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Save Liuato Tuitele
Commissioner, Department of Public Safety
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Dear Commissioner Tuitele:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank your Highway Safety Coordinator, Sinatoga Moliga, and her staff for many years of dedicated service in striving to make American Samoa's roadways a safer place for the citizens of the Territory of American Samoa.

We have reviewed the American Samoa Office of Highway Safety's Annual Report covering the progress achieved in your 2015 federally funded traffic safety programs, as per 23 CFR Part 1200.35. We are pleased to provide you with comments on some of the program areas in the Annual Report.

First, we would like to congratulate you on maintaining the low number of fatalities in American Samoa. Your jurisdiction has one of the lowest number fatalities in the United States. There were 2 fatalities in 2015, a strong improvement from a high of 5 fatalities in 2010. There was an injury in 2015, a decrease from 19 in 2010. We commend you on achieving this low fatality and injury count in 2015.

We also commend you on maintaining zero fatalities in the following areas: alcohol-impaired driving fatalities, pedestrian fatalities, and bicycle fatalities.

We thank you for participating in the nationwide *Occupant Protection and Impaired Driving* mobilizations, specifically, the "Click It or Ticket" and "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" enforcement campaigns. We encourage you to continue this participation to increase occupant protection use while reducing impaired driving crashes. We note that you had a motorcyclist fatality in 2015 involving speed. We encourage you to continue your speed management enforcement campaigns to address speed-related crashes.



We appreciate your efforts in compiling this report. As always, please feel free to contact me if you need assistance or if you have questions.

Sincerely,



Christopher J. Murphy
Administrator – Region 9
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cc: Sinatoga Moliga, Highway Safety Coordinator, American Samoa Office of Highway Safety