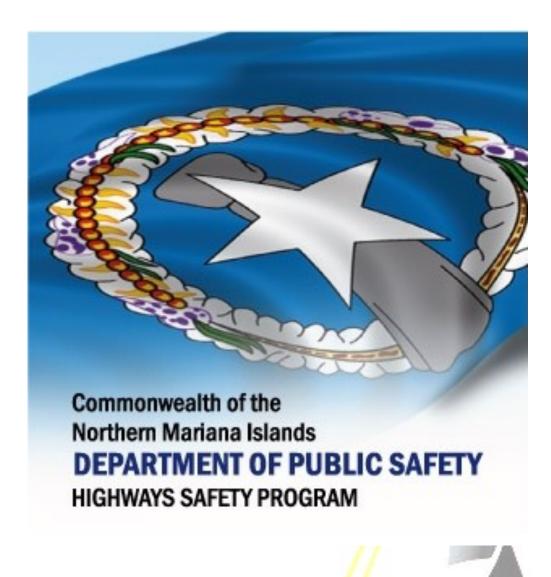
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Dear Dr. Manning

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

On behalf of the CNMI, I am proud to submit the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands 2013 Highway Safety Plan (HSP). The performance plan is intended to delineate and establish a highway safety program to address traffic safety needs in the CNMI.

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

The specified performance measures and goals identify the planned intentions to achieve specified traffic safety objectives. In this way, we should be able to address strengths and weaknesses of our programs. Again, this will delineate project areas requiring greater emphasis for future planning and reporting.

Authorities continue to monitor and identify problem-solving measures such as professional development, enforcement mobilization/crackdown, educational campaigns and community partnerships to resolve or mitigate the negative impacts of traffic related incidents.

I hope that you find our application in conformance to specified requirements and traffic safety objectives. Your continuing support and assistance is very much appreciated and should you have any questions, please call my office at tel. no. 670.664.9022.

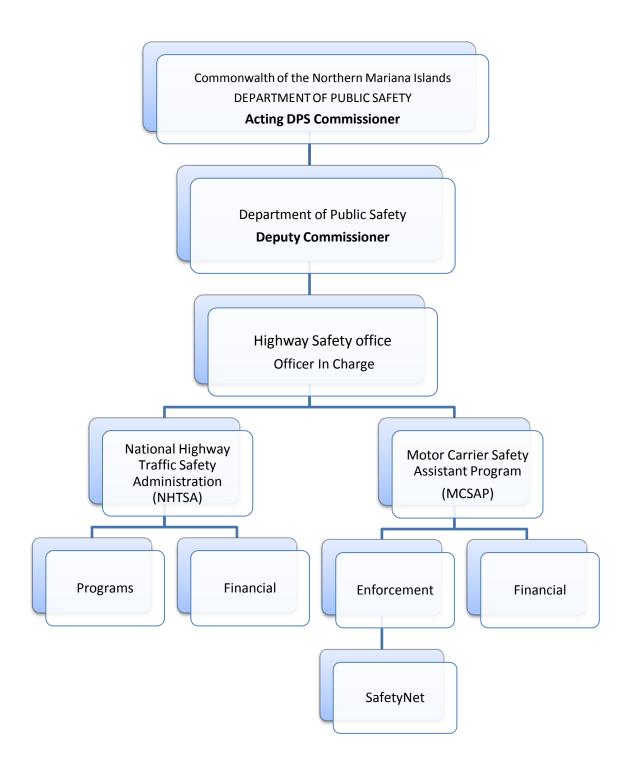
I look forward to working with you in achieving national targets with respect to promoting highway safety throughout the nation.

Sincerely,

Aniceto T. Ognatoro Acting Commissioner of Public Safety

Governor's Representative

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands



APPROVED BY: ANICETO T. OGUMORO

ACTING COMMISSIONER/GR

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

DATE:

MISSION & GOAL STATEMENT

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

The department has pledged to continue an ongoing partnership with the community, safety advocates, and civic organization so as to lead a community's commitment to resolve crimerelated problems, promote traffic safety, and improve the safety and quality of life in CNMI.

Our Highway Safety Program objective is simply to reduce traffic-related crashes, injuries and fatalities, and at the same time, educate the community about highway safety programs, while enforcing applicable traffic laws as our motorists travel on our highways and byways. We do this by providing responsive, cost effective, and innovative government services and programs. In the end, we want an educated, caring and selfless community as they enjoy operating their vehicles as well as provide safe transportation of passengers and cargoes while they travel on our highways and byways.

PART I

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY PROCESS DESCRIPTION

(PERFORMANCE PLAN)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) is located in the Western Pacific Ocean. It consists of fourteen (14) volcanic islands with the Island of Saipan established as the Capitol and serves as the hub of the central government's functions and operations. It is located within a major trans-pacific travel route with daily sea freight forwarding and air passenger services arriving from the United States, European, and Asia countries. On the global scale, it is strategically located at an international crossroad that provides convenient access to United States and the Far Eastern Countries.

Tourism is the only viable industry for economic growth and strength after the sun-setting of the garment industry. In spite of this situation, it remains visible that there is a sustained level of road usage. Nevertheless, the growth, improvements and prioritization of transportation, roadways and highways for both tourists and residents within the islands are essential and continue to be in demand.

All the existing highways in the CNMI add up to 391.85 miles long, and 136.24 miles have been designated as primary federal-aid highway, while the remaining 255.61 miles are considered secondary municipal/rural roadways. Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) has led to a roadmap of changes such as street naming, road constructions, pedestrian crosswalks, and posting of reflective traffic signs to enhance highway safety programs. The overall effect of these highway safety programs has positively influenced the motoring public and industries in reducing the number of fatalities and serious injuries.

The CNMI DPS Highway Safety Office (HSO) provides guidance and leadership by developing, promoting and coordinating Highway Safety Programs so as to positively influence public and private policies, while increasing public awareness at the same time. In general, Highway Safety Programs include the following initiatives: Traffic Crash Reduction, Impaired Driving, Pedestrian and Motorcycle Safety, Occupant Protection/Child Restraint (OP/CR), Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Traffic-related Injuries and Fatalities, Property Damage resulting from traffic collision, and Community Outreach.

The Highway Safety Plan (HSP) was developed through our annual analysis of problems identified from traffic-related monthly reports containing information on: Traffic Records, Citations, Injuries, Fatalities, EMS, Adjudication and Incarceration, and public input.

CNMI Public Law 3-61, §1 (§ 101), established DPS and vested the authority to enforce all Traffic related laws throughout the CNMI. The CNMI DPS Commissioner, who is the Governor's Representative (GR) and the Highway Safety Coordinator, serves as the channel of communications between various government and private entities, legislators, civic organizations, and other traffic safety advocates in the CNMI to ensure promotion of traffic safety initiatives are maximized.

HSO is staffed with four (4) personnel; an Officer in Charge DPS/HSO, two (2) program managers, and a financial manager. This office coordinates and monitors the administration of Highway Safety Programs through the respective *Police Directors of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota*.

Police officers assigned to traffic safety-related committees' are tasked continuously with planning and implementing public education, enforcement, annual OP/CR Mobilization and Impaired Driving Crackdown activities. Enforcement activities involve High Visibility Enforcement (HVE) comprising of Occupant Protection/Child Restraint (OPCR) and Speed enforcement, Drunk and Drugged Driving (3D) campaign in December and saturation patrols. Public education activities consist of school presentations, radio talk shows, static displays, television talk shows, and public and private entity visits. These programs have significantly contributed by providing the necessary resources in developing collaborative efforts to reach out to the public with specific and / or inter-related objectives.

The importance of maintaining driver, passenger/occupant, and pedestrian safety on our highways is well understood by our highway-safety-proficient police officers assigned to the Highway Patrol Unit. They take such responsibilities seriously. They are compelled to enforce all applicable traffic laws with emphasis on Speed Control, Impaired Driving, and Occupant Protection/Child Restraint (OP/CR) programs while they are out patrolling our highways. They possess the required technical knowledge and expertise that they have acquired through formal training and experience on deterrence, detection, and apprehension of impaired drivers. In addition, an officer confirms for any sign of driver impairment based on the Department's Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) during roadside Checkpoint inspections. The same conclusion can be drawn regarding these officers' technical knowledge and expertise as it pertains to OP/CR program.

CNMI authorities and traffic safety advocates enthusiastically continues to support and participate throughout all traffic safety mobilizations. Additionally, DPS takes its responsibility seriously and relentlessly enforces all traffic laws including, Impaired Driving, Distracted Driving, Occupant Protection and Speed Control.

PROCESS DESCRIPTION

Highway Safety Office (HSO), under the Office of the CNMI DPS Commissioner, who also serves as the Governor's Representative (GR) as mandated by Federal Law 23 U.S.C. 402, to establish and implement a statewide highway safety program, has been coordinating and promoting programs influencing public and private policy, increasing public awareness on highway safety as well as give new direction in identifying and quantify highway safety programs. These programs are focused at reduction of traffic-related injuries and fatalities, occupant protection, child restraint, alcohol and other drug countermeasures, emergency medical services, enhancing police traffic services, reduction of property damage, and education on safe operations of motor vehicles in line with 23 CFR 1200.10(a)(1).

Since DPS Highway Safety Office has developed traffic safety performance measures in its FY2010 Highway Safety Performance Plan to highlight traffic safety problems presently being encountered, thus able to track measurable progress in resolving local highway safety problems and challenges. The monthly reports indicating performance measures would reveal Highway Safety issues presently encountered. The elements contained in this report are data from vehicle incidents, citations, adjudication processes, prevention campaigns, and traffic officer's assessment of incidents, and recommended corrective actions.

Occupant protection, child restraint, distracted and impaired driving remain to be of paramount importance to the CNMI's Highway Safety Program. With the belt usage rate of 93.66% in 2011 compared to 80.88% in 2010, The Department of Public Safety, Highway Safety Office noted a 13% increase on belt use by the motoring public. Now, for child restraint usage rate in 2011 shows 37.48% usage rate for the CNMI compared to 2010 with 69.10%, a decreased of 0.54%. In view of this, Department of Public Safety, Highway Safety Office continued to work with numerous stakeholders from public, private, and civic organizations in dealing with highway safety issues. The stakeholders have expressed great interest in protecting motorists and promoting safety on our highways by way of expanded media coverage and prevention educational programs, including reporting motor vehicle incidents to the appropriate authorities.

The following shows a brief summary of how the CNMI's Highway Safety Plan will address the safety issues plaguing the Commonwealth.

HIGHEST PRIORITIES:

Summary of 2011 Fatalities: A total of one (2) fatalities; Saipan (1), Tinian (0) and Rota (1).

- (1) Traffic fatality classified as "Injured Person". (One of the three (3) occupants from a moving Pick Up Truck had fallen and sustained head injuries.
- (1) Traffic fatality involved Auto Ran off Roadway on the island of Rota.

In 2012-13, the CNMI will continue to focus on maintaining low percentage of its fatality crashes through enforcement, education, engineering, and emergency medical services to address, or mitigate, Highway Safety problems and issues on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

- · To reduce the number of DUI arrests and crashes.
- · To enforce traffic laws in the areas of speed, occupant protection and impaired driving.
- · To maintain the number, zero motorcycle crash or fatality.
- · To reduce the number of pedestrian fatality and injuries of all ages.
- · To maintain/increase the number of occupant protection, and to increase the usage rate for child restraint.
- To increase EMS response time and improve training and equipment for traffic related crashes.

LOWER PRIORITIES:

The CNMI will consider other Highway Safety projects in the following areas subject to the approval of National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) granting authority:

Programs to involve other government agencies as well as private businesses in traffic safety related programs

- · Implement programs to increase the usage rate for both occupant protection and child restraint
- · To increase enforcement efforts on traffic violations, impaired driving and pedestrian safety.
- · To support request on equipment and training for EMS personnel related traffic safety.

All traffic safety-related projects funded in 2013 are targeted to these key imperatives:

The CNMI DPS on Saipan, Tinian, Rota, and HSO have studied both collision and enforcement reports to identify any traffic safety problematic areas in highway safety. The traffic records came from the respective DPS divisions on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota traffic sections through their monthly report submissions to HSO. These reports include motor vehicle crash, seat-belt usage, impaired driving, speeding, pedestrian, and traffic fatalities/injuries, enforcement mobilizations, and other data related to traffic safety. Upon identification of problematic areas and concurrence by the Officer-in-Charge of HSO, a recommendation indicating funding priorities is set and forwarded to the Commissioner for approval, and then the report is sent back to HSO where it is formalized into a Highway Safety Plan (HSP) for submission to NHTSA, Region IX on or before September 1st of each year.

NHTSA would inform the CNMI about the grant award as well as a listing of requirements or conditions regarding project monitor, reporting requirements, performance measures, and objectives that were submitted relative to the HSP Project Agreements for each Highway Safety Program area.

STATE CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES

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

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

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

Certifications and Assurances

Section 402 Requirements (as amended by Pub. L. 112-141)

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

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

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

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

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

- National law enforcement mobilizations and high-visibility law enforcement mobilizations,
- Sustained enforcement of statutes addressing impaired driving, occupant protection, and driving in excess of posted speed limits,
- An annual statewide safety belt use survey in accordance with criteria established by the Secretary for the measurement of State safety belt use rates to ensure that the measurements are accurate and representative,
- Development of statewide data systems to provide timely and effective data analysis to support allocation of highway safety resources,
- Coordination of its highway safety plan, data collection, and information systems with the State strategic highway safety plan (as defined in section 148)(a)).
 (23 USC 402 (b)(1)(F));

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

Other Federal Requirements

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

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

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

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

The State has submitted appropriate documentation for review to the single point of contact designated by the Governor to review Federal programs, as required by Executive Order 12372 (Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs);

Equipment acquired under this agreement for use in highway safety program areas shall be used and kept in operation for highway safety purposes by the State; or the State, by formal agreement with appropriate officials of a political subdivision or State agency, shall cause such equipment to be used and kept in operation for highway safety purposes 23 CFR 1200.21

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

Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA)

The State will comply with FFATA guidance, <u>OMB Guidance on FFATA Subward and Executive Compensation Reporting</u>, August 27, 2010, (https://www.fsrs.gov/documents/OMB Guidance on FFATA Subaward and Executive Compensation Reporting 08272010.pdf) by reporting to FSRS.gov for each sub-grant awarded:

- Name of the entity receiving the award;
- Amount of the award;
- Information on the award including transaction type, funding agency, the North American Industry Classification System code or Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number (where applicable), program source;
- Location of the entity receiving the award and the primary location of performance under the award, including the city, State, congressional district, and country; , and an award title descriptive of the purpose of each funding action;
- A unique identifier (DUNS);
- The names and total compensation of the five most highly compensated officers of the entity if-- of the entity receiving the award and of the parent entity of the recipient, should the entity be owned by another entity;
- (i) the entity in the preceding fiscal year received—
- (I) 80 percent or more of its annual gross revenues in Federal awards; and(II) \$25,000,000 or more in annual gross revenues from Federal awards; and(ii) the public does not have access to information about the compensation of the senior executives of the entity through periodic reports filed under section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m(a), 78o(d)) or section 6104 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986;
- Other relevant information specified by OMB guidance.

The State highway safety agency will comply with all Federal statutes and implementing regulations relating to nondiscrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin (and 49 CFR Part 21); (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§ 1681-1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794) and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 USC § 12101, et seq.; PL 101-336), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disabilities (and 49 CFR Part 27); (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42U.S.C. §§ 6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation

Act of 1970(P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse of alcoholism; (g) §§ 523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§ 290 dd-3 and 290 ee-3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§ 3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, which provides that any portion of a state or local entity receiving federal funds will obligate all programs or activities of that entity to comply with these civil rights laws; and, (k) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.

The Drug-free Workplace Act of 1988(41 U.S.C. 702;):

The State will provide a drug-free workplace by:

- a. Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;
- b. Establishing a drug-free awareness program to inform employees about:
 - 1. The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace.
 - 2. The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace.
 - 3. Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs.
 - 4. The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug violations occurring in the workplace.
- c. Making it a requirement that each employee engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (a).
- d. Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (a) that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will --
 - 1. Abide by the terms of the statement.
 - 2. Notify the employer of any criminal drug statute conviction for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than five days after such conviction.

- e. Notifying the agency within ten days after receiving notice under subparagraph (d) (2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction.
- f. Taking one of the following actions, within 30 days of receiving notice under subparagraph (d) (2), with respect to any employee who is so convicted -
 - 1. Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination.
 - 2. Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency.
- g. Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f) above.

BUY AMERICA ACT

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

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

POLITICAL ACTIVITY (HATCH ACT).

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

CERTIFICATION REGARDING FEDERAL LOBBYING

Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements

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

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any

Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

- 2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.
- 3. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all sub-award at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grant, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

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

RESTRICTION ON STATE LOBBYING

None of the funds under this program will be used for any activity specifically designed to urge or influence a State or local legislator to favor or oppose the adoption of any specific legislative proposal pending before any State or local legislative body. Such activities include both direct and indirect (e.g., "grassroots") lobbying activities, with one exception.

This does not preclude a State official whose salary is supported with NHTSA funds from engaging in direct communications with State or local legislative officials, in accordance with customary State practice, even if such communications urge legislative officials to favor or oppose the adoption of a specific pending legislative proposal.

CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION

Instructions for Primary Certification

- 1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective primary participant is providing the certification set out below.
- 2. The inability of a person to provide the certification required below will not necessarily result in denial of participation in this covered transaction. The prospective participant shall submit an explanation of why it cannot provide the certification set out below.

The certification or explanation will be considered in connection with the department or agency's determination whether to enter into this transaction.

However, failure of the prospective primary participant to furnish a certification or an explanation shall disqualify such person from participation in this transaction.

- 3. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when the department or agency determined to enter into this transaction. If it is later determined that the prospective primary participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause or default.
- 4. The prospective primary participant shall provide immediate written notice to the department or agency to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective primary participant learns its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
- 5. The terms covered transaction, debarred, suspended, ineligible, lower tier covered transaction, participant, person, primary covered transaction, principal, proposal, and voluntarily excluded, as used in this clause, have the meaning set out in the Definitions and coverage sections of 49 CFR Part 29. You may contact the department or agency to which this proposal is being submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
- 6. The prospective primary participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR Part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency entering into this transaction.
- 7. The prospective primary participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transaction," provided by the department or agency entering into this covered transaction, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
- 8. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not proposed for debarment under 48 CFR Part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the list of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Non-procurement Programs.

- 9. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
- 10. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 6 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR Part 9, subpart 9.4, suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause or default.

<u>Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters-Primary Covered Transactions</u>

- (1) The prospective primary participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that its principals:
- (a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded by any Federal department or agency;
- (b) Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of record, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
- (c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or Local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1)(b) of this certification; and
- (d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default.
- (2) Where the prospective primary participant is unable to certify to any of the Statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

Instructions for Lower Tier Certification

- 1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out below.
- 2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into.

If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

- 3. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
- 4. The terms covered transaction, debarred, suspended, ineligible, lower tier covered transaction, participant, person, primary covered transaction, principal, proposal, and voluntarily excluded, as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definition and Coverage sections of 49 CFR Part 29. You may contact the person to whom this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
- 5. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR Part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.
- 6. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that is it will include the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion -- Lower Tier Covered Transaction," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions. (See below)
- 7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not proposed for debarment under 48 CFR Part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Non-procurement Programs.
- 8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
- 9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 5 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR Part 9,

subpart 9.4, suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

<u>Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion -- Lower Tier Covered Transactions:</u>

- 1. The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.
- 2. Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

POLICY TO BAN TEXT MESSAGING WHILE DRIVING

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

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

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

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

Aniceto T. Ogumoro
Acting Commissioner
Department of Public Safety
Governor's Representative for Highway Safety

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Department of Public Safety

HIGHWAY SAFETY OFFICE

2013 Highway Safety Plan

Date

PART II

PROGRAM AREAS

All Highway Safety Programs and/or projects enumerated the fiscal year 2013 Highway Safety Plan will be funded on the condition that CNMI receive federal appropriations.

		Sumi	mary of the	e CNMI's				
Commonly Reported Statistics								
Data Elements (Year)	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	
No. of Vehicle Registered	20,715	17,910	12,012	14,935	19,254	15,035	11,729	
Licensed Driver(New & Renewal)	8.042	7,772	8,586	3,808	4,189	7,896	490	
Total Crashes Reported	3325	3359	2560	1630	1,868	1211	906	
Total Injuries	265	564	578	52	167	0	51	
Yearly Fatalities	13	5	4	9	7	4	2	
÷	Yea	arly DUI A	arrests and	Fatalities !	Involved			
Data Elements	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	
No. DUI Arrests	414	396	283	164	247	187	239	
Yearly DUI Fatalities (Alcohol Involved)	6	1	1	5	3	5	1	
DUI Involved Crashes	86	96	86	40	76	84	55	
Yearly Seat Belt Survey Percentage Usage Rate								
Data Element	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	
Child Restraint % Usage Rate	73%	83%	82%	76%	83%	69.10%	37.48%	
Occupant Protection % Usage rate	90%	91%	92%	90%	89.9%	80.88%	93.66%	

POLICE TRAFFIC SERVICES

C-1: Traffic Fatalities in the CNMI: 2007—2011

YEAR:	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
	4	9	7	4	2



The CNMI's goal is to maintain or decrease traffic fatalities by 0.5% using 2007-2010 from calendar base years' average of 4 to 2 by December 31, 2013.

C-2: TRAFFIC SERIOUS INJURY REDUCTION (TRAFFIC CRASHES)

YEAR:	YEAR: <u>2007</u>		2009	2010	2011
Serious Injuries	4	9	7	n/a	6

The CNMI's goal is to decrease serious traffic injuries by 0.67% by using 2007-2011 calendar base years average of 6 to 4 by December 2013.

C-3: Fatalities / Vehicle Miles Travel (VMT)

Not available

C-4: Number of Unrestraint Occupant Fatalities

YEAR:	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Actual numbers:	0	0	0	0	0

To maintain the number of unrestraint passenger vehicle occupant fatalities in all seating positions at zero (0) using 2007-2011 calendar base year average of zero (0) by December 31, 2013.

C-5: Number of Alcohol Impaired Driving Fatalities:

YEAR:	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Actual numbers:	1	5	3	0	1

The CNMI's goal is to maintain the number of alcohol-impaired driving fatalities .33% percent using 2007-2009 calendar base year average of 3 to 1 by December 31, 2013.

C-6: Number of Speeding Related Fatalities

YEAR:	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Actual numbers:	n/a	n/a	1	2	1

The CNMI's goal is to maintain the number of speeding related fatalities 0.5% or less using 2009-2010 calendar base years' average of (2) to (1) by December 31, 2013.

Program Group or Area	Performance Measure	Base Level	Base Date	Goal	By Year
C-1: Total Fatalities	Fatalities	2	2011	Maintain or to decrease to 1	2013
C-2: Total Serious Injuries	Serious Injuries	6	2011	Decrease to 4	2013
C-3: Total Fatalities/VMT	Fatalities /VMT	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
		Occupant Protection			
C-4: Number of Unrestraint Passenger Vehicle Occupant Fatalities, all seat positions	All Occupants	2	2011	Maintain at 2	2013
B-1: Observed seat belt use for passenger vehicle, front seat outboard occupants	Front Seat Occupants	93.66%	2011	Maintain or to increase by 5%	2013
Child Safety Seat Usage	Infants	37.48%	2011	Increase to 70%	2013
All Occupant Fatalities	Restraint	0%	2011	Maintain at 0%	2013
		Alcohol			
C-5: Impaired Driving Fatalities	Driver or Motorcycle operator with .08 & above BAC	1	2011	Maintain at 1	2013
		Speed Control			
C-6: Fatalities	Speed Related Fatalities	1	2011	Maintain at 1	2013
		Motorcyclists			

C-7: Fatalities	Motorcycle Fatalities	0%	2011	Maintain at 0%	2013
C-8: Unhelmeted Fatalities	Motorcycle Fatalities	0%	2011	Maintain at 0%	2013
		Driver 20 or Younger			
Program Group or Area	Performance Measure	Base Level	e Level Base Date		By Year
C-9: Fatal crashes	Driver 20 or Younger	1	2011	Maintain at 1	2013
		Pedestrian Fatalities			
C-10: Fatalities	Pedestrians	2	2010	Decrease to 1	2013
		Emergency Medical Services			
EMS Response Time	Actual Numbers (Minutes)	6.56 minutes	2011	Decrease to 6.08 min	2013

Note: The base level and base date for each performance measure is based upon 5-year moving average including the current year.

ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS COUNTERMEASURES

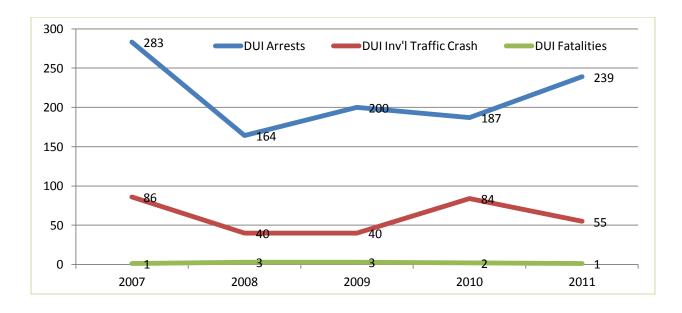
The CNMI continues to see patterns of impaired driving remains problematic on our highways and roadways. It is a problem, although not prevalent constant enforcement effort must sustained in order to mitigate this problem and reduce traffic related fatalities and injuries. In 2011, the CNMI recorded one (1) traffic fatality involved alcohol compared to two (2) in 2010, a 0.5% reduction of fatalities from 2010—2011. None was recorded for serious or minor injuries involving DUI related incidents in the years aforementioned.

The Department of Public Safety on Saipan, Tinian and Rota extended extraordinary effort amid limited resources on this program in order to reduce or mitigate and remove Impaired Drivers from our highways. High Visibility Enforcement (HVE), Saturation patrols were mobilized during Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Crackdown, public education and awareness programs were conducted aside from the Impaired Driving Crackdown activities that were conducted during the annual 4th of July Liberation, Labor Day Weekend, and during Pre-Holiday Season in December Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention (3D) month campaign.

In 2011, eight five (85) Sobriety Checkpoints were conducted in 2011. There were four hundred fifty (450) active citations, warning and open container combined numerous violations. Two hundred thirty nine (239) DUI arrests were made and fifty five (55) alcohol related crashes were recorded in this year.

Impaired Driving statistics for the years 2007—2011

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
DUI Arrests	283	164	200	187	239
Total Fatalities	4	9	7	5	2
Alcohol Involved Fatalities	5	3	2	1	1
Percentage	25%	0.56%	42%	40%	0.5%

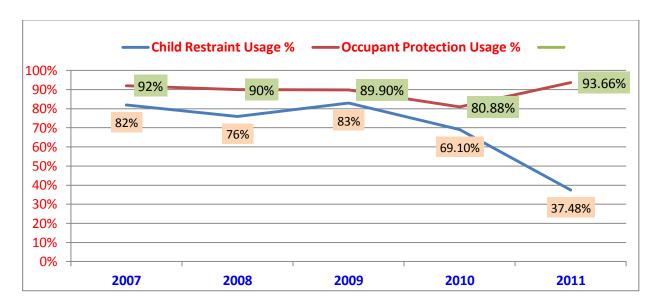


OCCUPANT PROTECTION/CHILD RESTRAINT (OP/CR)

In 2011, the CNMI has a seat belt usage rate for adults of 93.66% and child restraint usage of 37.48% less from 2010 with 69.10%. Again, however, none of the traffic fatality reports recorded nonuse of seat belts or harnesses by the people killed in the accidents.

Occupant Protection in the CNMI, 2007-2011

	<u>2007</u>	2008	2009	2010	2011
Child Safety Seat Usage % (Observational Survey)	82%	76%	83%	69.10%	37.48%
Occupant Protection % Usage Rate	92%	90%	89.9%	80.88%	93.66%



CNMI's goal is to increase safety belt usage rate for child restraint from 37.48% to 70% usage rate December 2013 and maintain or increase adult's occupant protection by 1.34% from 93.66% to 95% by December 2013.

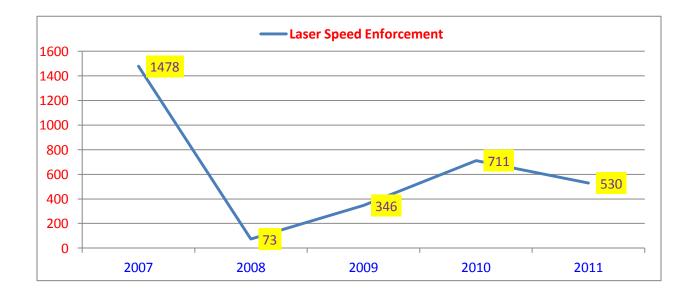
SPEED CONTROL

In a joined effort, the Department of Public Safety consisting from Patrol/Traffic, Boating, Motor Carrier and Community Policing Program Section (COPS) continues to enforce Speed by using Laser Speed Enforcement and Aggressive Driving Interdiction Program (ADIP) especially during rush hours in the morning, noon and late afternoon in enforcing aggressive driver's. The procure speed enforcement equipment such as Laser Speed Detectors for Saipan, Tinian and Rota continue to enhance the officer's proficiencies pertaining to enforce and detect violators either exceeding posted limits or driving aggressively at high visibility locations.

LASER SPEED ENFORCEMENT FROM 2007—2011

YEAR:	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Laser Speed Enforcement	1478	73	346	711	530
Speeding Related Fatalities	0	0	0	0	1

CNMI's goal is to continue to maintain speeding related fatality using 2007-2011 calendar base years' average of one (1) through December 2013.



PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE SAFETY

In 2011, CNMI recorded no pedestrian fatality or involving alcohol. There were fourteen (14) recorded on pedestrian alcohol related incidents with (1) serious, (6) minor injuries and (7) of those were pedestrian at fault incidents.

The Department of Public Safety and Department of Public Works continues to improve the safety of pedestrians especially on those locations that have a high number of pedestrians crossing, at schools or at tourist districts and areas were high pedestrians location. Public information and education on pedestrian/bicycle safety continues to be the CNMI priority and/or mitigate problems in these areas, specifically during school hours, community meetings, and other local and annual events.

Bicycle safety in one of the focus since the CNMI noted an increase of bicycle activity for youths as well as adults within the islands. As we have mentioned in the past, bicycling is becoming a popular sport for locals, other ethnic groups, and off-island visitors and athletes cause of high gas price continues to rise as well as in preparation for the annually sponsored competitions such as the Saipan Xterra Championships, Tagaman Triathlons as well as local events on Saipan, Tinian and Rota. With the global increase in fuel cost, many resident and tourist prefer this mode of transportation. Public education on pedestrian and bicycle safety and enforcement will continue as well as to work closely with the Department of Public Works, Highway & Engineering Sections in addressing bicycle safety like erecting the appropriate safety signs as well as properly marking lanes on our highways especially on those recently completed highway through Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funding.

Pedestrian/Bicycle Fatalities in the CNMI

Year:	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Number of Pedestrian Fatalities	n/a	3	2	2	0
Number of Bicycle Fatalities	n/a	n/a	0	0	0

The CNMI will continue to maintain or reduce the number of pedestrian fatalities by 0.5% using 2007—2010 calendar base years' average of two (2) to one (1) by December 31, 2013.

The CNMI will continue to maintain zero (0) fatality for bicycle related using 2011 calendar base year rate of zero by December 31, 2013.

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY

In the past years, the CNMI show an increase in the number of Motorcycle activity. The increased activity is attributed to the unpredictable and sudden increase of fuel cost. Many residents as well as tourists resort to this mode of transportation due to high fuel cost, easy maneuverability to gain quick access to many places that cannot be conveniently accessed by larger motorized vehicles. DPS continues its Motorcycle Safety program activities through enforcement, public education and, regardless of the mini scale number of motorcycle incidents recorded.

The CNMI recorded (0) traffic fatality in 2011 involving Motorcycle incidents was recorded for the past three (3) years.

Use of Motorcycles in CNMI's highways and roadways:

Mandatory wearing of safety helmet is required for all operators and passengers of motorcycles, motor scooter and mopeds having 2.5 horsepower or greater that can travel at speed in excess of 30 miles per hour on level ground.

-	Year: 2	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Fatal Motorcycle Crashes	s	n/a	0	0	0	0
Motorcycle Registered		47	81	63	60	40

The CNMI's goal is to maintain zero (0) fatality rate involving motorcycle crashes by December 2013 using 2007—2011 calendar base years' average at zero (0).

TRAFFIC RECORDS

The CNMI Department of Public Safety, Saipan continues to collect and store data for the traffic records system as we have changed from the old LEMIS system to RMS system in 2009, newly acquired RMS system has endured high cost to the CNMI Department of Public Safety with thousands of dollars for a system that failed to collect and store data and information for accurate traffic records.

Traffic personnel currently inputs data and information manually into a separate storage to keep statistics which requires manpower hours. This setback has caused a lot of inconvenience of keeping accurate traffic records, thus retrieving data will result in inaccurate output.

The objectives is to improve and upgrade our current system in which data could be accessed and shared with the Judiciary, Corrections, Attorney General's Office, Records Office, the Bureau of Motor Vehicles and other agencies. This will give sufficient time to collect all data and information to fulfill the requirement of traffic management.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

The Department of Public Safety-Fire Division, Office of Emergency Medical Services/Rescue Section need to continue to provide traffic related training and certification courses for EMS/Rescue personnel for the island of Saipan, Tinian and Rota from EMT-Basic (EMT B) Basic Life Support (BLS) for Healthcare Providers (HCP), and other specialized training such as Pre-hospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) that provide emphasis on trauma-related injuries from motor vehicles crashes or other related incidents.

Drivers, passengers, or pedestrian often require treatment and/or transport to a medical facility as a result of a significant mechanism of injury (trauma to the head, neck or spine, chest or abdomen, etc.) they have suffered when involved in motor vehicle crashes or traffic-related incident.

Emergency Medical Service Response Time in the CNMI

	Year:	2010	2011	2012
Actual Numbers (minutes):				
Saipan		6.56	6.12	6.08
Rota		n/a	n/a	n/a
Tinian		n/a	n/a	n/a

The CNMI's goal is to maintain the response time in Saipan using 2010-2012 calendar years' base average of 6.08 minutes to 5 minutes by December 31, 2013.

PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION (P&A)

Program Overview: The Planning and Administration program area includes those activities and costs necessary for the overall management and operations of the Department of Public Safety, Highway Safety Office. These activities include: ☐ Identifying the CNMI's most significant traffic safety problems; ☐ Prioritizing problems and developing methods for the distribution of funds; ☐ Developing the Annual Highway Safety Plan; ☐ Evaluating accomplishments: ☐ Increasing public awareness and community support; ☐ Participating on various traffic safety committee; ☐ Organizing traffic safety groups, advocate and non-profit organization; ☐ Coordinating public information and education programs; ☐ Generally promoting and coordinating traffic safety in the CNMI. Goals and Performance Measures The goal is to provide management support services for the activities necessary to operate the traffic safety program in the CNMI. The performance goals include: □ Develop a coordinated Highway Safety Plan/Performance Plan by September 1, 2012. Develop, coordinate, monitor and administratively evaluate traffic safety projects identified in the plan. ☐ To conduct an active public awareness and community support programs during fiscal year 2012-13.

☐ To support and to amend current highway safety traffic laws and legislation.

☐ To develop the Highway Safety Annual Report for FY 2012 by December 31, 2012.

☐ To seek full support with the Commissioner of Public Safety/Governor's Representative (GR) to Utilize all available means for improving and promoting the CNMI's traffic safety program.

PART III

Financial Section

Fiscal Year 2013

- Cost Summary
- Projects Cost Breakdown
- Form 217 Project Cost Summary

FISCAL YEAR 2013 HIGHWAY SAFETY PLAN COST SUMMARY

Project Title	Total
Planning & Administration	\$55,700.00
Occupant Protection/Child Restraint	\$65,300.00
Police Traffic Services	\$529,300.00
Alcohol & Other Countermeasures	\$307,900.00
Emergency Medical Services	\$193,600.00
Paid Media	\$22,300.00
Traffic Records	\$36,200.00
Motorcycle Safety	\$34,600.00
TOTAL Section 402	\$1,245,400.00
Occupant Protection Incentive – 405	\$332,100.00
TOTAL Section 405	\$332,100.00

POLICE TRAFFIC SERVICES

1. Project Title: Saipan DPS – Personnel Training

Project Number: PT13-01

Project Description: Funds will be used to bring off-island instructors for the At Scene Traffic Crash Investigation course and Digital Photography for Traffic Crash Investigation. Fund will also be used to send two (2) officers to LTI 20/20 Speed Detecting Instrument Instructor Certification, Send two (2) Officers to Traffic Crash Reconstruction Course, Send two (2) Officers to Energy Methods and Damage Analysis in Traffic Crash Reconstruction course, Send two (2) Traffic Investigators to Interviewing Techniques for the Traffic Crash Investigators and send two (2) officers to Drivers Education Instructor Certification.

Project Cost: \$70,000.00

2. Project Title: Saipan Education Materials

Project Number: PT13-02

Project Description: Fund will be used for printing and purchase of educational/promotional

materials and giveaways at public education activities and campaigns.

Project Cost: 15,000.00

3. Project Title: Saipan DPS – Equipment Purchase

Project Number: PT13-03

Project Description: Funds will be used to purchase the following: two (2) sets of crash investigation equipment to replace current old and deteriorated set used on TIU vehicles equipped with investigating tools at all times in case of multiple accidents; four (4) 3TRB External Hard Drive to be used to store/preserve any files and photos pertaining to investigation; two (2) Traffic Investigation Software to replace/replenish old and deteriorated equipment/tools; one (1) Projector to be use at driver's education program; two (2) Pelican flood lamp to be use during night crashes; two (2) Speed Measure Awareness Radar Trailer (SMART) equipment to be utilized for public education, awareness, and deterrence; four (4) LTI 20/20 speed detection instruments for enforcement use. At the present time there are only two (2) units.

Project Cost: \$57,200.00

4. Project Title: Saipan Speed Enforcement

Project Number: PT13-04

Project Description: Funds will be used for unmarked vehicle rental for covert operation to

combat illegal drag racing and high speed competitions.

Project Cost: \$3,000.00

5. Project Title: Saipan DPS – Vehicle Purchase

Project Number: PT13-05

Project Description: Funds will be used to purchase one (1) SUV type vehicle equipped with

emergency lights and sirens.

Project Cost: \$30,000.00

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0.	Project Title: Saipan DPS- Police Motorcycle
	Project Number: PT13-06 Project Number: PT13-06 Project Number: PT13-06 Project Number: PT13-06
	Project Description: Funds will be used to Purchase four (4) Motorcycles for traffic related activities, such as enforcement mobilization, crackdowns, and selective traffic law enforcement program.
	Project Cost: \$120,000.00
7.	Project Title: Saipan DPS – Communications
	Project Number: PT13-07
	Project Description: Funds will be used to pay for communication costs for monthly fees to include ISP, fax, landline and cellular phones assigned to Traffic Section.
	Project Cost: \$10,000.00
8.	Project Title: Saipan DPS – Supplies
	Project Number: PT13-08
	Project Description: Funds will be used to purchase office and operational supplies for Saipan Traffic Section.
	Project Cost: \$10,000.00
9.	Project Title: Saipan DPS – Mileage
	Project Number: PT13-09
	Project Description: Mileage Re-imbursement for official Traffic Enforcement related use only
	Project Cost: \$25,000.00
10.	Project Title: Saipan DPS – Overtime Compensation
	Project Number: PT13-10
	Project Description: Funds will be used to pay overtime hours of officers at approved checkpoints, mobilizations, and selective traffic enforcement. Project Cost: \$30,000.00
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11.	Project Title: Saipan – Office Rental
	Project Number: PT13-11 Project Description: Funds will be used to may for rental of office areas for the Highway Sofety.
	Project Description: Funds will be used to pay for rental of office space for the Highway Safety Office.
	Project Cost: \$25,000.00
12.	Project Title: Tinian DPS – Personnel Training
	Project Number: PT13-12
	Project Description: Funds will be used to At-scene investigation course end the Advance Traffic Investigation training in Saipan.
	Project Cost: \$6,000.00
13.	Project Title: DPS-Tinian Equipment Purchase
	Project Number: PT13-13 Project Description: Funds will be used to purchase two (2) desktop computer; two (2) laptops to be used for electronic data collection and presentations. One (1) DSLR camera for traffic investigation use. Project Cost: \$10,000.00
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Project Title: Tinian DPS – Educational Materials
Project Number: PT13-14
Project Description: Funds will be used for printing and purchase of educational materials and promotional giveaways for distribution at public education, activities and or campaigns.
Project Cost: \$5,000.00
Project Title: Tinian DPS – Mileage
Project Number: PT13-15
Project Description: Mileage re-imbursement for official Traffic Enforcement related use only
Project Cost: \$10,000.00
Project Title: Tinian DPS – Communications
Project Number: PT13-16
Project Description: Funds will be used to pay for communication costs for Tinian Traffic Section to include landlines, cell phones, and internet services.
Project Cost: \$3,000.00
Project Title: Tinian DPS – Office Supplies
Project Number: PT13-17
Project Description: Funds will be used to purchase necessary office supplies for Tinian Traffic Section.
Project Cost: \$1,000.00
Project Title: Rota Personnel Training
Project Number: PT13-18
Project Description: Fund will be used to send four (4) officers to At Scene Investigation course.
Project Cost: 13,000.00
Project Title: Rota DPS-Equipment Purchase
Project Number: PT13-19
Project Description: Fund will be used to purchase All-in-one (printer, copier, scanner and fax machine) to replace image runner which is un-repairable; two (2) Tru-Cam Laser (Speed Measuring Device.
Project Cost:\$12,000.00
Project Title: Rota DPS – Overtime Compensation
Project Number: PT13-20
Project Description: Funds will be used to pay overtime hours of officers at approved crash reduction mobilizations.
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21.	Project Title: Rota DPS – Communication
	Project Number: PT13-21
	Project Description: Funds will be used to establish dedicated lines for the Traffic Section, continued DSL internet services for online communication & research, and to acquire two (2) cell phones & services, and ISP/LAN service for crash connectivity.
	Project Cost: \$7,000.00
22.	Project Title: Rota DPS – Educational Materials
	Project Number: PT13-22
	Project Description: Funds will be used for printing and purchase of educational materials and promotional giveaways for distribution at public education, activities and or campaigns.
	Project Cost: \$5,000.00
23.	Project Title: Rota DPS – Mileage
	Project Number: PT13-23
	Project Description: Mileage re-imbursement for official Traffic Enforcement related use only
	Project Cost: \$10,000.00
24.	Project Title: Rota DPS – Office Supplies
	Project Number: PT13-24
	Project Description: Funds will be used to purchase office supplies for Traffic Section.
	Project Cost: \$1,500.00
25.	Project Title: Indirect Cost @ 11.34%
	\$30,600.00
	Estimated Carry-Forward from FY12
	\$240,000.00
	TOTAL PROJECT COSTS: \$529,300.00

ALCOHOL AND OTHER COUNTERMEASURES

1.	Project Title: Saipan DPS – Personnel Training
	Project Number: AL13-01
	Project Description: Funds will be used to send (two) personnel to DUI/SFST course instructor certification; Bring off-island instructor(s) for DWI/Sobriety checkpoint operator course in Saipan
	Project Cost: \$27,000.00
2.	Project Title: Saipan DPS – Equipment Purchase
	Project Number: AL13-02
	Project Description: Funds will be used to purchase the following: DUI Deterrence and Detection equipment to enhance and give DUI enforcement officers more effective measures in detection and apprehension of impaired drivers; One (1) Message trailers which will be displayed on the highway to send message and for public education as this instrument has LED light systems which displays clear and bright messages even at night; (2) Pelican rechargeable flood light; (1) DUI Mobile Checkpoint Trailer to replace the current trailer which is old and has deteriorated beyond repair. It will serve to transport all sobriety checkpoint equipment to the sires and will be used to process impaired drivers, plus also to be used for education and display to the community about the impact of DUI.
	Project Cost: \$80,000.00
3.	Project Title: Saipan DPS – Vehicle Purchase
	Project Number: AL13-03
	Project Description: Funds will be used to purchase one (1) SUV type vehicle equipped with emergency lights and sirens
	Project Cost: \$30,000.00
4.	Project Title: Saipan DPS – Mileage
	Project Number: AL13-04
	Project Description: Mileage Re-imbursement for official Traffic Enforcement related use only Project Cost: \$25,000.00
5.	Project Title: Saipan DPS – Overtime Compensation
	Project Number: AL13-05
	Project Description: Funds are requested to pay overtime hours of officers at approved DUI mobilizations such as sobriety checkpoints and awareness campaigns.
	Project Cost: \$30,000.00
6.	Project Title: Saipan DPS – Educational Materials
	Project Number: AL13-06
	Project Description: Funds will be used for printing and purchase of educational/promotional giveaways to be distributed during Impaired Driving Crackdown, 3D, July 4 th , and Labor Day Crackdown campaigns.
	Project Cost: \$5,000.00
7.	Project Title: Tinian DPS – Personnel Training
	Project Number: AL13-07
	Project Description: Funds will be used for two (2) officers to attend the DUI/SFST Instructor

Certification Training and the Breathalyzer Instrument Technician training in Saipan.
Project Cost: \$10,000.00
Project Title: Tinian DPS – Educational Materials
Project Number: AL13-08
Project Description: Funds will be used for printing and purchase of educational materials for
distribution at schools and other public education activities.
Project Cost: \$5,000.00
Project Title: Tinian DPS – Mileage
Project Number: AL13-09
Project Description: Mileage re-imbursement for official Traffic Enforcement related use only Project Cost: \$5,000.00
Project Title: Rota DPS – Overtime Compensation
Project Number: AL13-10
Project Description: Funds will be used to pay for overtime hours of officers at approved DUI mobilizations such a sobriety checkpoints and awareness campaigns to include 3D, July 4 th , Labor Day mobilizations.
Project Cost: \$20,000.00
Project Title: Rota DPS – Educational Materials
Project NumberAL13-11
Project Description: Funds will be used for printing and purchase of educational materials and promotional giveaways during public awareness activities/campaigns.
Project Cost: \$10,000.00
Project Title: Rota DPS – Personnel Training/Travel
Project Number: AL13-12
Project Description: Funds will be used to send two (2) officers to attend the DUI/SFST Instructor Certification Training; send two (2) officers to attend DWI/sobriety checkpoint operator course.
Project Cost: \$10,000.00
Project Title: Salary, Highway Safety Technician
Project Number: AL13-13
Project Description: Funds are requested to pay for salary (plus benefits) of Highway Safety Technician-Alcohol Program at the DPS Highway Safety Office.
Project Cost: \$29,900.00
Project Title: Indirect Cost @ 11.34%
\$21,000.00
Estimated Carry-Forward from FY12
\$230,000.00
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS: \$307,900.00

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY

1.	Project Title: Saipan DPS – Educational Materials
	Project Number: MC13-01
	Project Description: Funds will be used for printing and purchase of educational materials such as banners, signs, brochure & pamphlets, and promotional giveaways to be distributed to motorcycle clubs and motorcycle/scooter rental companies.
	Project Cost: \$5,000.00
2.	Project Title: Saipan DPS-Overtime Compensation
	Project Number: 13-02
	Project Description: Funds are requested to pay overtime hours of officers at approved motorcycle safety law enforcement checkpoints and mobilization.
	Project Cost: \$5,000.00
3.	Project Title: Saipan DPS – Personnel Training/Travel
	Project Number: MC13-03
	Project Description: Funds will be used to send two (2) officers to attend Motorcycle Safety training off-island.
	Project Cost: \$8,000.00
4.	Project Title: Tinian DPS – Educational Materials
	Project Number: MC13-04
	Project Description: Funds will be used for printing and purchase of educational materials and promotional giveaways for distribution at public education activities.
	Project Cost: \$2,500.00
5	Project Title: Tinian DPS – Personnel Training
	Project Number: MC13-05
	Project Description: Funds will be used to send two (2) officers to attend Motorcycle Safety training off-island.
	Project Cost: \$8,000.00
6.	Project Title: Rota DPS-Educational Materials
	Project Number: MC13-06
	Project Description: Funds will be used for printing and purchase of educational material and promotional giveaways for distribution at public education activities.
	Project Cost: \$2,500.00
7.	Project Title: Indirect Cost @ 11.34%
	\$3,600.00
8.	Estimated Carry-Forward from FY12
	\$14,000.00
	TOTAL PROJECT COSTS: \$34,600.00

PAID MEDIA

1.	Project Title: Saipan DPS – Advertising
	Project Number: PM12-01
	Project Description: Funds are requested for payment of advertising Highway Safety public awareness messages on newspapers, magazines, television station, radio stations, digital messaging boards, etc. for all the various campaigns throughout the year.
	Project Cost: \$20,000.00
2.	Project Title: Indirect Cost @ 11.34%
	\$2,300.00
	Estimated Carry-Forward from FY12
	\$19,000.00
	TOTAL PROJECT COSTS: \$22,300.00

PLANNING & ADMINISTRATION

1.	Project Title: Program Administration
	Project Number: PA12-01
	Project Description: Funds will be used to administer the highway safety program for the CNMI. Funds will also be used for travel to meetings and conferences such as the Lifesaver Conference, GHSA Executive Seminar & Annual Meeting, NHTSA Region 9 Leadership/Partner's Meeting, Pre-HSP Meeting, and program monitor reviews to the islands of Rota and Tinian.
	Project Cost: \$50,000.00
2.	Project Title: Indirect Cost @ 11.34%
	\$5,700.00
	Estimated Carry-Forward from FY12
	\$9,000.00
	TOTAL PROJECT COSTS: \$55,700.00

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

1.	Project Title: Trauma Training and Certification EMT
	Project Number: EMS13-01
	Project Description: The project will conduct the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)
	Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) initial and refresher training and certification for all EMS
	personnel between the islands of Saipan, Rota and Tinian to enhance and maintain their
	knowledge and skills to properly assess, fatalities; and this project includes a train the "Train the
	Trainer" component.
	Project Cost: \$20,000.00
2.	Project Title: Trauma Training and Certification-BLS
	Project Number: EMS13-02
	Project Description: The project will conduct the American Heart Association Basic Life Support
	for Healthcare Providers initial and refresher training and certification in conjunction with the
	EMT training and certification to properly assess, immediately treat, and expeditiously transport
	patient suffering from serious traffic-related injuries or fatalities; and this project includes a "Train
	the Trainer" component.
	Project Cost: \$20,000.00
3.	Project Title: Rescue Extrication Training
	Project Number:EMS13-03
	Project Description: The project will purchase basic life support for updated rescue extrication
	training for all EMS personnel that include classroom lessons as well as hands-on scenarios and
	field operation and provide for a "Train the Trainer" component to increase outreach and maintain
	training needs in the future.
	Project Cost: \$20,000.00
4.	Project Title: Rescue Extrication Equipment
	Project Number: EMS13-04
	Project Description: The project will purchase basic life support equipment and supplies that will
	enhance the level of care for trauma patients by reducing the risk of nerve injury and paralysis
	such as extrication equipment and supplies, long or short backboards, cervical collars or
	immobilization devices, straps, resuscitation equipment and supplies, oxygen equipment and
	supplies, splint and bandaging supplies, etc. to be used when treating trauma patient from motor
	vehicle crashes or traffic-related incidents.
	Project Cost: \$10,000.00
5.	Project Title: Traffic Safety Public Education and injury Prevention-Campaign
	Project Number: EMS13-05
	Project Description The project will enhance and maintain our current efforts in traffic safety
	education and trauma injury prevention in collaboration with our partners from police traffic
	services and enforcement in reducing crashes or traffic-related incidents resulting in deaths,
	injuries, and property damages. This focus is year round with emphasis on the annual EMS Week,
	Click It or Ticket, Drunk and Drugged Diving Prevention and Child Passenger Safety campaigns
	to eliminate traffic fatalities and injuries.
	Project Cost: \$25,000.00
6.	Project Title: Traffic Safety Public Education and Injury Prevention-Vehicle
	Project Number: EMS13-06
	Project Description: The project will purchase vehicles to be used for our traffic safety public
	education and trauma injury prevention campaigns throughout the island to ensure continuity and
	accessibility throughout our communities during different events throughout the year. The
	availability of vehicles to move personnel and haul equipment such as trailers, props, and public
	education materials and our ability to be present at these different events are crucial to maintaining

	our success in keeping the public informed and educated on these issues.
	Project Cost: \$50,000.00
7.	Project Title: Professional Development and Program Monitoring Project Title: EMS-13-07 Project Description: The project will allow EMS personnel to network and share information with other traffic safety professionals nationally and even between the islands as it pertains to traffic safety, traffic enforcement, and trauma emergency response. Research in medicine continues to produce new and best practices and innovative technologies that affect prehospital trauma patient care in responding to and transporting from motor vehicle crashes or traffic-related injuries. This project will broaden their horizons and see first-hand how other systems functions and more importantly improved patient outcomes from intentional or unintentional traumatic injuries. Project Cost: \$15,000.00
8.	Project Title: Program Management Project Number: EMS-13-08 Project Description: The project will provide funds to be used for program operations including reporting, monitoring, technical assistance and development of plans for EMS. Project Cost: \$20,000.00
2	Project Title: Indirect Cost @ 11.34% \$13,600.00
	Estimated Carry-Forward from FY12 \$3,000.00
	TOTAL PROJECT COSTS: \$193,600.00

TRAFFIC RECORDS

1.	Project Title: Procure Crash Reporting System Project Number: TR13-01								
	Project Description: Funds will be used to purchase wireless back bone, hardware, soft programming and installation for new traffic office to enable officers to network and have in								
	access with other agencies. Project Cost: \$12,500.00								
2.	Project Title: Travel/Training								
	Project Number: TR13-02								
	Project Description: Funds will be used to pay travel costs of four (4) DPS Personnel consisting								
	from Motor vehicle, Traffic Section, HSO, and Judicial to attend Traffic Records and Highway								
	Information System								
	Project Cost: \$20,000.00								
	Project Title: Indirect Cost @ 11.34% \$3,700.00								
	Estimated Carry-Forward from FY12 \$128,000.00								
	TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$36,200.00								

OCCUPANT PROTECTION/CHILD RESTRAINT (OP/CR)

1.	Project Title: Personnel Training							
	Project Number: OP13-01							
	Project Description: The CNMI (Saipan, Rota and Tinian) currently has a total of twenty five (25)							
	CPS Technicians (Saipan twelve (12), Tinian six (6) and Rota seven (7)). Funds will be use to							
	bring off-island CPS Instructors to certify three (3) potential instructor candidates two (2) from							
	Saipan and one (1) Rota. They will also need to recertify at least twelve (12) CPS Technicians as							
	they will be expiring in 2013. In addition, they will be requested to certify additional police, fire,							
	and other child passenger safety advocates.							
	Project Cost: Total Cost: \$15,000.00							
2.	Project Title: Salary-Highway Safety Program Manager							
	Project Number: OP-13-02							
	Project Description: Funds will be used to pay for salary (plus benefit) of Highway Safety							
	Program Manager, Occupant Protection program at the DPS Highway Safety Office.							
	Project Cost: \$43,600.00							
3.	Project Title: Indirect Cost @ 11.34%							
	\$6,700.00							
	Estimated Carry-Forward from FY12							
	\$260,00.00							
	TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$65,300.00							

OCCUPANT PROTECTION INCENTIVE – SAFETEALU (K2)

1.	Project Title: Salary – Highway Safety Technician
1.	Project Number: OPI13-01 Project Description: Funds will be used to pay for salary (plus benefits) of Highway Safety Technician, Occupant Protection program at the DPS Highway Safety Office. Project Cost: \$25,000.00
2.	Project Title: Saipan DPS – Equipment Purchase
	Project Number:OPI13-02 Project Description: Funds will be used to purchase the following; three (3) sets of Huggable Images Safety Training Dolls to be used for CPST trainings/public education; one (1) digital video recorder; one (1) projector for power point presentation; one (1) LED message trailers; one (1) OP/CR Checkpoint Trailer; two (2) sets of outdoor chairs, tables and tents which will be used at presentations, public awareness activities, and for OP/CR checkpoint and check-up events, etc. Project Cost: \$38,200.00
3.	Project Title: Saipan DPS – Educational Materials
	Project Number: OPI12-03 Project Description: Funds will be used for printing and purchase of educational materials and promotional giveaways for distribution during public awareness, and activities and or campaigns. Project Cost: \$10,000.00
4.	Project Title: Saipan DPS – Personnel Training/Travel
	Project Number: OPI13-04 Project Description: Funds will be used to send four (4) officers and two (2) HSO staffs to the Lifesavers OR Kids-In-Motion conferences. Project Cost: \$24,000.00
5.	Project Title: Saipan DPS – Vehicle Purchase
	Project Number: OPII3-05 Project Description: Funds will be used to purchase one (1) SUV vehicle for OP/CR enforcement use, package will include sirens and blue lights; one (1) SUV vehicle for OP/CR community Outreach Program mobilization & Administrative purposes. Project Cost: \$ 60,000.00
6.	Project Title: Saipan DPS – Overtime Compensation
	Project Number: OPI13-06 Project Description: Funds will be used to pay for overtime hours of officers at approved OP/CR mobilization checkpoints and CPS inspections. Project Cost: \$30,000.00
7.	Project Title: Seat Belt Project Number: OPI13-07 Project Description: Funds will be used to cover the cost for contractual services for a representative from the University of Guam (UOG) to conduct's Saipan's seat Belt Survey. Total Cost: 40,000.00
8.	Project Title: Tinian DPS – Personnel Training/Travel Project Number: OPI13-08 Project Description: Funds will be used to send two (2) officers to attend the Lifesavers OR Kids-in-Motion conferences to acquire better knowledge and to be updated on OP/CR field. Project Cost: \$20,000.00

9.	Project Title: Tinian DPS – Educational Materials Project Number: OPI13-09 Project Description: Funds will be used for printing and purchase of educational materials and promotional giveaways for distribution during public awareness activities/campaigns. Project Cost: \$7,000.00 Project Title: Rota DPS – Overtime Compensation
	Project Number: OPI13-10 Project Description: Funds will be used to pay for overtime hours of officers at approved OP/CR mobilizations such as checkpoints, STLE, etc. Project Cost: \$20,000.00
11.	Project Title: Rota DPS – Educational Materials Project Number: OPI13-11 Project Description: Funds will be used for printing and purchase of educational materials and promotional giveaways for distribution during public awareness activities/campaigns. Project Cost: \$10,000.00
12.	Project Title: Rota DPS – Personnel Training/Travel Project Number: OPI13-12 Project Description: Funds will be used to send two (2) Lifesavers and two (2) Kids-in-Motion conferences, two (2) CPS Tech for instructor certification and three (3) officers for CPS Technician Certification. Project Cost: \$20,000.00
13.	Project Title: Rota DPS – Supplies Project Number: OPI13-13 Project Description: Funds will be used to purchase two (2) portable tent structures for community outreach programs/display presentations; for Car Seat Assistance Voucher program Project Cost: \$4,000.00
14	Project Title: Indirect Cost @ 11.34% \$23,900.00
15.	TOTAL PROJECT COSTS: \$332,100.00

FY 2013 PROJECT COST SUMMARY

NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION (NHTSA)

STATE: C.N.M.I. BUDGET OBLIGATION: HCS 217 No: 11-00-00 D

Program	Approved	Basis	State/	Federally Funded Programs			Federal	
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Area	Program Cost	for %	Local	Previous	Increase/	%	Current	to
		Change	Funds	Balance	(Decreased)	Change	Balance	Local
PA-13	\$ 55,700.			\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
OP-13	\$ 65,300.			\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
PT-13	\$ 529,300.			\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
AL-13	\$ 308,400.			\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
EM-13	\$ 193,600.			\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
PM-13	\$ 22,300.			\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
TR-13	\$ 36,200.			\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
MS-13	\$ 34,600.			\$ -	\$		\$ -	
Total 402	\$ 1,245,400.			\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
Total 405 (FY12)	\$ 332,100.							
Total 406 (FY12)	\$ 701,100.						_	
Total 408 (FY12)	\$ 1,144,285.							

State Official Authorized Signature

Carlyn J. Dlg.Hofschneider OIC, Highway Safety Office Date: Aniceto T. Ogumoro Acting Commissioner/GR

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September 27, 2012

The Honorable Benigno R. Fitial Governor Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Capitol Hill Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Governor Fitial:

We have reviewed the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands' (CNMI) Fiscal Year 2013 Highway Safety Plan (HSP) and found your Commonwealth's highway safety program to be in compliance with the requirements of the Section 402 program. Accordingly, the Department of Public Safety, Office of Highway Safety will be receiving federal highway safety funds to carry out CNMI's highway safety efforts.

We commend you on the following accomplishments:

- A reduction of traffic fatalities from 7 in 2009 to 2 in 2011, the lowest number of fatalities since 2005.
- A reduction of traffic crashes from 1,869 in 2009 to 906 in 2011, the lowest number of crashes since 2005.

We appreciate the efforts of The Department of Public Safety's Office of Highway Safety in developing this HSP to implement the federally funded traffic safety program throughout the Commonwealth. Governor's Representative for Highway Safety and Deputy Commissioner Ambrosio T. Ogumoro, Officer-in-Charge and Highway Safety Coordinator Carlyn J. Hofschneider, and their staff continue to do an outstanding job in helping to make CNMI's roadways safer for all users.

Please feel free to call on me or Brian Huynh at any time that we can be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,

David Manning, Ph.D. Regional Administrator

cc: Ambrosio T. Ogumoro, Deputy Commissioner, CNMI Department of Public Safety Mr. Abraham Wong, FHWA Division Administrator, FHWA Hawaii Division





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Dear Deputy Commissioner Ogumoro:

We have reviewed the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Fiscal Year 2013 Highway Safety Plan (HSP), Certification Statement, and Cost Summary (HS Form 217) as received on August 29, 2012. Based on these submissions we have found your highway safety program to be in compliance with the requirements of the Section 402 program, except for the following list of projects and tasks requiring clarification listed below.

This determination does not constitute an obligation of Federal funds for Fiscal Year 2013 or an authorization to incur costs against those funds. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Administrator will obligate the Section 402 program funds in writing as soon as they are made available. However, Federal funds reprogrammed from the prior-year highway safety program carry-forward funds are available for immediate use by the Commonwealth on October 1st.

We commend you on the following accomplishments:

- Reducing traffic fatalities from 7 in 2009 to 2 in 2011, the lowest number since 2005.
- Reducing traffic crashes from 1,869 in 2009 to 906 in 2011, the lowest number since 2005.

We urge you to focus your programs on the following areas based on the data provided in your HSP:

- **Alcohol-Impaired Driving:** DUI fatalities decreased to 1 in 2011. Please keep up the good work to maintain this low count.
- Occupant Protection: Seat belt use increased to 93.66% in 2011. Please keep up the good work to maintain or increase this use rate. Child seat use decreased to 37.48% in 2011, the lowest level since 2007. Please continue to develop your network of child safety seat technicians and instructors to increase this use rate.



HSP Exceptions Noted

Approval of the 2013 HSP is conditioned on the required attendance of the Office of Highway Safety managers and appropriate staff at a Regional Highway Safety Training Meeting to be held in the second quarter of FY2013 in Northern California.

During our review of the 2013 HSP, we noted some projects that were either not eligible for highway safety funding or require additional information. Therefore, we will not approve the following projects until further discussion with your staff:

Provide cost breakdowns and an equipment listing for the following projects: PT13-03, PT13-05, PT13-08, PT13-13, AL13-02, AL13-03

Additional discussions are required for the following projects: PT13-01, PT13-06, EMS13-03, EMS13-04, EMS13-06, EMS13-07

Provide additional Traffic Records projects to correspond to the projects in your Section 408 Strategic Plan and supplement the project below: TR13-01

We appreciate the efforts of the DPS, Office of Highway Safety in developing this HSP to implement the federally funded traffic safety program throughout the Commonwealth. Your highway safety staff continue to do an outstanding job in helping to make CNMI's roadways safer for all users. Please feel free to call me or Brian Huynh at any time that we can be of assistance to you.

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