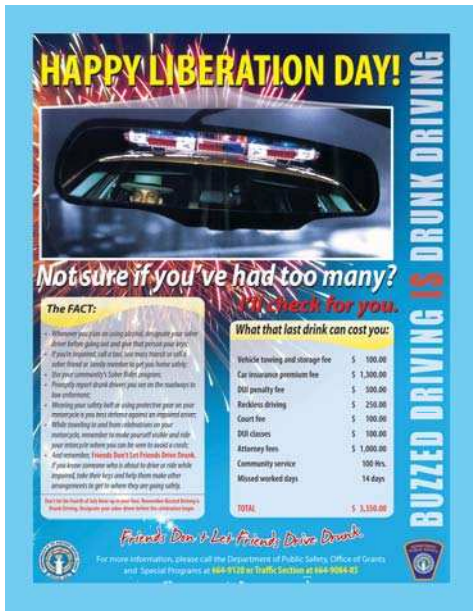
Public Information and Education

Printing of educational materials on DUI related brochures poster and flyers for distribution were conducted on Saipan, Tinian and Rota during Checkpoints, displays and other highway safety related events.

Printing of 8ftX8ft vinyl signboard/banner on drinking

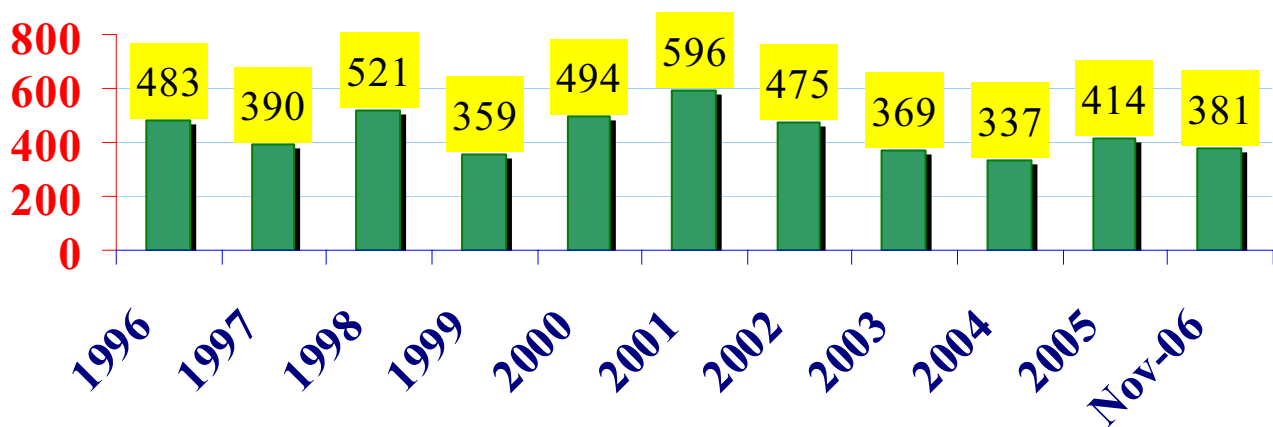
and driving were erected along the busy highway on the three (3) islands (Saipan, Tinian and Rota). Working closely with the local media organizations such as local newspapers, radio stations for both fm/am and television station in publishing and airing out our messages on drinking and driving. This to include during the Fourth of July celebration. The CNMI Safe and Sober Foundation continued to play a major role in providing assistance on highway safety programs during awareness such as 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 continued to be printed on both local magazines (Beach Road and Island Locator) that distributed on Saipan, Tinian and Rota, this magazines is a monthly issue that majority of the island residents pick free of charge and read the magazine both young and adults.



2006 Liberation Day DUI Poster

Yearly DUI Arrests



December 2006, CNMI Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention (3D) Month

In preparation for December 2006 CNMI Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention (3D) Month campaign, the Department of Public Safety personnel consisting various section within the Department of Public Safety and the CNMI Safe & Sober Foundation join together to prepare and were assigned tasks for December month campaign. The 3d activities prepared were the proclamation signing, school presentation, 3D kick-off, Santa Claus school visit, , designated driver (DD) program, Checkpoint/Highway

Criminal Investigation (HiCi) Selective Traffic Law Enforcement, radio stations (3D) public service announcement (psa), printing of DUI educational materials, 8ft X 8ft vinyl signboard will the new theme (*Drunk Driver Over the Limit. Under Arrests.*). As early as November of 2006, the Department of Public Safety started the Checkpoint/Highway Criminal Interdiction weekly which will run through the first week of January 2007. Just before Thanksgiving November 22, 2006, the Lt. Governor, Timothy P. Villago-

mez signed the December 2006 CNMI Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention (3D) Month proclamation with the presence of the Department of Public Safety, Police and Fire/EMS personnel, the CNMI Safe and Sober Foundation, other government agencies to include representatives from DPS Tinian the Resident Director and Traffic Section Officer in Charge to witness the signing. Rota DPS was not able to be on Saipan on the proclamation signing due to airline full flight on their schedule to arrive on Saipan.



2006 December 3D Month after the proclamation signing with Lt. Governor Tim Villagoomez, DPS Commissioner Rebecca Warfield, DPS personnel and other government agencies.



2006 December 3D Month continue...

The December 3D Month campaign, the CNMI Department of Public Safety on Saipan, Tinian and Rota busy preparing activities to deter drunk drivers as well as to educate the community about the importance of drinking and driving. Presentation on both public and private

elementary and high schools were conducted focusing on drinking and driving to include seat belts, and other high-

way safety related, distributing of 3D promotional items were available to the students..

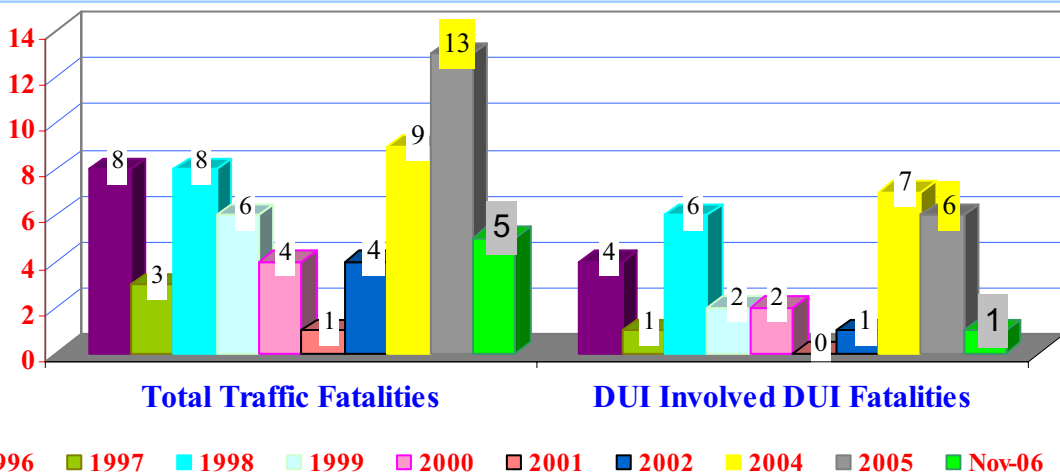
Again, this year Santa Claus school visit were not that success due to the continued the down trend of the CNMI economy and donation of candies were not that effective to accommodate the entire schools but we entertained those school that provide their own candies. What we did was we had Santa Claus involved on the 2006 December 3D month kick-off march, the "Lights On for Life" is on December 15, 2006. As of November 2006, the CNMI Department of Public Safety conducted (41)

Sobriety Checkpoints and continue through the first week of January 2007.

Again, the 2006 December 3D month designated driver program was made possible by volunteers from Northern Mariana College and community to assist during the weekend/holiday in December and during the New Year's celebration. More than fifty (50) Designated Driver volunteers participated again on the program. With the assistance of some private businesses again in 2006, car rentals were donated as well as radios and cell phones to be utilize by the designated drivers during their 3D activity.



Vinyl 8ftX8ft signboard erected along the busy highway on Saipan, Tinian & Rota





Other community outreach programs that we provide or conducted during the 2006 December 3D Month is we produce new 30 seconds of Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol (DUI) commercial that aired during local news hours and other channels to include like the weather channel with the signboard message “Drunk Driver Over the Limit. Under Arrest” with scroll message that run across the weather channel saying “Friends Don’t Let Friends Drive Drunk, Designate a Sober Driver”.

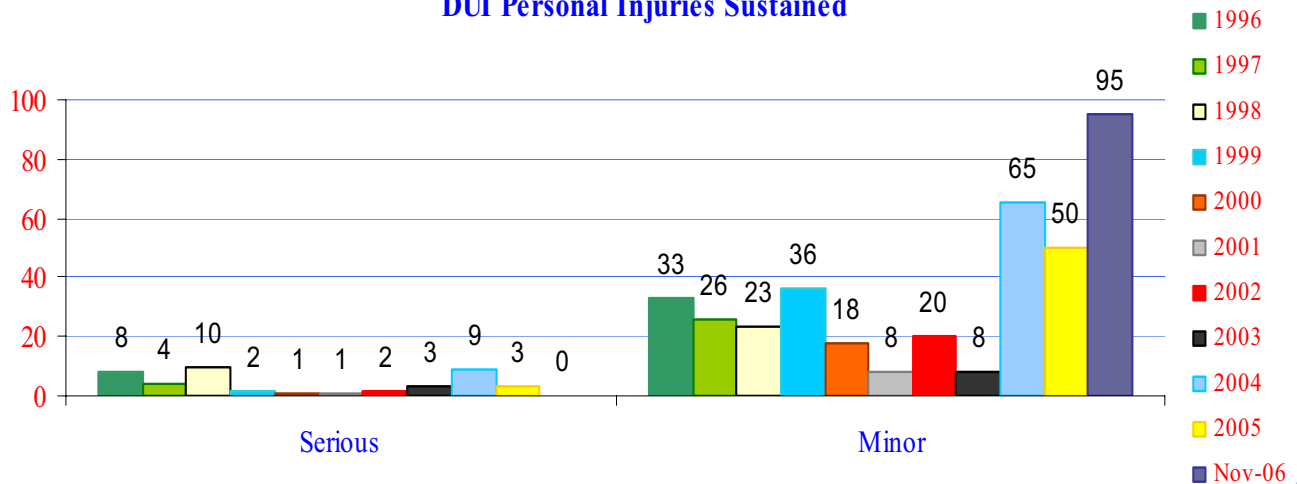
Other new that we implemented in 2006 is the Electronic Billboard Ad that run all over the island

of Saipan such as Shirley restaurant Garapan/ Susupe, Golds Gym, four (4) Shell gas station’s, Bowling Center, Coffee Care, Bank of Guam, Mobil and Herts Rent a Car at the Airport, another new idea that we provided during the 2006 3D month is

the message on the bottled water with private label (330ml.) that we distributed during the kick-off and other related 3D activities on Saipan, Tinian and Rota.



DUI Personal Injuries Sustained





December 2006 3D Month Campaign



Photo's: 2006 December 3D Month Proclamation Signing



2006 Dec 3D Month Designated Driver Volunteer's



December 2006 3D Month Campaign Public Awareness

December 2006 CNMI Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention (3D) Month

DRUNK DRIVING OVER THE LIMIT. UNDER ARREST.

Cops are cracking down.

One for the road... Is it Really worth it?
Remember, impairments start with the first drink and impaired driving is a crime. This holiday season, law enforcement are conducting sobriety checkpoints, Roving patrols everywhere and asking citizens to report impaired drivers.

Chances are you'll get caught and Chances are you can't afford to:

What that last drink can cost you:

Vehicle towing and storage fee	\$100.00
Reckless Driving	\$250.00
Car insurance premiums fee	\$1,300.00
DUI Penalty fee	\$500.00
DUI classes	\$100.00
Attorney fees	\$2,500.00
Court Fee	\$100.00
Community service	100 hrs.
Missed worked days	3 days - 1 month
TOTAL:	\$4,850.00

Fee based on costs from various locations.

This Holiday Season If You Catch a Buzz, Catch a Ride.

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

For more information, please call the Department of Public Safety, Office of Grants and Special Programs at 664-9129 or Traffic Section at 664-9084-85

DRUNK DRIVING OVER THE LIMIT. UNDER ARREST.

Cops are cracking down.

Designate a Sober Driver.

DRUNK DRIVING OVER THE LIMIT. UNDER ARREST. COPS ARE CRACKING DOWN. CNMI DPS '06

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DESIGNATED DRIVER

DRUNK DRIVING OVER THE LIMIT. UNDER ARREST.

Cops are cracking down.

DECEMBER '06

3D Month

ZERO TOLERANCE

DRINKING AND DRIVING DON'T MIX

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Department of Public Safety

For more information, call 664-9084/85

December 2006 CNMI Drunk & Drugged Driving prevention (3D) Month

Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk. Designate a Sober Driver.

CNMI DPS 2006

DRUNK DRIVING OVER THE LIMIT. UNDER ARREST.

Cops are cracking down.

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2006 December Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention (3D) Month “Proclamation”



CNMI DRUNK and DRUGGED DRIVING PREVENTION MONTH December 2006

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.

Traffic fatalities nationwide in alcohol-related crashes fell by 0.2 percent, from 16,919 in 2004 to 16,885 in 2005. The 16,885 alcohol-related fatalities in 2005 (39% of the total traffic fatalities for the year) represent a 5-percent reduction from the 17,732 alcohol-related fatalities reported in 1995 (42% of the total). In 2005, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) recorded 414 DUI arrests with 5 alcohol-related fatalities. From January 2006 to present, the CNMI has recorded 354 DUI arrests with one alcohol-related fatality.

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 "*Drunk Driving Over the Limit, Under Arrest*" 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, TIMOTHY P. VILLAGOMEZ, Acting 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 2006 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 "*Drunk Driving Over the Limit, Under Arrest*" 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 22nd day of November 2006.


ACTING GOVERNOR



Emergency Medical Services Overview

Ambulance/Rescue Runs Statistics

From January to October of this year, total ambulance and rescue response has totaled to 2,738 calls. Of the total amount, 256 calls were made involving motor vehicle crashes and 23 auto-pedestrians. Patients transported by ambulance involving motor vehicle crashes included 11 critical, 158 minor and 63 of which are non-injuries. To date, unfortunately there had been 3 fatal and 19 critical/minor injuries involving auto-pedestrians.

In-service Trainings

Mrs. Estela Gapas from Life Support Training, a designated training center by the American Heart Association in Guam, conducted a Basic Life Support Instructor's Course.

The participants consisted of nine (9) DPS Fire personnel and two (2) CPA-ARFF personnel. This included personnel from Rota and Tinian. The intent of the course is to certify the participants on Heart saver CPR, Automated External Defibrillator, First Aid, and Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers. Upon completion of the course, the instructor may certify both healthcare professionals and laypersons in CPR. This followed after the certification of the participants that completed the instructor's course. Continuous CPR courses were conducted to various government and private entities throughout the remainder of the year.

Public Educations

The primary objective and goal for the EMS Committee was focused on disseminating information on awareness in the event of

emergencies. The EMS Week committee was actively involved in public education, which targeted audiences from both public and private schools. Numerous presentations and displays were done for the students throughout the month of May and beyond. EMS presentations were also done for the general public, which took place at various hotel ballrooms. These presentations were sponsored by the committee in partnership with other committees such as the Buckle Up and Baby Pedro Memorial. The committee also participated in other community events and functions such as "March against Cancer" and "Street Market", thus giving the committee a great opportunity to do more community out-reaches to the public.



Emergency Medical Services Overview

The chairpersons for EMS and Buckle Up did a live radio interviews at two different radio stations. This live radio interview will give the listeners an awareness of the events that will be taking place in celebration of EMS and Buckle up Week.

EMS ads were published in "Beach Road" and "Island Locator" magazines. These ads were printed on a monthly basis throughout the year. The ads included messages pertaining to emergencies and other informative topics.

This annual proclamation signing is a continued effort to ensure that the message of both activities be disseminated to the entire community across CNMI.

The selected committees for the events carried out events and activities for the specific purpose of public education. In hopes of promoting awareness and prevention



Projects

On-going project such as the "Needs and Resources" assessment for the Traumatic Brain Injury in partnership with NMPASI are being focused on at this point in time. We are currently in the planning stages on a survey related approach to get consumers as well as information on people with TBI.



**NATIONAL
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WEEK**

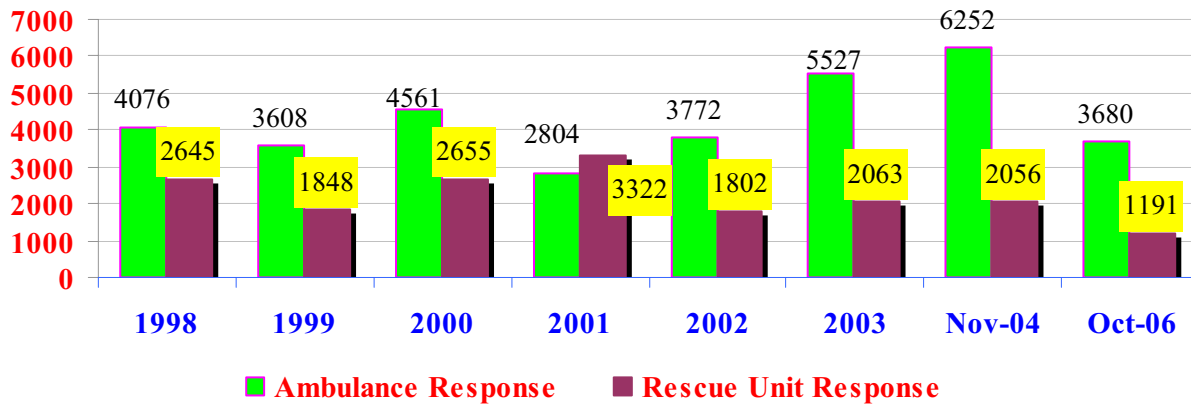


Proclamation Signings
Various government and private entities witnessed the proclamation signing for "Buckle-Up Week" and "EMS Week" held at the governor's office.

the committee had worked untiringly to ensure these events take place.

Ambulance /Rescue Unit Response (chart) & EMS

Ambulance and Rescue Unit Response to Motor Vehicle Crashes



The “Med-Media” software installation was recently completed on the designated desktops to be used as part of a computer based patient care report system. The “Med-Media” project is being piloted to get all fire personnel well versed with properly completing the necessary patient information. This project will serve all three islands. The recertification for all fire personnel on Emergency Medical Technician-Basic, is now in the planning stages. Orders for additional EMT-B textbooks have been placed at the Northern Marianas College

bookstore. Upon arrival of the orders, the course will then be initiated.

Procurement

Through the assistance of the grant, the EMS Office managed to procure various items and equipments to ensure the continuance of the programs.

These assistance included printing of magazines, posters, stickers, etc. In efforts to continue in-service trainings and to keep Fire Personnel current and up-dated, books and other audiovisual aides were procured. In celebration of EMS Week, posters

and banners were placed in various areas on the island this is to include the existing fire stations and roadways.



Serving on Health Care's Front Line

2006 EMS Awareness Week Proclamation



EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK MAY 14-20, 2006

A Proclamation

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

WHEREAS, in the year 2005 there were approximately 5,307 emergency medical service runs in the CNMI, a significant decrease of 1,694 to that of 7,001 in 2004; and

WHEREAS, members of the emergency Medical Services team are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need, 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

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

WHEREAS, the emergency medical services system consists of emergency physicians, emergency nurses, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, educators, administrators and others; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical service teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical service providers by designating Emergency Medical Services Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BENIGNO R. FITIAL, Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the Commonwealth, do hereby proclaim May 14-20, 2006, 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 11th day of May 2006.


GOVERNOR

CNMI Highway Safety Programs *Performance Goals & Objectives*

In 2006, the CNMI Department of Public Safety continued to work hard and continue to focus more attention on highway safety related issues, with the limited manpower resources for continuation of enforcement on seat belt violations on Saipan, Tinian and Rota, the needs to continue addressing the problem as well as public information and education should be kept as one of the Department top priority. As of November of 2006, the CNMI child restraint usage rate for 2006 show (83%) compliance on the usage of child restraint, with (91%) for seat belt usage. The Depart-

ment 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

fore our local news hour.

As of November of 2006, the CNMI Department of Public Safety conducted twenty (40) child restraint and seat belt checkpoints. Several courtesy inspections were included at different locations on Saipan,



30 12:20 PM

Saipan, Tinian and Rota. We continue to work closely with the media especially the Radio Station's for both am/fm in informing and giving awareness to the listeners and the driving public about highway safety issues on seat belt that also include airing our 30 second child restraint/seat belt commercial that aired be-

Tinian and Rota. In keeping awareness and enforcement priority, the the Department of Public Safety continued to be one through the Selective Traffic Law Enforcement (STLE) program in enforcing seat belt regulations, at the at same time educating the community of its importance of child restraint and seat belt in every trip.

DAY & NITE.

BUCKLE UP OR PAY UP.

FOR MORE INFORMATIONS, PLEASE CALL
CNMI DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AT 664-9120/9085

Police Traffic Services (PTS)

As we always mentioned in the past years, the CNMI Department of Public Safety continued to improve services on manpower and enforcement of traffic violator's and continued to educate the community on traffic safety. The number of traffic crashes continued its exacerbated by the large number of different ethnic groups residing in the CNMI. The CNMI Bureau of Motor Vehicle (BMV) are developing a better procedures to facilitate the licensing competent motor vehicle operators, with the new law passed this year on Driver Education soon will see a reduction of traffic crashes occurs as well as reduction in traffic fatality or serious injuries. As of November of 2006, the Department of Public Safety entertained a total of 3405 traffic crashes recorded with auto/auto crashes is the high-

est number follow by auto/park and auto hit and run. As of November 2006, the CNMI recorded four (4) traffic fatalities with one (1) alcohol related. The Department of Public Safety continued to evaluate the time occurrence of these fatalities so that to put more attention in shifting schedule to night time enforcement. Public awareness is also consider top priority on educating the community about traffic laws and other information that will assist ethnic groups in understanding

our highway laws. Training continues to be one of the priority in advancing the Officer's and traffic prosecutor knowledge in traffic related matters. To date the CNMI continues to manage within a declining economy and efforts continue to be address and evaluate the problem. The Department of Public Safety is still making stride to manage the manpower shortage and the needs of traffic enforcement .



Photo: Tinian Department of Public Safety, Police Officer's during their LTI Laser Speed certification

Alcohol and Other Drugs Countermeasures (AL)

The CNMI Department of Public Safety demand to increase manpower is long over due to depleted through retirement and resignation of law enforcement Officer's, as we mentioned on our previous highway safety annual report, we continue to seek assistance with our Legislators to assists us in allocating funds for personnel training especially on traffic/DUI matters. In 2006, the CNMI recorded 381 DUI arrests, and one (1) DUI fatalityas of November 2006, a decrease of about .017% from six (6) DUI fatalities recorded in 2005. There were no serious and 95 minor injuries. The Department of Public Safety on Saipan, Tinian and Rota continued to 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 checkpoint and display. We continued to publicize DUI education and awareness in local magazines and newspapers in which they were then distributed to Saipan, Tinian and Rota. In 2006, we localized produce 30 seconds DUI commercial that will be air on only Television Station on Saipan, Tinian and Rota.

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

hourly traffic report and reminding 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 (CHC), other government agencies to include private businesses and the CNMI Safe & Sober Foundation continued to involve in the prevention and awareness programs in fighting the drinking and driving problem that we are facing with the community and other ethnic groups and visitors alike.



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 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.

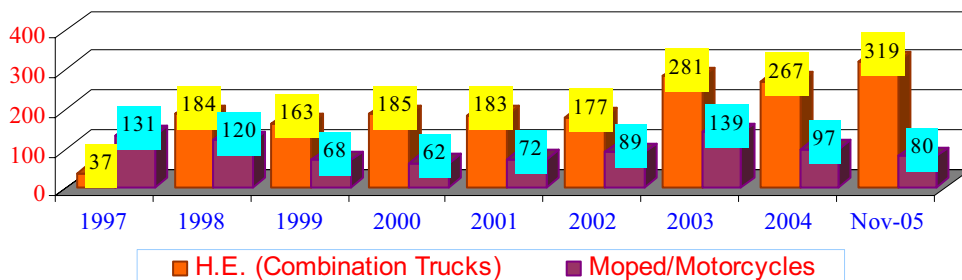
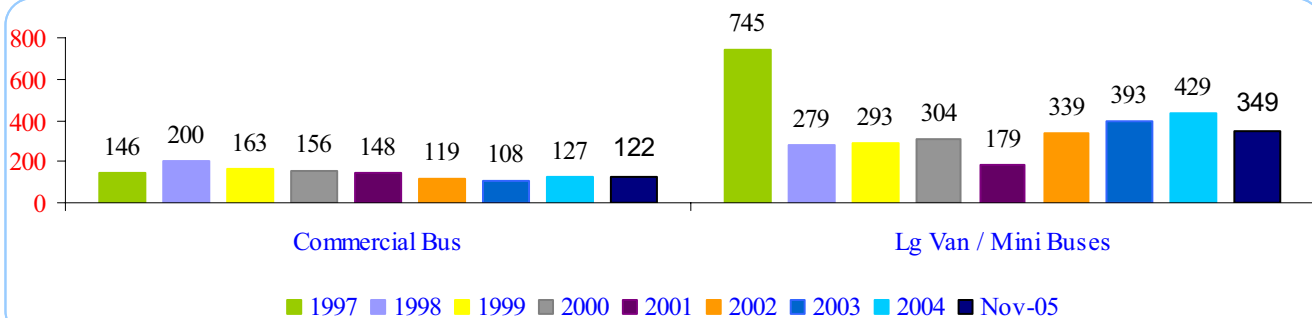
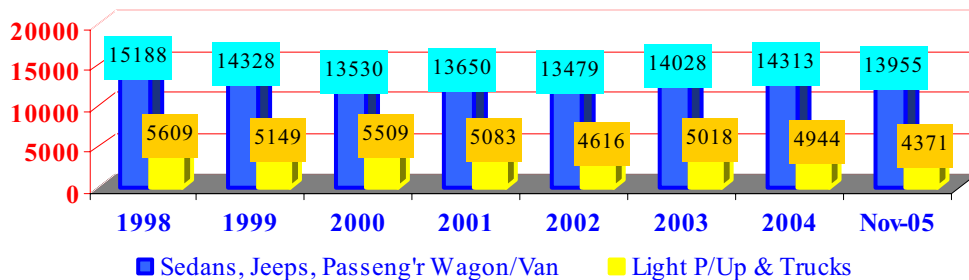
Alcohol and Other Drugs Countermeasures (AL):

- 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 weekends. To work hard in reducing the number of DUI arrests and to maintain or to zero out the fatality which occurs each year.
- To continue to enforce all DUI related violations, and 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.

* Lastly, to continue working with the CNMI Safe & Sober Foundation on all CNMI highway Safety programs necessities in preventing traffic/DUI fatality or serious injuries on our highways.

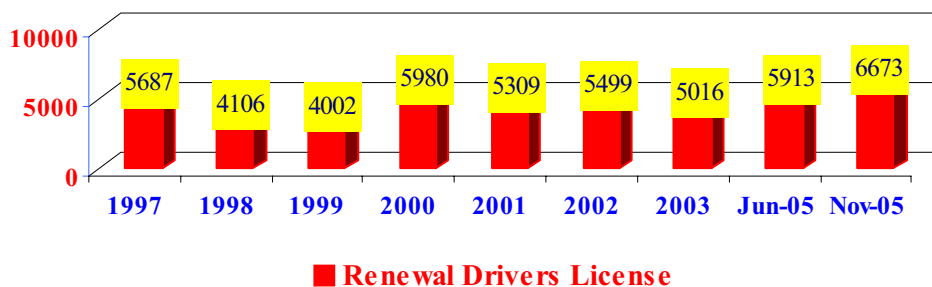
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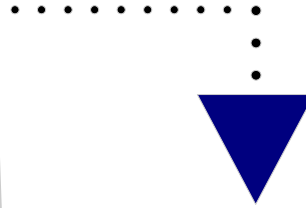
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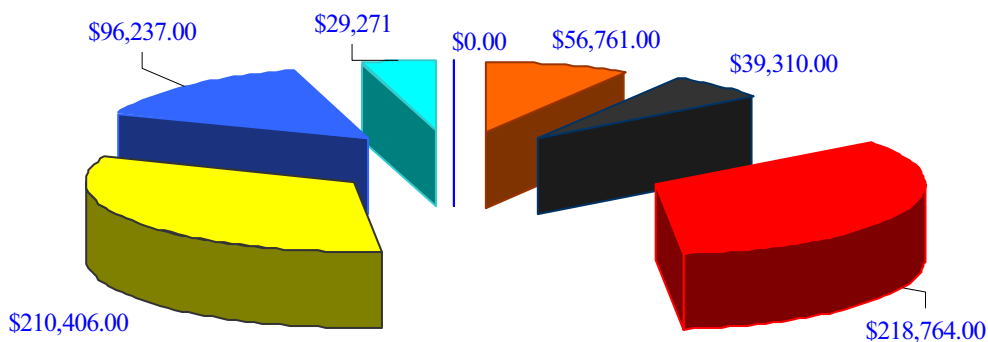
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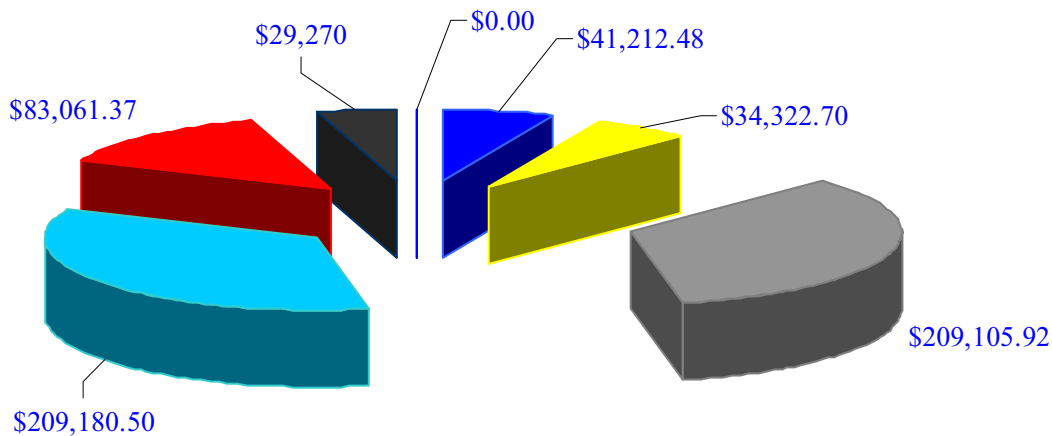
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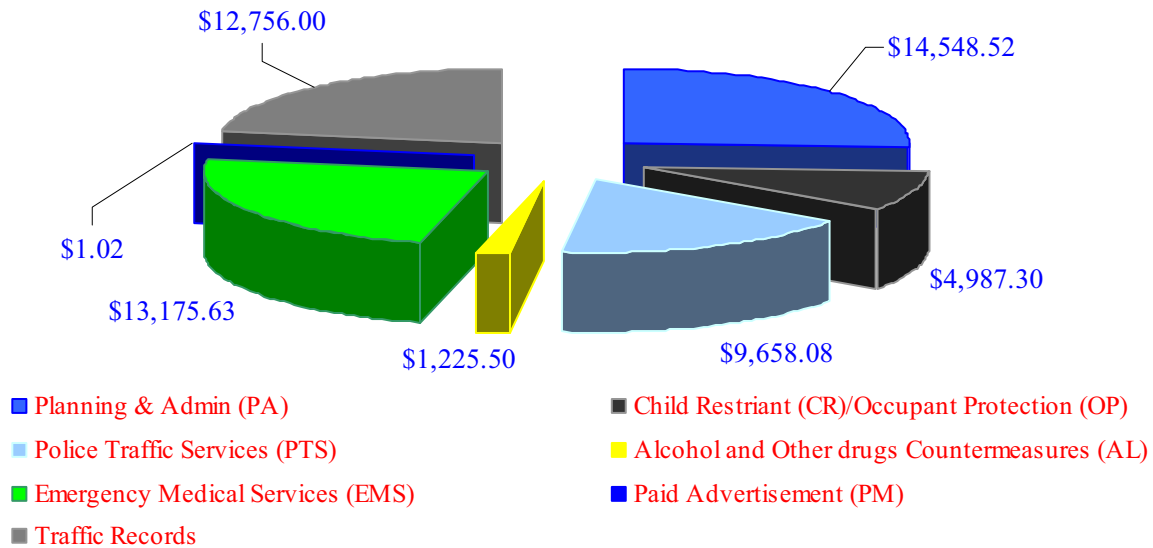
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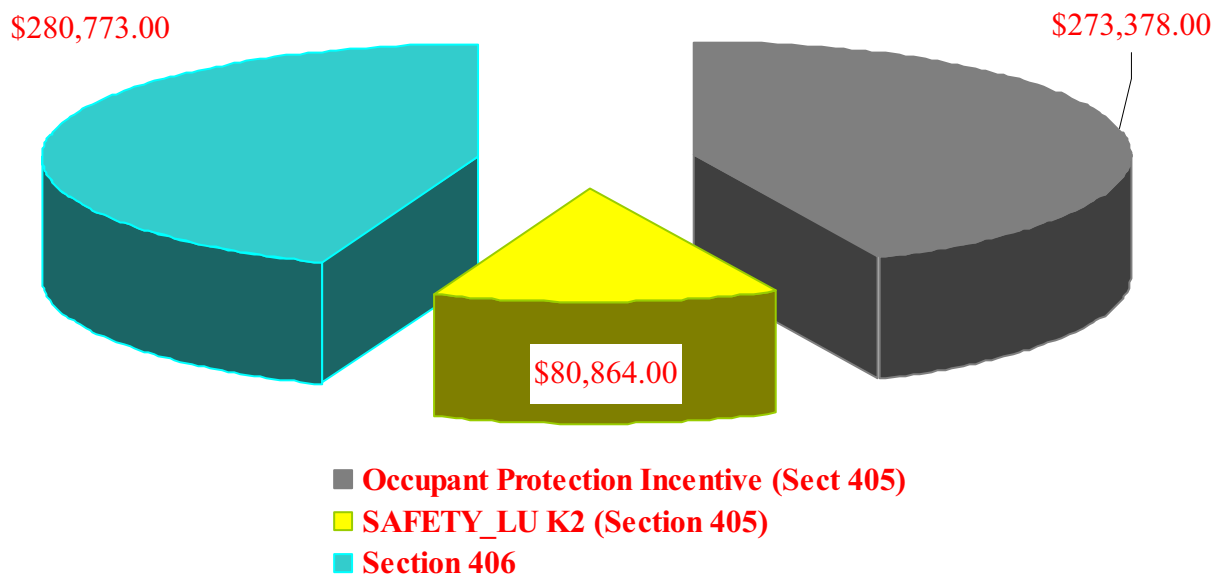
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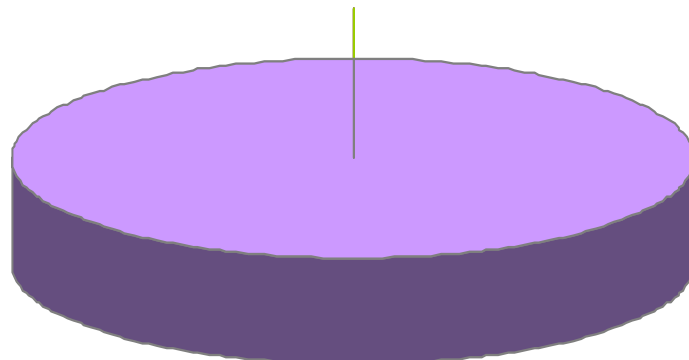
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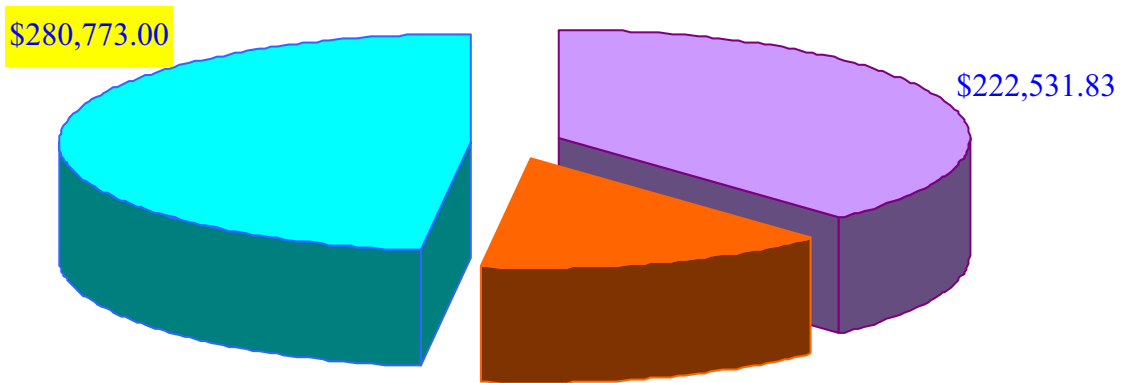
FY2006 Total Expenditure



\$50,846.17

- Occupant Protection Incentive (Sect 405)
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- Section 406

FY2006 Total Balance



\$280,773.00

\$222,531.83

\$80,846.00

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