



Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

Department of Public Safety

Mission and Vision Statement

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The Members of the CNMI Department of Public Safety are dedicated to providing the highest quality public safety service in order to enhance community safety, protect life and property, and reduce crime and the fear of crime. To do this, we pledge to develop a partnership with the community, lead a community commitment to resolve problems, and improve the safety and quality of life in the Commonwealth.



Have a lawful approach towards law enforcement within the Marianas.



Carefully document and monitor crimes committed within the community.



Assisting community members by responding to emergency calls in a timely fashion.

Departmental Goals

The DPS is committed to delivering excellent service that helps to make the CNMI a safer place. In doing so, we will:

- Ensure our residents and visitors are at the heart of everything we do.
- Be visible and accessible to the people and villages we serve.
- Build public trust and confidence in the Department of Public Safety through our service and performance.
- Work with our partners, stakeholders, and the community to reduce crime and the fear of crime, and where crime is committed, bring the offenders to justice.
- Ensure that community contact and feedback helps to shape what we do and how we do it.
- Develop a modern, flexible workforce that places as many officers as possible for policing and public safety.
- Promote the value of equality and diversity in our role as a service provider and as an employer.
- Promote a culture of leadership, accountability, and innovation within our organization.
- Act with integrity to the highest professional standards of behavior.
- Use our resources to the maximum benefit of the public.



DPS Armory Section

- Recertified Police Officers on Marksmanship which includes: 211 Police Officers from Saipan, 26 Police Officers from Tinian, and 42 Police Officers from Rota.
- Certified 44 new Police Officers who completed the 26th Cycle Police Academy.
- Conducted numerous Mandatory Firearm Safety Education Classes for new gun ownership applicants who have applied for firearm permits.
- Inspected and certified two new gun dealerships on the island of Saipan, bringing the total number to four (4) dealerships.

Bureau of Motor Vehicle (BMV)

- So far in 2021 BMV has processed:
- 18,408 Civilian vehicles
- 278 Government vehicles
- 813 commercial vehicles
- 6,842 Drivers License total

Sex Offenders Registry (SOR)

- (7) personnel trained on SORNA compliance this past year.
- (3) personnel from SOR, swore into the NMI USMS Violent Fugitive Task Force.
- **2021 Deviant Guard:** the DPS SOR under the Criminal Investigation Division, the CNMI Office of Adult Probation, U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the local Marshals Service in collaboration with The United States Marshals Service, District of Guam and NMI conducted a **three (3)** day compliance check of registered sex offenders. The efforts of these dedicated law enforcement professionals were instrumental in the successful execution of Operation "DEVIANT GUARD". This initiative is the third of similar operations conducted in the past and planned for the future, in an effort to protect and safeguard the community and most especially the children in our community.
- January through October 2021: **168** Compliance Checks and **498** SORNA Clearance were requested from partnering agencies.
- Training completed by SOR personnel this year include:
- Amber Alert Best Practice- Enforcement Field Guide, COVID-19 Response In the CNMI Advanced Techniques For Supervision and Monitoring of Sex Offenders, SORNA 101 SORNA: How to conduct community Notification Meetings, Sex Offender Registration Code, Policy and Procedure and Form Development, SORNA: Precautions and Safety Measures for Sex Offender Registry Personnel, Becoming Trauma-Informed: Understanding the Effects of Sexual Violence on the Brain and Body, IRT- responding to Cyber Incidents in Schools, Drug and Violence- The Intersection of CSE, Domestic Violence & Substance Use/Abuse, General Overview of Search & Seizure, Search Warrant Back to Basics, Report Writing, PSN Federal Firearms Offenses, and Penalties, Improving Services and Response: Supporting People with Disabilities who Experience Sexual Violence (Zoom Training), Leadership Training and CPR (Basic Life Support) Course Class and Close Quarter Battle Training.

Boating Safety Section (BSS)

- Boating Safety Section responded to:
- A total of sixty-six (66) calls
- **BSS Officers issued Sixty-eight (68) Citations.**
- BSS conducted two hundred forty-five (245) compliance/inspection checks.
- Assist USCG and Ports to improve infrastructure and Port Security
- Increase in Land-Sea Boarding

Criminal Investigations Bureau (CIB)

- CIB continues to work on numerous offenses including the top two (2) major offenses of:
- Narcotics Cases: (10) possession cases, (3) trafficking cases, and (1) firearms case
- Burglary, Theft, and Property Cases: 567 compared to 774 in 2020.

Highway Patrol Section (HPS)

- Responded to (1,306) vehicle crashes
- Made (318) DUI arrests
- Conducted (407) traffic escorts (187- funeral, 204-quarantine transport, 17- all others)
- Conducted (4) Sobriety Checkpoints
- Conducted (8) Occupant Protection Child Restraint (OP/CR) Checkpoints
- Issued (2043) traffic citations Common violations include (but are not limited to): - Speeding (547) - Reckless Driving (298) - Racing on the highway (13) - Cell phone use (78) - Seat Belt (571)
- Conducted Training on:
- (2) Traffic Law Enforcement Course
- (2) Emergency Vehicle Operators Course (EVOC)
- (2) Standard Field Sobriety Test Course
- (2) Officers Survival Course
- (2) Case Laws Course
- (2) Belt & Weapons Cert Course
- (2) Self Defense Course

Highway Safety Office - National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Programs: Child Restraint Purchase Assistance Program (CRPAP) Number of vouchers issued:

2019- 193 vouchers
2020- 128 vouchers
2021- 170 vouchers

Community Outreach:

- Occupant Protection/Child Restraint at Fishing Base, Garapan.
- (2) Saturday Courtesy Car Seat Inspection: Parents and care givers stopped by with their cars and car seat(s) and technicians conducted proper inspection to determine if car seat has ever been in a crash, is expired, or on a recall list also to ensure that the child is within an appropriate car seat based on the child's height, weight, and developmental level . This year alone, 95 car seats were replaced.

Certifications:

- (3) Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Technicians.
- (52) Advance Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE)
- (146) Standardized Field Sobriety Technicians (SFST).
- (24) Child Passenger Safety Technicians
- (2) Lead Instructors (2) CPST Instructors
- (2) CPST Instructor Candidate

Seven (7) Fitting Stations:

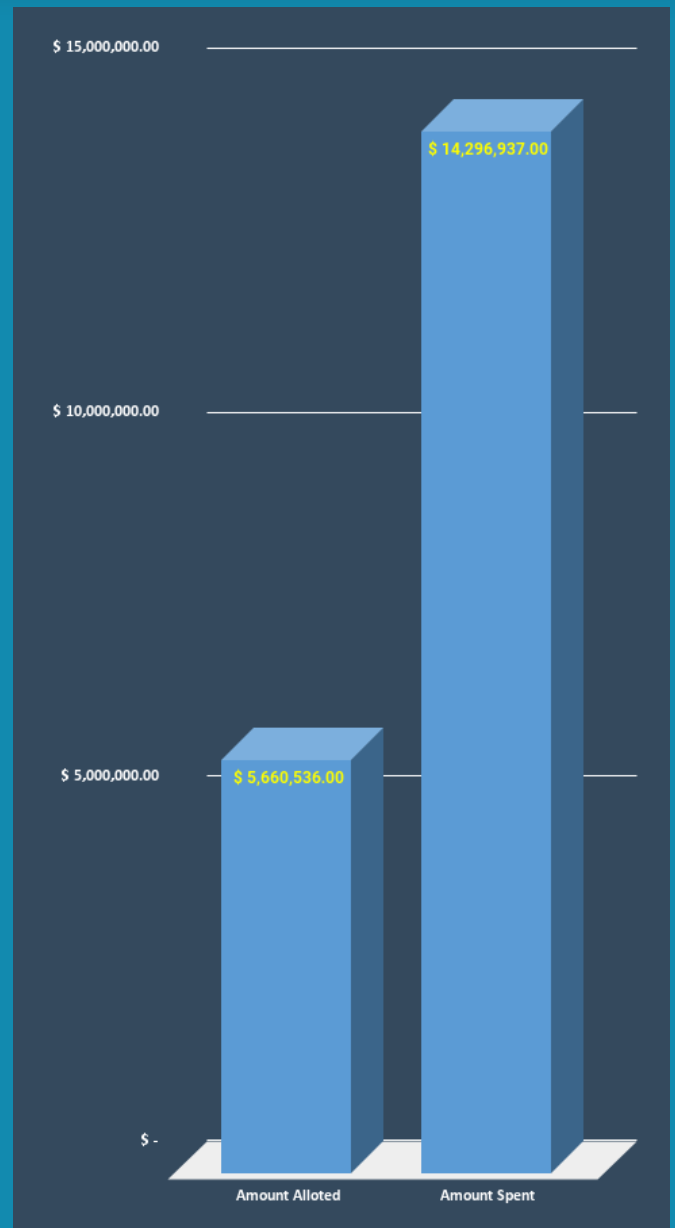
- (5) - Saipan
- (1) - Tinian
- (1) - Rota

What are the Expenses?

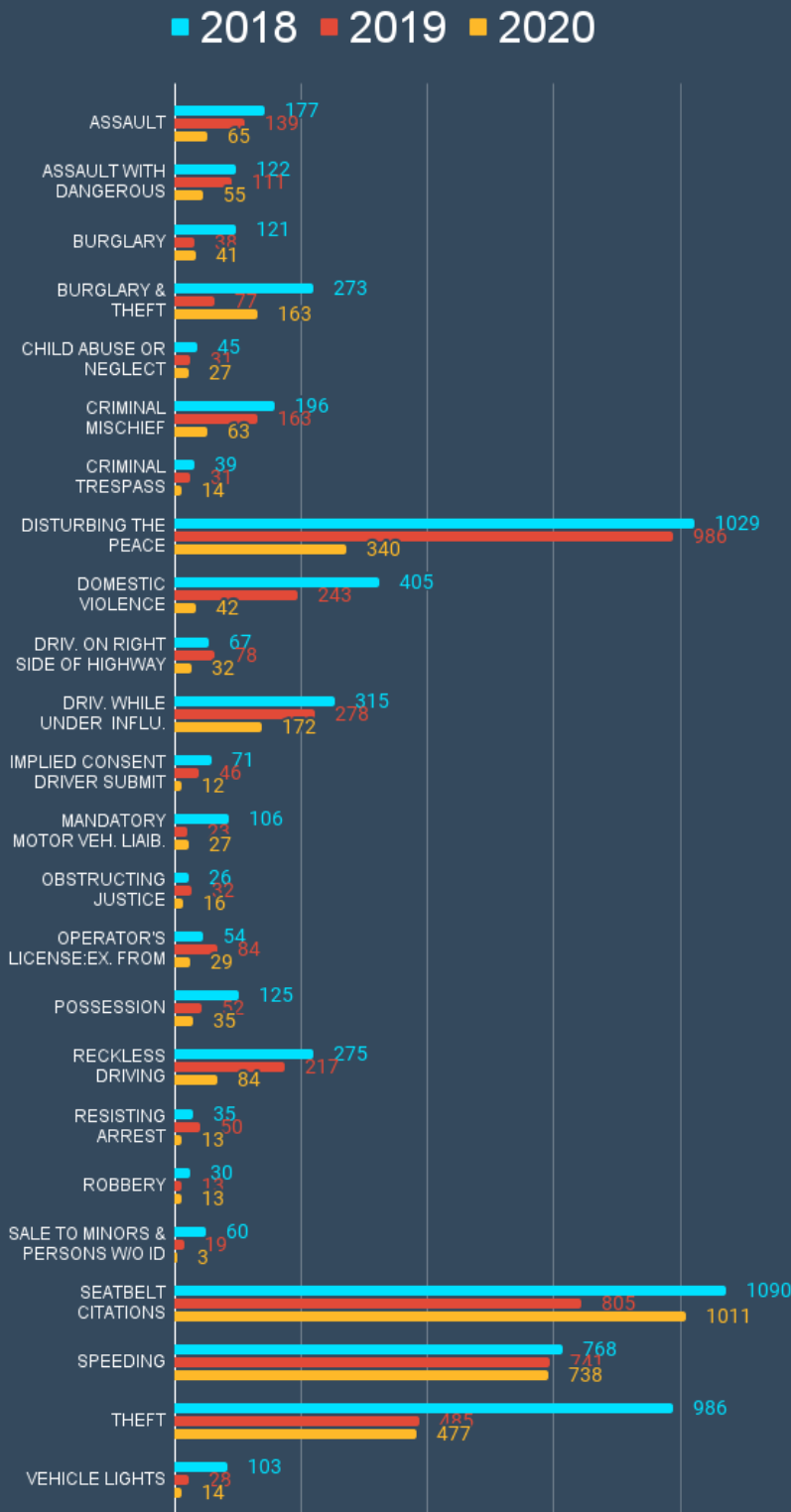
Description of Expenses	Amount Allotted	Amount Expended
DPS Commissioners Office	\$ 137,068	\$ 4,404,745
DPS Motor Vehicle Division	\$ 194,494	\$ 566,198
DPS Administration Division	\$ 549, 537	\$ 794,895
DPS Police Division	\$4, 779, 437	\$ 8, 531,099
Total	\$ 5,660,536	\$ 14,296,937

Among the costs of expenses for personnel salaries and daily operations such as duty gear, equipment, communications, fuel and lubrication, repair and maintenance, utilities, and the added costs of operation during the COVID-19 pandemic and so forth; some key highlights that DPS has made over the past fiscal year are:

- Upgraded vehicles and rescue vessel motors for Patrol, Investigations, and Rescue missions with accessories (lightings, sirens, and center console):
- Procured (19) 2020 Chevy Tahoe for Patrol section, Highway Patrol Section (DUI and Traffic investigations), Armory, Criminal Investigative Division (CID), and the Rapid Response Team (RRT), these Tahoes are fully equipped with accessories: lightings, sirens, and center console to better help when responding to a call.
- Purchased (1) 2020 Ford F-350 Dually for Boating Safety Section.
- Purchased (2) Mercury 200 hp outboard engines for the Zodiac III Rescue Boat.
- Child restraint training seat purchased for DFEMS to demonstrate to parents how to install a car seat properly.



Top Crimes Committed within the CNMI in the past three (3) years



Challenges Faced

The FY 2021 allocation for the DPS was \$5,660,536. Which was an increase compared to \$3,939,471 from the previous year, it was still inadequate to cover the Department's total expenditures. The total amount of funding was not sufficient enough to fund personnel costs; just as allocations for operational and utility charges. Operational costs include fuel charges for the Department's fleet, the cost of repairs and maintenance, the cost of communications, the cost of duty gear and uniforms, and so on. Additionally, the impact on the department due to the ongoing pandemic as a result of COVID-19 directly affected the Department's – it went beyond its approved budget as the department needed to cover repair costs on vehicles, and other equipment being utilized for community patrol, curfew enforcement, quarantine transport, and traffic control, DPS continued to maintain daily operations of the Department through the department's administrative services as well as community enforcement and patrol.

Department Successes

- Re-located the Bureau of Motor Vehicles BMV to allow more area for visitors to abide by the implemented social distancing protocols.
- Relocated the DPS Firearms and Records office to the neighboring building to aid in COVID-19 safety protocols.
- Relocated the Highway Patrol Section's office to the former BMV office building to allow traffic investigators to conduct traffic investigations more efficiently, and to allow for a safer indoor area for any DUI sobriety tests.
- Improved and sustained inter-multi agency response and communications efforts.