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Mission Statement:

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), Department of Public Safety, Fiscal Affairs Section (FAS) handles federal programs. One of the programs within FAS is the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) whose mission is to reduce the number of traffic/alcohol related crashes especially those involving serious injuries and fatalities on the islands of Saipan, Tinian and Rota..

We continue to work in increasing or maintaining the child restraint usage rate above, we continue to conduct public information and education program, due to limited manpower resources , enforcement efforts had decrease in enforcing seat belt violations due to some of the Officer's neither resigned, transferred or retired.

Our goal of reducing traffic related injuries and fatalities greater emphasis on public education and enforcement efforts will continue to be implemented on Selective Traffic Enforcement Programs (STEP), Selective Traffic Law Enforcement (STLE) and other highway safety programs that will assist us in meeting our goals and achieving objectives in this reduction.

In addition, we will continue to achieve our goals and objectives by increasing the number at Traffic Section (traffic/DUI personnel) that patrol our streets especially during the day and evening hours when these fatalities occurred.

We continue our public education on seat belts drinking and driving through collaboration with other government agencies and private businesses in addressing our current statistics on seat belt, pedestrian, traffic DUI arrests, injuries and fatalities.



Highway Safety Programs Overview

The Commissioner of Public Safety is designated Governor's Representative for the CNMI Highway Safety programs and the Officer in Charge for Fiscal Affairs Section (FAS) is designated Highway Safety Coordinator. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Western Region office continues to provide leadership and technical assistance for our highway safety programs. We continue to work closely with other government agencies, private businesses and the CNMI Safe & Sober and Baby Pedro Foundation a non-profit organization.

We continue to work hand in hand with different agencies such as the Department of Public Works (DPW), different Health Clinics on Saipan, Tinian and Rota. To include several private businesses and non profit organization such as the CNMI Safe and Sober and Baby Pedro Foundation in assisting us in our highway safety annual awareness and campaign on highway safety programs such as Click It or Ticket Mobilization, Impaired Driving Mobilization, Child Passenger Safety Week, and during the Month of December Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention (3D) Month campaign.



Highway Safety Office develops an annual report on traffic safety progress as a guide for the CNMI's federally-funded traffic safety activities. The report provide a brief overview of the various highway safety programs such as Child Restraint/Occupant Protection usage rate, traffic crashes, Emergency Medical Services and DUI data. Emphasis is given to those countermeasures programs that are supported through the Federal Highway Safety Programs as funded under U.S. Title 23, Section 402, 405(a), 406 and Section 408.

Other funding sources utilized to supplement proposed countermeasures programs include funds from our local government and through the CNMI Safe & Sober and Baby Pedro Foundation, a non-profit organization. Many of these efforts are coordinated and supported by the Department of Public Safety on Saipan, Tinian and Rota. In addition to the excellent work done by our partners, the CNMI highway safety programs are well coordinated by well trained professional staff and leadership under the Traffic Section on Saipan, Tinian and Rota and continues to emphasize the importance of increasing professionalism through advance training opportunities for professional development.

Planning and Administration Overview

Objective: To continue to implement effective highway safety programs in the CNMI.

The Department of Public Safety, Office of Grants and Special Programs under 402 funding for NHTSA Programs is as follows:

1. Planning and Administration (P&A)
2. Child Restraint and Occupant Protection (CR/OP).
3. Police Traffic Service (PTS).
4. Alcohol and Other Drugs Countermeasures (AL).
5. Emergency Medical Services
6. Advertising-PM

Earmarked Grants Applied:

- A. Section 405(a): Occupant Protection Incentives Grant.
- B. Section 406 Safety Belt Incentive
- C. Section 2003(b)

Program Introduction

Fiscal Year 2008:

October 1, 2007 to

September 30, 2008

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Highway Safety Programs is comprised of a number of traffic Safety projects directed at one common goal, reducing the number of traffic crashes, fatalities and injuries on Saipan, Tinian and Rota highways.

Each Year, Traffic Safety Annual Progress Report is developed and implemented by the Department of Public Safety, Fiscal Affair Section for submission to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Western Region office on or before January 1, the following year.

The annual report summarizes the achievement and activities of the CNMI Highway Safety programs during each fiscal year for the following programs such as Child Restraint, Occupant Protection, Police Traffic Services, Alcohol and Other Drugs Countermeasures, Emergency Medical Services and Advertising.

2008 CNMI Highway Safety Programs *Training and Development*

NHTSA 402 Funding:

- On November 26, 2008, the following Department of Public Safety personnel from Tinian and Rota attended the 2007 December 3D Month proclamation signing on Saipan. The following is as follows: Resident Director, DPS Tinian Michael San Nicolas, Sgt. Edward Ayuyu, POI. Wally Villagomez and POI. Gerald Ogo.

- On December 12, 2007, the following DPS personnel from Saipan attended the December 2007 3D Month proclamation signing on Rota. The following is as follow: POI. Danny Quitugua, POI. Carl Hocog, POI. Regino Celis, FFI. Francis Pangelinan and Lei Ogumoro DPS PIO.

- On January 15—19, 2008, the following Instructor's for Child Passenger Safety Technician's from the State (Peggy Howard, Michael Henessey, Tomi St. Mars and Anulfo Cuellar) was on Saipan to conduct training for Saipan, Tinian, Rota, Guam and

American Samoa Department of Public Safety and Fire personnel on CPS Technician training. The following DPS personnel from Tinian and Rota who attended the training is as follow:

POIII. Jarrod Manglona (DPS Rota)

POI. Shawnda Taisacan (DPS Rota)

FFI. Danny Quitugua (DPS Rota)

POIII. Wally Villagomez (DPS Tinian)

POI. Roland San Nicolas (DPS Tinian)

FFI. Ian Cruz (DPS Tinian)

- On February 24—March 1, 2008, POIII. Wally Villagomez was on Saipan to under On the Job training with Saipan Traffic/DUI programs.



January 15-19, 2008, Instructor's Child Passenger Safety Technician's from the State (Peggy Howard, Michael Henessey, Tomi St. Mars and Anulfo Cuellar) with Chief Francis Taimanao



2008 Child Passenger Safety Technician Training on Saipan, participants from GPD Guam and DPS American Samoa.

2008 CNMI Highway Safety Programs *Training and Development*

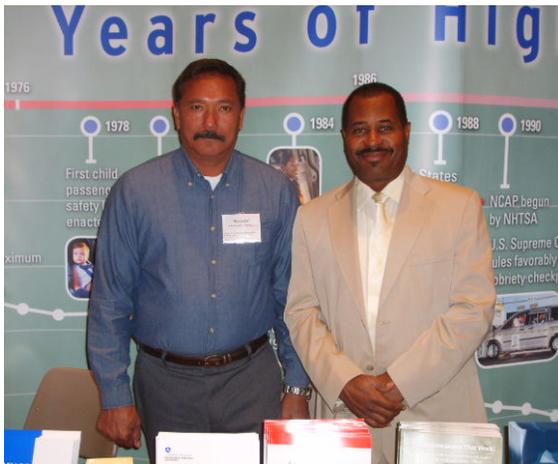
- On April 13-15, 2008, the following Department of Public Safety personnel attended the Lifesavers Conference Portland, Oregon (Margaret Camacho, Leonardo Duenas, POIII. Jarrod Manglona (DPS Rota), POIII. Wally Villagomez (DPS Tinian) and POI. Glenn Rabago.
- On April 16-18, 2008, Margaret DLG. Camacho and Chief Francis Taimanao attended the 2008 NHTSA Region 9 “Partner’s Meeting in Monterey, California.
- On June 12-13, 2008, POIII. Jarrod Manglona (DSP Rota) conducted training on Intoximeter Certification to Police Officer’s on Saipan.
- On June 16-27, 2008, Police Officer’s from DPS Rota attended the Advance Traffic Investigation Course on Saipan, the following Officer’s is as follow: Sgt. Manuel Atalig, Sgt. Eusebio Manglona, POIII. Jarrod Manglona, POI. George Barcinas.
- On July 10-12, 2008, the following DPS personnel from Saipan, Tinian and Rota attended the 2008 Kids in Motion annual conference in Denver, Colorado. The Officer’s is as follow: POIII. Jarrod Manglona, POI. Glenn Rabago and POI. Wally Villagomez.



Advance Traffic Investigation Course June 16-27, 2008, on Saipan conducted by the Institute of Police Technology and Management (IPTM)

2008 CNMI Highway Safety Programs *Training and Development*

- On June 14-17, 2008, The Commissioner of Public Safety, Claudio K. Norita and Chief Francis Taimanao attended the 2008 Pre-Highway Safety Plan meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii.
- On June 22-25, 2008, the Deputy Commissioner of Public Safety and Chief Francis Taimanao attended the 2008 Executive Seminar for Highway Safety Programs in Wisconsin.
- On September 7-10, 2008, the Commissioner of Public Safety, Santiago Tudela, Chief Francis Taimanao, and Leonardo Duenas attended the 2008 Governor's Highway Safety Association annual conference in Scottsdale, Arizona.
- On November 5-8, 2008, the Deputy Commissioner of Public Safety Aniceto Ogumoro and Director of Motor Vehicle Attended the 2008 American Automobile Motor Vehicle Association (AAMVA) in Glendale, Arizona.



2008 GHSA Annual Meeting Scottsdale, Arizona with Dr. David Manning & DPS Commissioner Sandy Tudela and group photo personnel from the Territories (Saipan, Guam and American Samoa)

SUMMARY OF THE CNMI'S COMMONLY REPORTED STATISTICS

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Data Elements	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
No. of Vehicle Registered	19,746	19,315	18,095	19,046	20,273	20,715	17,910	12,012	n/a
Licensed Driver (New & Renewal)	8,273	6,885	7,133	5,861	6,697	8,042	7,772	8,586	n/a
Total Crashes Reported	2118	2561	2547	3246	3838	3325	3359	2560	1630
Total Injuries	200	131	135	179	278	265	564	578	n/a
Yearly Fatalities	4	1	4	8	9	13	5	4	9

YEARLY DUI ARRESTS AND FATALITIES INVOLVED

Data Elements	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
No. DUI Arrests	494	596	475	375	337	414	396	283	164
Yearly DUI Fatalities (Alcohol Involved)	2	0	1	5	7	6	1	1	5
DUI Involved Crashes	89	117	110	115	84	86	96	86	40

YEARLY SEAT BELT SURVEY PERCENTAGE USAGE RATE

Data Element	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Child Restraint % Usage Rate	25%	52%	72%	47%	56%	73%	83%	82%	76%
Occupant Protection % Usage rate	97%	97%	91%	87%	90%	90%	91%	92%	90%



Child Passenger Safety Technician Training

OBJECTIVE: Continue to implement new and effective program to educate the public about the importance of Child Restraint and Occupant Protection:

In 2008, the CNMI Department of Public Safety host the Child Passenger Safety Technician's Class to increase the number of certified Technician for Saipan, Tinian and Rota Fire and Police personnel. Four (4) Instructor's from the State conducted the training (Lead Instructor, Peggy Howard (Los Angeles), Michael Hennessey (Los Angeles), Amulfo Cuellar (Phoenix, AZ), and Tomi St. Mars (Phoenix, AZ). There were a total of (22) participants consisting from Saipan (9), Tinian (3), Rota (3), Guam (4) and American Samoa (3). During the training, participants were able to use their training skills in installing and evaluating different type of car seats and vehicle's as well. On the last of the training, all the participants gather at Price CostCo parking lot to conduct courtesy inspection all morning using the class participants knowledge and skills, during the inspection the four (4) Instructor's were available to answer question for those parents that are in need.



Group Photo: Child Passenger Safety Technician Training on Saipan (January 14—19, 2008)



American Samoa Participant during on hands training



CPS Class briefing



American Samoa and Guam Prticipant Car Seat Check



Citation Issued: Child Restraint and Seat Belt Violation's

The following is the citation issued during enforcement efforts , checkpoint and Laser Speed enforcement during the peak hours and also during traffic violation stop that we conducted during Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) on Saipan, Tinian and Rota. Some of the seat belt violation were also cited during night DUI enforcement and on weekend. In 2008, a total of (18) Seat Belt and Car Seat Checkpoint conducted and (2) Courtesy Inspection conducted during the CIOT Mobilization and 4 Steps for Kids awareness Week. In September of 2008.

Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Driver	940	715	853	630	1580	934	1490	611	417
Passengers	1343	1079	1078	584	1295	1001	1295	514	204
Seat Belt Usage Rate	97%	97%	96%	87%	90%	90%	91%	92%	90%

Annual Campaign: 2008 Click It or Ticket Mobilization

On September 15, 2008, Lt. Governor Timothy P. Villagomez proclaimed May 19 to June 1, 2008,, as “Click It or Ticket Mobilization” in the CNMI”. During the signing, the Department of Public Safety former Commissioner Clyde Norita, Police/Fire personnel and other government agencies were present to witness the proclamation at the Governor’s conference room. The “Click It or Ticket Mobilization (CIOT)” each committee members from Saipan, Tinian and Rota planned activities for the month of May through June 1, 2008, to better educate parents, caregivers others (community) about the importance of seat belts

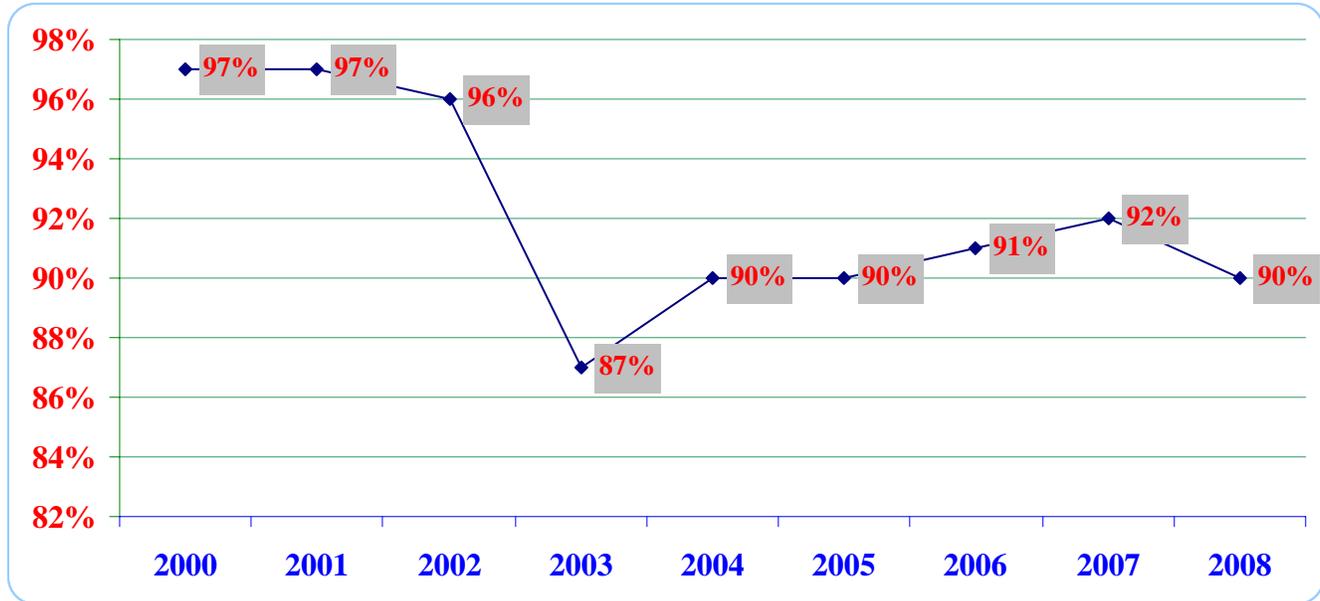
and to always *buckle up every trip, every time.*

Several events scheduled within the Department of Public Safety despite the shortage of manpower the assistance from Fire and EMS personnel in assisting on the planned activities. The following “Click It or Ticket Mobilization” events is as follow such as the Municipal proclamation signing on Tinian and Rota, kick-off rally, Open House, HomeRun Derby, Presentation, Selective Traffic Law Enforcement, OP/CR Checkpoint AM/FM Radio psa’s and T.V. Commercial are some of the CIOT awareness. To include we also conduct seat belt survey and distribution of promotional items.



2008 Click It or Ticket Mobilization proclamation Signing

Yearly Seat Belt Usage Rate



2008 Click It or Ticket (CIOT) Mobilization proclamation signing at the Governor's Conference Room with Lt. Governor Timothy Villagomez, former DPS Commissioner Clyde Norita, CIOT Chairman POI. Glenn Rabago, Other government agencies personnel, and private businesses.



Annual Campaign: 2008 Click It or Ticket Mobilization

As part of the planned activities for 2008 Click It or Ticket Mobilization, the island of Rota conducted “Click It or Ticket Symposium” where the committee on Rota conducted presentation aimed at informing the public of the dangers of driving without a seatbelt.

The goal of this event is to boost the public’s education on the dangers of non-seatbelt usage and increase their knowledge on the advantages of wearing a seatbelt. Our goal is ultimately increase the seatbelt usage rate and achieved the educational efforts, this event is the main focus of this year’s Click It or Ticket Mobilization.

On the island of Saipan, the highway safety programs continued to be perform in enforcing traffic violations and at the same time entertain other activities for the department with the limited resources such as manpower and changes in command (Supervisor) and new Police Officer’s transferred to Traffic Section to replace those that retired or being transferred to other section within the Department of Public Safety.

Annual Campaign: Click It or Ticket



Photo's: Tinian and Rota during the CIOT Mobilization

2008 Click It or Ticket Mobilization Proclamation



CLICK IT OR TICKET MOBILIZATION May 19—June 1, 2008

A Proclamation

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

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

WHEREAS, yet nearly one in five Americans (18% nationally) still fail to regularly wear their seat belts when driving or riding in a motor vehicle according to NHTSA's observational seat belt studies; and

WHEREAS, a seat belt survey in 2007 revealed a 92 percent usage rate by travelers on the highways and bi-ways of the CNMI; and

WHEREAS, the use of safety belts is supported by the laws of the CNMI; and

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

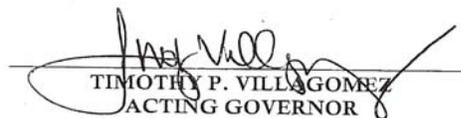
WHEREAS, in 2006, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) reported 15,046 traffic fatalities between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 5:59 a.m. Sixty four percent of those killed were not wearing their seat belts at the time of the crash, a percentage higher than 46 percent of passenger vehicle occupants who were unrestrained and killed during daytime hours. Nationally, 77 percent of the passenger vehicle occupants who were in a fatal crash and who were buckled up survived the crashed, and that when worn correctly, seat belts have proven to reduce the risk of fatal injury to front-seat passenger car occupants by 45 percent – and by 60 percent in pickup trucks, SUVs, and minivans; and

WHEREAS, across the country law enforcement officers will actively be participating in the mobilization to ensure all motor vehicles occupants are buckled up day and night, and to reduce the risk of injury and death caused in traffic crashes; and

WHEREAS, increased enforcement of seat belt laws, coupled with publicity has proven to be an effective method to increase seat belt use rates and decrease fatal crashes.

NOW, THEREFORE, I TIMOTHY P. VILLAGOMEZ, Acting Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth, do hereby proclaim **May 19-June 1, 2008**, as **CNMI CLICK IT OR TICKET MOBILIZATION**. I urge all residents and visitors to buckle-up and buckle-up their children when driving or riding on our roadways.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 25th day of April 2008.


TIMOTHY P. VILLAGOMEZ
ACTING GOVERNOR

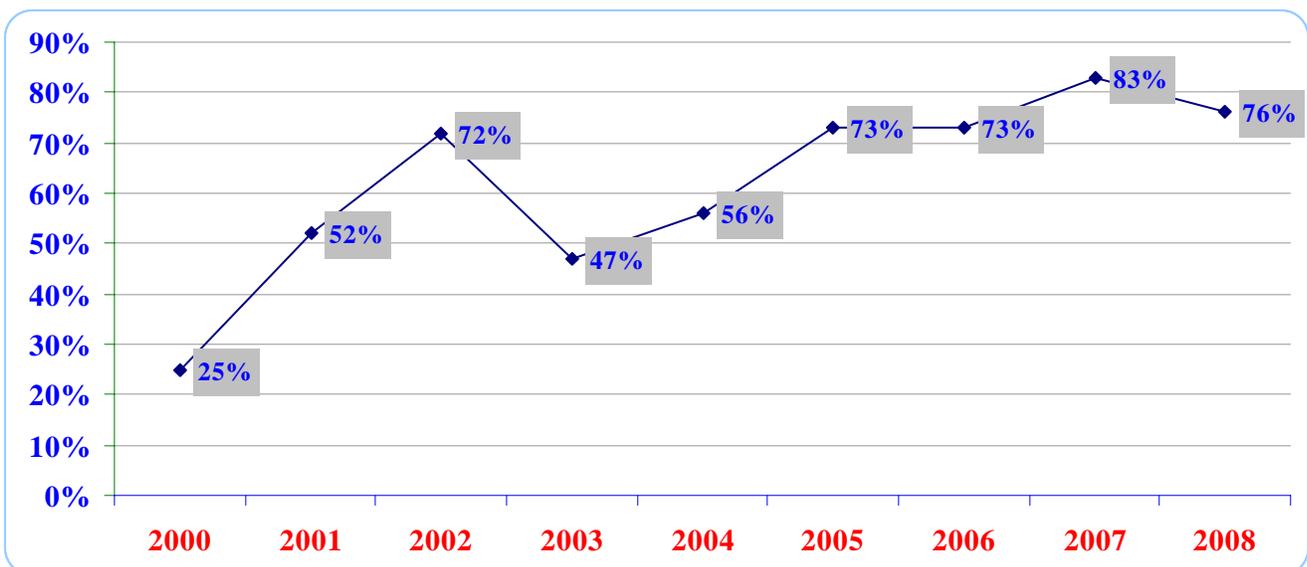


Child Passenger Safety Week (September 21-27, 2008)

The CNMI Department of Public Safety continues to enforce the child restraint and seat belt violation and continue to educate the community about the importance of seat belt use. Since this is the first time that the “Child Passenger Safety Week” been move from the month of February of each year to September 21-27, 2008. On September 15, 2008, Governor Benigno R. Fitial signed the proclamation proclaiming the *Saturday, September 20, 2008, as Seat Check Saturday and September 21-27, 2008, as Child Passenger Safety Week*. Several activities were planned to increase public awareness on child restraint on the different type or sizes. In planning for 2008, Child Passenger Safety Week campaign several activities that took place for this special event included Selective Traffic Law Enforcement (STLE), Child Restraint/ Seat Belt Checkpoint that were held at different locations, public service announcement (psa’s) on both am/fm radio station’s, distribution of promotional items such as t-shirts, back pack, stickers, bottle water, poster in regards to “4 Steps for Kids” to include advertising on our local magazine’s, Church NorthStar Bulletin, Electronic Signboard and posting of banner long the busy highways on Saipan, Tinian and Rota. This year, the usage rate for child restraint is went down to 76% usage rate compared to 2007 with 83%, more enforcement should be look into and education. Another Child Restraint survey plan to be conducted early part of next year 2009.



Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Child Restraint (Citation Issued)	286	166	81	66	118	91	103	32	10



2008 Child Passenger Safety Week



2008 Child Passenger Safety Week Proclamation Signing: Governor Benigno Fitial, DPS Commissioner Santiago Tudela and DPS Personnel

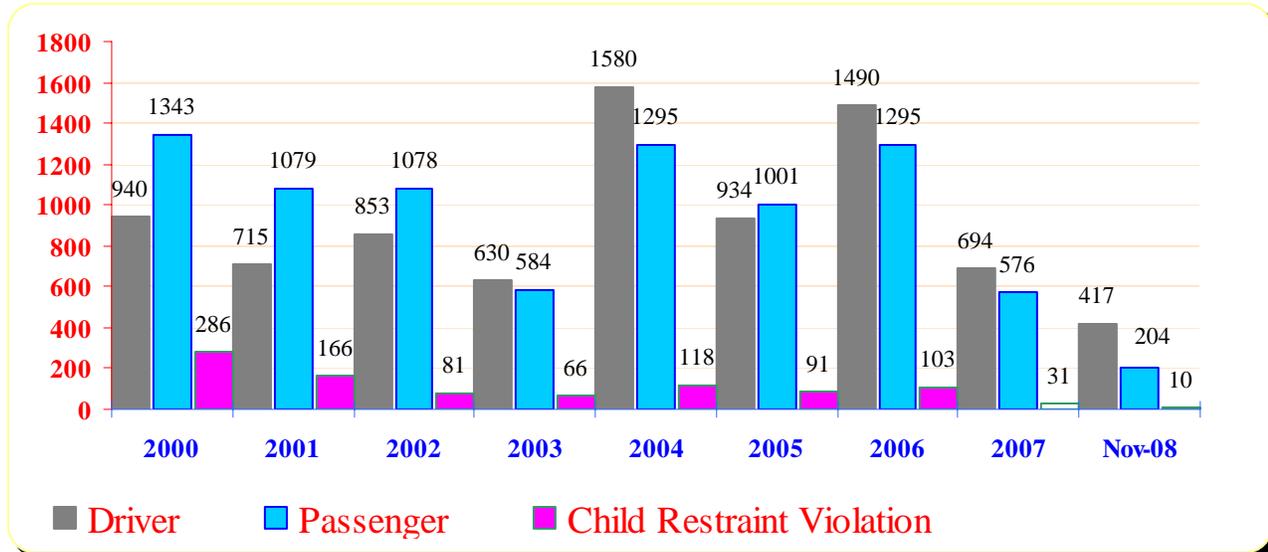


CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY WEEK
Gov. Benigno R. Fitial signs the proclamation declaring Sept. 20, as Seat Check Saturday and Sept. 21-27 as Child Passenger Safety Week while acting DPS Commissioner Santiago F. Tudela looks on at the governor's conference room on Capital Hill yesterday. The activity is in line with the department's mission to promote proper use of child safety seats to reduce death and serious injury among children in the CNMI. JACQUELINE HERNANDEZ

Saturday Car Seat Check, September 2008



Yearly Seat Belt Violations Citation Issued



4 Steps for Kids signboard banner & poster

4 STEPS FOR KIDS

REAR-FACING FORWARD-FACING BOOSTER SEAT BELT

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

www.boosterseat.com

www.dps.gov.mp
664-9120/9085

CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY WEEK
SEPTEMBER 21-27, 2008

4 STEPS FOR KIDS

REAR-FACING FORWARD-FACING BOOSTER SEAT BELT

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

STEP 1
Rear-Facing Child Seats
for children from birth to at least 20 pounds and at least one year of age.

STEP 2
Forward-Facing Child Seats
for children over 20 pounds and at least one year old to about 40 pounds and about age four.

STEP 3
Belt-Positioning booster Seats
for children from about 40 pounds to about 80 pounds and 4'9".

STEP 4
Seat Belts
for older children large enough for the belt to fit correctly at least 4'9" tall and about 80 pounds.

If you have any questions regarding car seats or would like to have your car seat inspected, please call **664-9084/85**

Department of Public Safety
www.boosterseat.gov
www.dps.gov.mp

2008 Child Passenger Safety Week Proclamation



CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY WEEK September 21-27, 2008 A Proclamation

WHEREAS, Saturday September 20, 2008, has been declared as C.N.M.I. National Seat Check Saturday; and

WHEREAS, September 21-27, 2008 has been declared National Child Passenger Safety Week; and

WHEREAS, all 50 states, the District of Colombia, Puerto Rico, and the United States Territories have enacted laws requiring the use of child passenger safety systems; and

WHEREAS, in 2006 an average of 5 children 14 and younger were killed and 640 children were injured in motor vehicle crashes every single day; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), while 98 percent of America's infants and 96 percent of children ages 1-3 are not regularly restrained, not enough children of all ages are restrained *properly* for their size and age; and

WHEREAS, only 37 percent of children ages 4-7 who should be using booster seats to protect them are actually *in* them, and this puts children at a unnecessary risk of being injured or killed in crashes because they are simply in the wrong restraint for their size; and

WHEREAS, according to the study by the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, children ages 4-7 who use booster seats are 59 percent less likely to be injured in car crashes than children who are restrained only by seatbelts; and

WHEREAS, the *4 Steps for kids* start at birth, with rear-facing child safety seats, a forward-facing child safety seat (when at the minimum age of 1 and at least 20 pounds), a booster seat (when around age 4 and at least 40 pounds), and finally an adult seat belt (when at age 8 or at least 4'9" tall); and

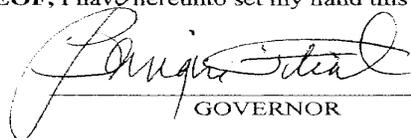
WHEREAS, the safest place for all children up to age 13 is in the back seat; and

WHEREAS, According to surveys conducted in the C.N.M.I. the usage of child passenger safety seats is at 39 % percent, this is much lower than the usage percent recorded on 2007, which was 82 percent; and

WHEREAS, National Seat Check Saturday, and Child Passenger Safety Week provide communities and organizations an opportunity to join together through public information, education, and enforcement efforts to work towards the correct use of safety seats and booster seats by focusing public attention on the life saving benefits that will help to significantly reduce death and serious injury to children in the C.N.M.I.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Benigno R. Fitial of the C.N.M.I. do hereby proclaim Saturday September 20, 2008 as *Seat Check Saturday* and September 21-27, 2008 as *Child Passenger Safety Week*.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 15th day of September, 2008.


GOVERNOR



Police Traffic Services

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

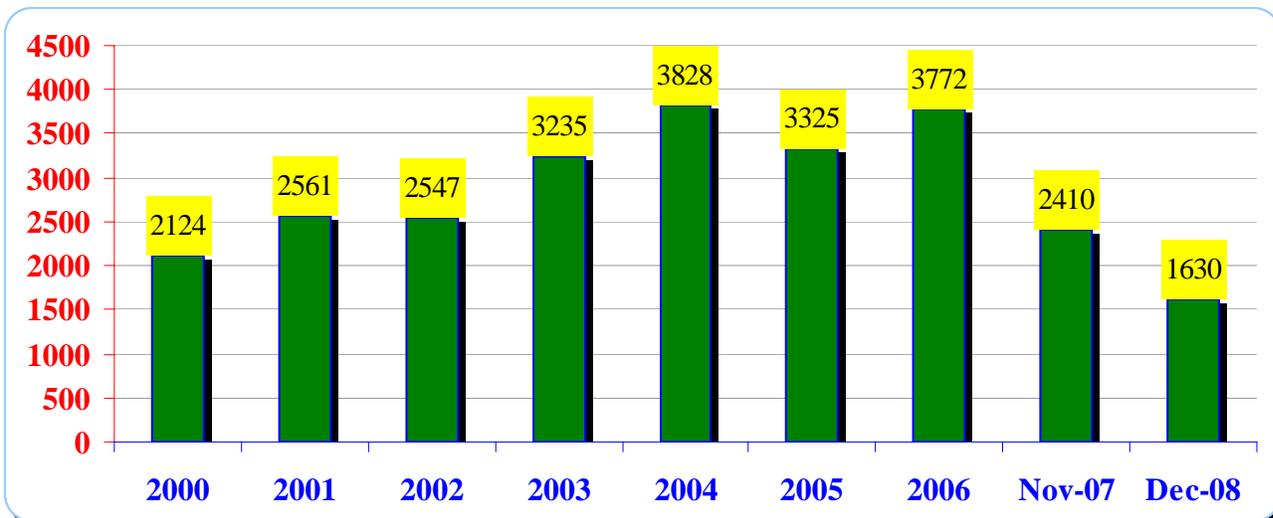


Advance Traffic Investigation Course conducted by IPTM June 16-27, 2008, on Saipan.

In 2008, the CNMI Department of Public Safety host training for the “Advance Traffic Investigation Course” conducted by the Institute of Police Technology and Management (IPTM) on Saipan, from June 16—27, 2008. Attendees were Police Officer’s from American Samoa (3), Guam (4) Rota (4), and Saipan (15), no attendee from DPS Tinian due to those Officer’s that attended the “Basic Traffic Investigation Course are no longer with Tinian DPS.

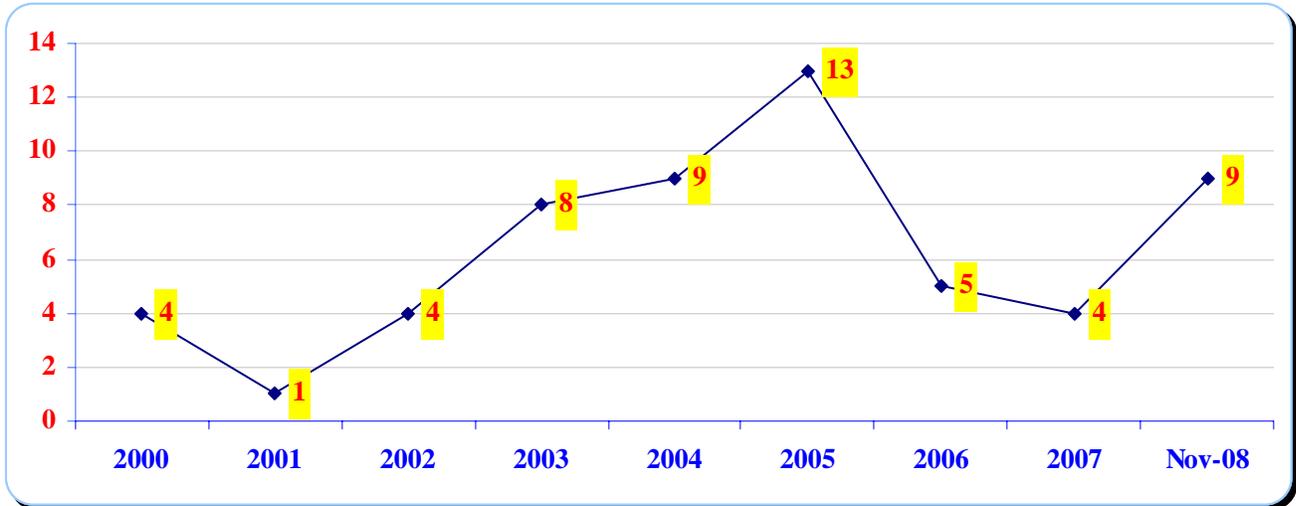
The Department of Public Safety continues to monitor and enforce traffic violations through Selective Traffic Law Enforcement (STLE), Laser Speed enforcement throughout the year. We continue to work closely with other government agencies in addressing problem highways and continue to enforce all problem drivers who are not following the “Rules of the Road”.

As of December 16, 2008, there were a total of 1630 traffic crashes reported compare to 2007 with 2410 recorded, (9) traffic fatalities, with (5) alcohol Involved in 2008. On November 16, 2008, at around 0206 hours three (3) traffic fatalities involved (all Filipino’s, (2) female and (1) male). On November 29, 2008, another traffic fatality occurred, this time, a passenger, a Korean female national was involved in speed and alcohol a as factor.



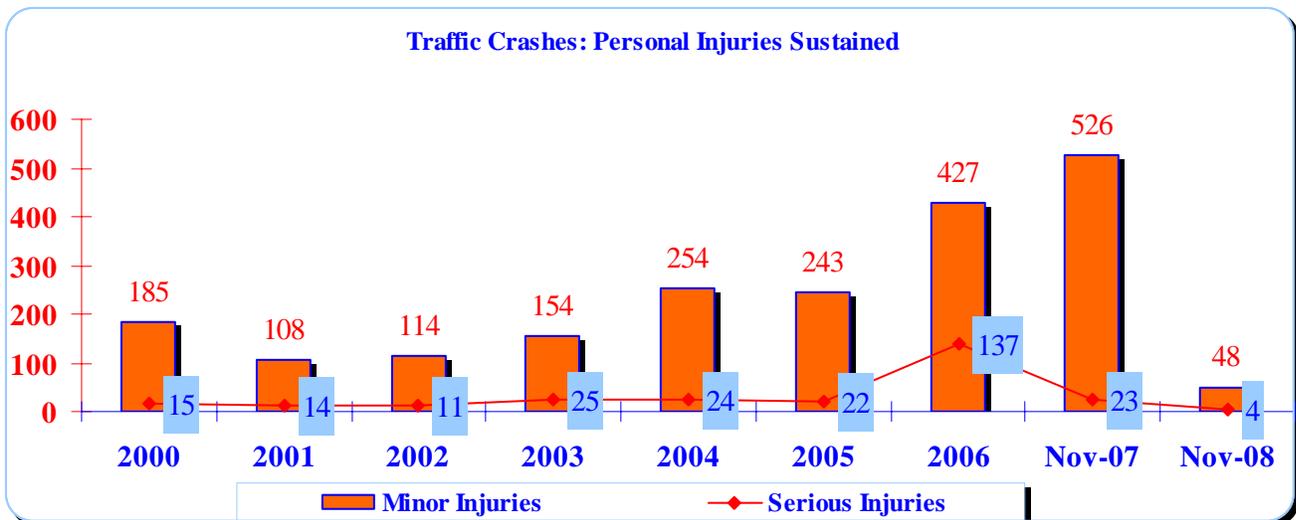


Total Traffic Fatalities



Traffic Crashes: Personal Injuries Sustained

The chart above illustrates a decrease in traffic fatalities as of November 2008 to eight (9) compared to 2007 with (4) fatalities, about 44% increase as of November 2008. The results of these fatalities were auto ran off fix object. The fatalities involved were ethnic groups from the Philippine and Korea residing on Saipan. Below chart show traffic crashes involving personal injuries 48 for minor and 4 for serious injuries recorded as of November 2008, a decrease from previous year's for Minor to 0.091% and decrease serious injuries of about 0.083%. As of November 2008, a total of (374) were cited for traffic violations using the Speed Measuring Device.



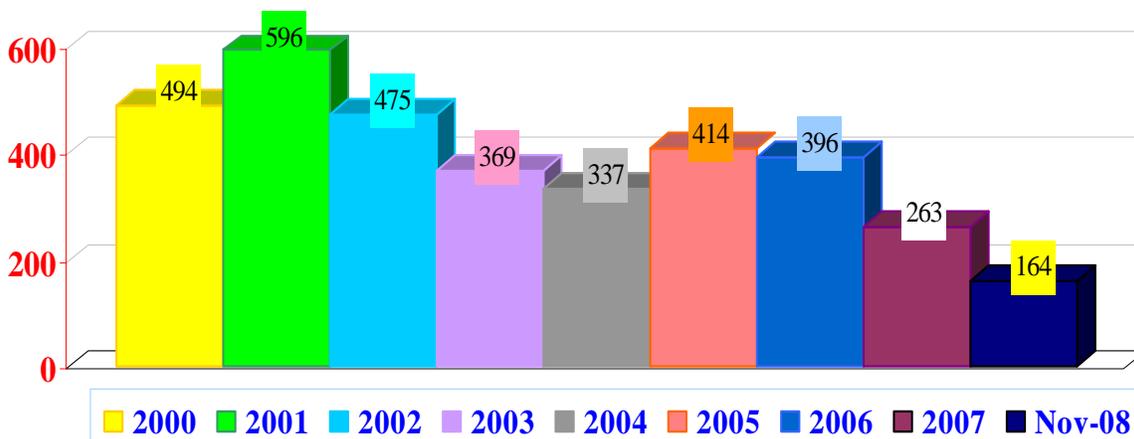


Alcohol and Other Drugs Countermeasures

In 2008, the CNMI Department of Public Safety continue to enforce and deter driving under the influence of alcohol. Most of the traffic fatalities recorded are those from other Asian's countries such as Philippines, Korean's and others from the Micronesia Islands. The data shows that the increase of DUI involved fatalities needs to be address especially on the enforcement efforts and public education and to closely work with the media to continue airing and our messages on highway safety alcohol related (detriments of drinking and driving) and to continue to work with the CNMI non-profit organization such as the "Baby Pedro Foundation", other government agencies and other community organizations residing in the CNMI to assist the problem. We will continue to put more attention as to what works in educating the community about the dangers of drinking and driving.

Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Nov 2008
No. DUI Arrests	494	596	475	375	337	414	396	283	164
DUI Involved Crash	89	117	110	117	111	86	108	86	40
DUI Involved Fatalities	2	0	1	5	7	6	1	1	5
Serious Injuries	2	1	2	4	9	3	0	2	2
Minor Injuries	18	8	20	12	65	50	99	57	2

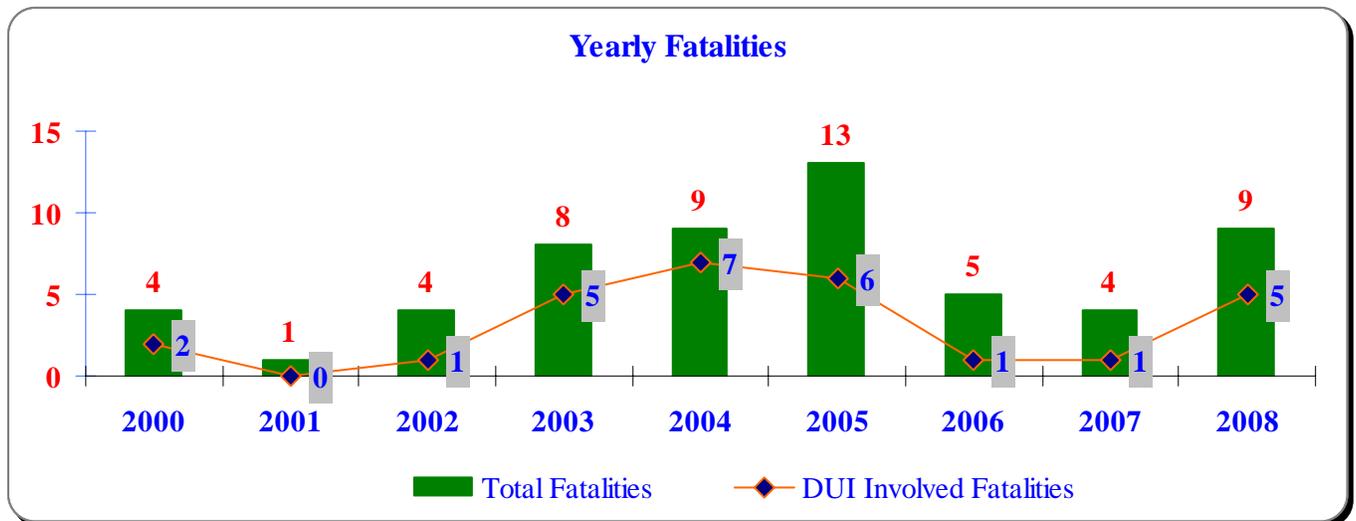
Number of DUI Arrests





Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol Statistic's:

From January to November 2008, the CNMI Department of Public Safety arrested (164) DUI and recorded (5) DUI fatalities as of November 2008. The number of DUI involved traffic crashes shows (40) reported with (2) serious and (2) minor injuries sustained alcohol involved DUI crash. In 2008, the number of DUI arrests show a reduction of about .58% and increase in traffic DUI fatalities to about (.2%). The number of Juvenile under the age (21) involved DUI in 2007 shows (20) from ages 16-18 and (17) from age 19-20, no data available as of November 2008, also in 2008, the CNMI conducted (26) DUI Sobriety Checkpoint.



DUI Poster shooting with Police Officer John Cabrera and Sobriety Checkpoint Operation

December 2008, CNMI Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention (3D) Month



The month long activities/campaign such as proclamation signing, 3D Kick-off, school presentation, Santa Claus school visit, designated driver program, checkpoint, selective traffic law enforcement, erecting of 8ft X 8ft vinyl signboard (*Drunk Driving Over the Limit Under Arrest. Designate a sober driver*) at different location's were part of the 2008 planning committee preparation chair by Police Officer Eric David from Traffic/DUI Section and other committee members consisting from DPS/Fire and the Chair for the Non-profit Organization "Baby Pedro Foundation".



Governor Benigno Fitial signing the 2008 Drunk Driving (3D) proclamation with the Commissioner of Public Safety, 2008 3D Chairman, Father Jesse Reyes and representative from Tinian DPS

As part of the activities, DUI Checkpoint and Saturation Patrol were being conducted but were limited due to overtime pay and manpower problems encountered. Every year, the 3D activities starts before Thanksgiving Holiday, scheduled signing of proclamation again was on Wednesday, November 26, 2008, Governor Benigno Fitial signed the proclamation with the presence of the Commissioner of Public Safety, Father Jesse Reyes, (DPS Chaplin), DPS Tinian representative's and other government agencies, private businesses and DPS/Fire Cadets and other DPS/Fire personnel were presence to witness the signing. The signing of the proclamation held at the Department of Public Safety Palapala or Coconut Hut Building at the main Station.



2008 Sobriety Checkpoint Operation throughout December Month



2008 December 3D Month Con't

In 2008, as part of the December 3D activities Santa Claus school visit will be on schedule for Saipan, Tinian and Rota due to low donation of candies to accommodate all the schools. Santa Claus was made available for those schools that had candies available for distribution and also accommodate government agencies private businesses Christmas parties and at the same time giving a short speech about the danger of drinking and driving. For deterrence on drunk driver Sobriety Checkpoints were conducted every weekend starting from Thanksgiving Holiday throughout the first week of January 2009. Again, the DUI Checkpoint operation is limited due to the result of manpower and overtime reduction. The designated driver program was made possible by volunteer's from the community to assist during the weekend/holiday in December and during the New Year's celebration. There were (25) Designated Driver volunteer's participated in the program. Again with the assistance and support from Baby Pedro Foundation (a non-profit) letters were sent out to some private businesses asking for car rentals for donation as well as other private businesses on radios and cell phones to be utilize by the designated drivers during their scheduled activity. Please see newsclip below from one of the vendor (iConnect)



iConnect donates 10 phones to DPS

iConnect is once again partnering with the CNMI Department of Public Safety in its efforts to bring awareness to the public about the dangers of driving under the influence during the Holiday Season.

iConnect has donated 10 push-to-talk/cellular phones for DPS to use during their education and enforcement efforts during this time. DPS will use the units while

conducting sobriety checkpoints and deploying designated drivers throughout the holiday season.

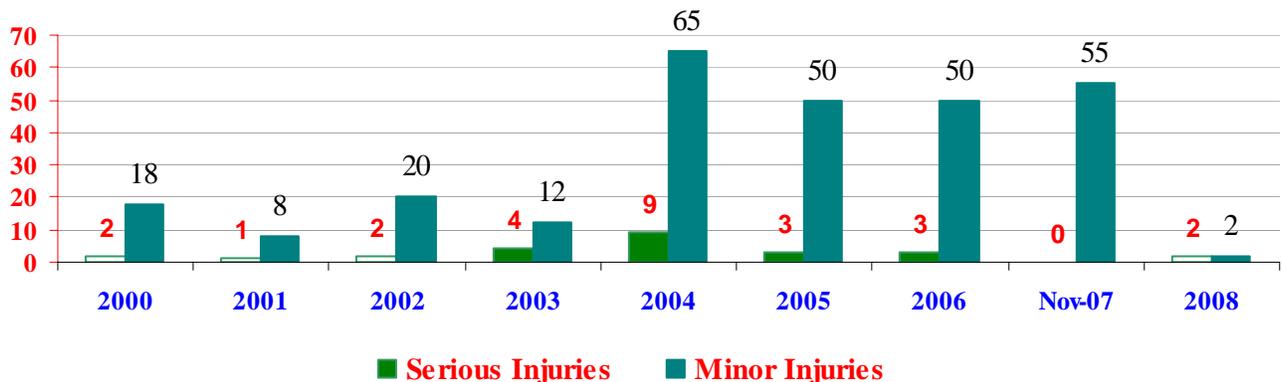
iConnect and DPS would like to remind everyone to have a fun holiday season but if you've had too much to drink, have a designated driver on hand to drive you home or call DPS and they'll come pick you and give you a ride home. If you'd like to

know more about the program call Leiann Ogomuro at DPS 664-9135. (PR)

From left, Hans Mickelson, iConnect general manager; Ivy Manalo, iConnect customer service; Officer J.J. Cabrera, iConnect customer service Tina Paragados, and 3D chair Officer Eric David.



DUI Involved Personal Injuries





2008 December 3D Month Campaign

CLICK IT OR TICKET DAY & NIGHT

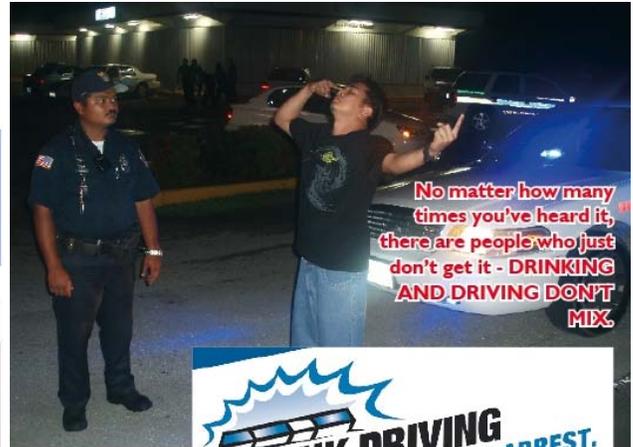
CLICK IT OR TICKET

4 STEPS FOR KIDS

- 1 REAR-FACING
- 2 FORWARD-FACING
- 3 BOOSTER
- 4 SEAT BELT

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

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

WHAT THAT LAST DRINK CAN COST YOU:

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

Fee based on costs from various locations



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2008 December Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention (3D) Month "Proclamation"



CNMI DRUNK and DRUGGED DRIVING PREVENTION MONTH December 2008

A Proclamation

Each December we turn our attention to the problem of drunk driving by observing National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month. Though the holidays bring joy in celebrations with family and friends, they also bring a tragic increase in the incidence of impaired driving. This season, I ask each resident and visitor of the Commonwealth to avoid driving while under the influence of alcohol or drugs, to help stop others from driving in an impaired condition, and to increase community awareness about these issues.

In 2007, 41,059 people nationwide were killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes. Alcohol-impaired driving accounted for 32 percent of the motor vehicle traffic fatalities. In 2007, 12,998 people were killed in alcohol-impaired driving crashes that involved a driver or motorcycle rider (operator) with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 or above Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) compared with 13,491 in 2006. During the month of December, 3,235 people were killed in crashes on America's roadways in 2007. Of that number, 992 people were killed in crashes that involved driver or motorcycle rider (operator) with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 or higher.

Beginning January to October 2008, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) recorded (98) DUI arrests in Saipan, (0) in Tinian, and (4) in Rota. Saipan recorded (1) related fatality.

Every person should reaffirm his or her personal responsibility to drive free of the influence of alcohol or drugs and to prevent others from driving under that same influence. We must promote practices such as designing a sober driver, stopping impaired family members and friends from getting behind the wheel, reporting impaired drivers to law enforcement officials and teaching our young people safe, alcohol and drug-free behavior.

We should also promote coordinated public policies and citizen campaigns against drunk and drugged driving in our communities. One example is our Department of Public Safety's "Drunk Driving Over the Limit Under Arrest, Buzzed Driving is Drunk Driving and Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk" campaign. This local coalition of community private, government and law enforcement organizations will increase public awareness of the hazards of impaired driving. Their message warns of the criminal penalties for impaired driving, including imprisonment and the loss of license, vehicle, time from work and money in fines and court costs.

As we celebrate the joyous holiday seasons, we can help save lives by preventing impaired driving. In order to ensure the safety of our roads for all travelers, we must continue to fight drunk and drugged driving throughout the year.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Benigno R. Fitial, Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, do hereby proclaim December 2008 as CNMI DRUNK AND DRUGGED DRIVING PREVENTION MONTH. I call upon our community and leaders to join the National Holiday Lifesavers Mobilization sponsored by the "Drunk Driving Over the Limit Under Arrests" campaign. I urge everyone to remember the hazards of impaired driving and to become involved in fighting this dangerous problem.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 26th day of November, 2008.

Benigno R. Fitial



Emergency Medical Services Overview

The Department of Public Safety-Fire Division, Office of EMS/Rescue Section continues to provide training and certification for EMS/Rescue personnel in EMT-Basic, BLS for Healthcare Providers, and other specialized prehospital training for EMS/Rescue personnel in the islands of Saipan, Rota, and Tinian. Currently, there is a total of 101 EMS/Rescue personnel between the three islands and 71 of those needs to be recertified in EMT-Basic. Presently, there is still only one EMT-Basic instructor from the Saipan and none from Rota and Tinian. Additionally, we have lost 4 of the 8 BLS for Healthcare Provider instructors due to resignations and deployment to active duty in the U.S. Army Reserves. The lack of local funding to recruit and retain EMS instructors at all levels to include not having sufficient instructional materials and equipment has continued to place a tremendous burden on existing instructor resources. Obtaining additional EMT-Basic and BLS for Healthcare Provider instructors between the three islands will continue

to improve and sustain the quality of training and education being conducted to EMS/Rescue personnel in responding to motor vehicle crashes or traffic related injuries. The Office of EMS/Rescue Section needs to maintain at least 4 EMT-Basic and 10 BLS for Healthcare Provider instructors between the three islands to adequately address this shortage.

In order effectively achieve this; we need to bring EMS instructors from the U.S. Mainland to facilitate this process. As a part of this process, we will also seek national certification through the National Registry of EMTs to demonstrate the minimum level of competency as compared to other providers in this profession.



2008 EMS Week proclamation signing at the Governor's Conference Room with Governor Benigno Fitial, former DPS Commissioner Clyde Norita, DPS personnel and other government agencies.

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The goal is to achieve at least an 80% pass ratio on the initial certification exam taken by EMS/Rescue personnel. Having well trained and competent EMT-Basics to respond to motor vehicle crashes that deal with critical and dangerous situations or treat seriously injured victims from traffic related incidents requires continuous EMS professional education, training, and certification. EMT-Basic and BLS for Healthcare Provider is the minimum certification and staffing requirement to work on the ambulance or rescue unit for the Fire Division. EMT-Basic is conducted in accordance to the U.S. Department of Transportation-National Standard Curriculum and BLS for Healthcare Provider is conducted in accordance to the American Heart Association Emergency Cardiac Care Guidelines with a minimum of 110 and 8 hours respectively which includes didactic, clinical, and field evaluations.

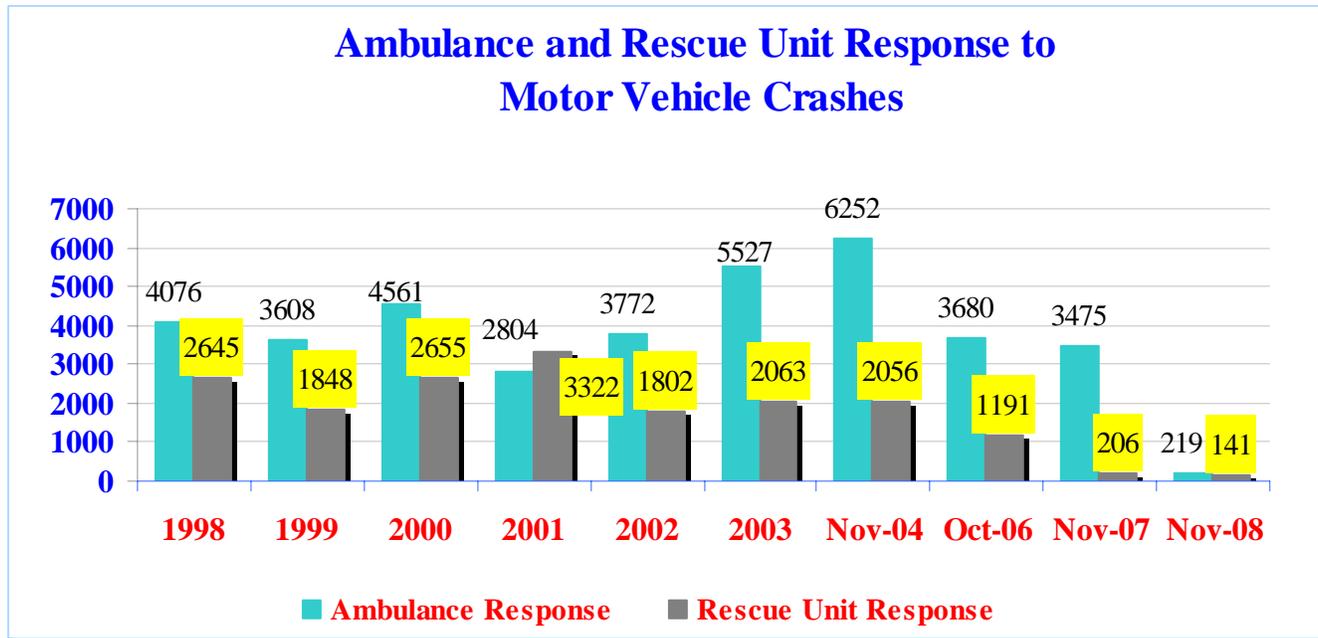
The Department of Public Safety-Fire Division, Office of EMS/Rescue Section needs to continue the on-the-job training in the island of Saipan for EMS/Rescue personnel from the islands of Rota and Tinian. This training program allows those personnel to be proficient in their knowledge and skills as it relates to motor vehicle crashes or traffic related injuries. The experience gained by this opportunity far exceeds expectations. Statistics continue to show that emergency response to motor vehicle crashes in these areas are still far less than Saipan and that they have higher traffic fatality outcomes because of prolonged response times due to their more rural settings which result in a less successful disability rehabilitation post-injury. Definitive care for even rapidly extricated trapped victims for immediate transport goes to the only healthcare facility in Saipan until they are stabilized for medical evacuation to Guam, Hawaii, the U.S. Mainland, or other places. Motor vehicle crashes or traffic related injuries are still a common occurrence in Saipan and EMS/Rescue personnel frequently respond to these calls often involving critical situations requiring the use of the “jaws of life” equipment to extricate a trapped victim in a motor vehicle or treat seriously injured patients from traffic related crashes.



**NATIONAL
EMERGENCY
MEDICAL
SERVICES
WEEK**



Ambulance /Rescue Unit Response (chart)



Maintaining an on-the-job training program for EMS/Rescue personnel from the islands of Rota and Tinian will definitely enhance their EMT knowledge and skills when responding to these incidents and provide them with the necessary “hands-on” tools and experience needed in achieving better patient outcomes within their EMS systems. Of the 101 EMS/Rescue personnel, 11 are from Tinian and 8 are from Rota. The on-the-job training program will be conducted on a rotational basis until all EMS/Rescue personnel from these areas have completed the program. Furthermore, EMS/Rescue personnel from Saipan will continue to use this opportunity to network with their peers in Rota and Tinian while their counterparts undergo the on-the-job training in Saipan as part of an exchange program. The on-the-job training and exchange program will be maintained between the three islands which assist the department in mitigating overtime and backfill of EMS/Rescue personnel.

The Department of Public Safety-Fire Division, Office of EMS/Rescue Section has successfully conducted annual public education campaigns in the CNMI for over 15 years. We have partnered with other government agencies, non-profit organizations, and private businesses to provide innovative and alternative public education programs as it relates to motor vehicle crashes or traffic related injuries to the communities, citizens, and visitors in the islands of Saipan, Rota, and Tinian to reduce the need for emergency medical services to these incidents. Although we have been successful in these endeavors, continuity of these public education campaigns are crucial to preventing and reducing motor vehicle crashes or traffic related injuries by keeping the public informed and educated on these issues.



Emergency Medical Services Overview

Campaigns such as EMS Week, Heartsaver CPR, Make The Right Call, Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month, Click It or Ticket, Child Passenger Safety Month, Police Week, Recreational Boating Safety Month, and other highly successful campaigns will be conducted throughout the year. This brings attention and participation of the different ethnic groups here in the CNMI by encouraging them to become a “partner for life” by contributing to public service as part of their civic duties to prevent injuries, reduce illness, and ultimately save more lives. The Office of EMS/Rescue Section will collect and maintain data from target audiences in the community involving motor vehicle crashes or traffic related injuries and work with other programs within our department such as the police, traffic, and motor carrier sections in combining our efforts to more effectively address this issue that continues to affect our communities.

The geographic location of the CNMI from the U.S. Mainland or even Guam and Hawaii and the physical separation between the islands of Saipan, Rota, and Tinian will continue to make it difficult for EMS professionals in the CNMI EMS System to network and share information with other EMS systems and professionals nationally and even between the islands. Although communication has improved with internet access, the lack of direct and interoperable communications and almost non-existing and costly distance learning access has made it even more challenging to address the issue of professional development and system monitoring. Cutting-edge research in medicine continues to produce new and best practices and innovative technologies that affect prehospital patient care in responding to and transporting from motor vehicle crashes which makes it imperative that we keep abreast in the latest issues and developments in EMS in order to be a competitive force in this industry due to its ever-changing nature. Involvement in EMS associations or organizations at the national level has proven beneficial in that the critical needs of the CNMI EMS System is well received and taken into consideration when new legislation is introduced that includes funding from federal agencies in the form of grants or technical assistance whereas the needs of the CNMI are funded based upon our population and not on the lack of critical resources at all levels. Furthermore, EMS professionals from the CNMI rarely get the opportunity to communicate or network with their peers in the CNMI let alone from Guam, Hawaii, and the U.S. Mainland due to lack of local funds to provide for such opportunities. In addition, the involvement of the state EMS office in Saipan between the more rural islands of Rota and Tinian is minimal due to a lack of interaction between our agencies primarily because of the lack of local funding to provide for direct inter-office communication and system monitoring in addressing response times, scene times, and transport times.



Emergency Medical Services Overview

Participation at annual meetings or conferences at EMS associations or organizations involved in the decision-making process towards national or federal policies that affects federal funding, training and education, and national certification has proven beneficial although a lot more still needs to be done. Providing an incentive program to EMS professionals here in the CNMI by allowing them the opportunity to attend nationally sponsored conferences, training, or workshops will broaden their horizons and see first-hand how other EMS systems function and more importantly improved patient care outcomes from motor vehicle crashes or other intentional or unintentional injuries.

2008 EMS Awareness Week Proclamation



EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK May 18–24, 2008

“Extraordinary People, Extraordinary Service”

A Proclamation

WHEREAS, emergency medical services is a vital public service; and

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

WHEREAS, the CNMI Emergency Medical Services team responded to a total number of 4,230 EMS calls in 2007; and

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

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

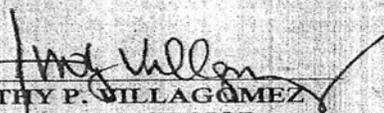
WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIMOTHY P. VILLAGOMEZ, Acting Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth, do hereby proclaim the week of **May 18–24, 2008**, as **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK**.

With the theme, *“Extraordinary People, Extraordinary Service”*, I encourage the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 25th day of April 2008.


TIMOTHY P. VILLAGOMEZ
ACTING GOVERNOR

Advertising-PM



The paid advertisement funding continued to be utilize for printing of educational materials and promotional materials on highway safety realted that were being use to promo the highway safety campaign throughout the calendar year. This campaign or projects such as annual "Click It or Ticket" National Enforcement Mobilization, in May/June, fourth of July celebration, Drunk Driving Over the Limit National Enforcement Mobilization in August/September, Child Passenger Safety Week in September and during the December 3D Month campaign.

As we mentioned in the past year's, we continued to work hand in hand with the Radio Station's for both am/fm in airing our highway safety tips as a public service announcement (PSA's) on seat belt (Click It or Ticket, Child Passenger Safety Week and Drunk Driving Over the Limit).

The local newspaper's and magazines play a major role in publication of our highway safety messages which distributes copies to Saipan, Tinian and Rota. Efforts to reach out the community through expanding our public information and education through the two (2) Electronic Messages Board that runs our highway safety message for the driver's and passenger's awareness. This electronic message board were also link to different location on such as the restaurant's, and other meeting places as well.



CNMI Highway Safety Programs

Performance Goals & Objectives

Occupant Protection

Child Restraint & Occupant Protection

The CNMI Department of Public Safety continues to work hard and focus more attention on highway safety related issues, with the limited manpower resources for continuation of enforcement on seat belt violations on Saipan, Tinian and Rota, the needs to continue addressing the problem as well as public information and education should be kept as one of the Department top priority.

Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	5 yrs Avg	2008	% Change 2007 vs 2008	% Change 5yr avg vs. 2008
Child Restraint Survey	25%	52%	72%	47%	56%	73%	83%	82%	68%	76%	.93%	89.5%
Occupant Protection Survey	97%	97%	96%	87%	90%	90%	91%	92%	90%	90%	.98%	100%

The seat belt usage rate percentage decreased from 82% to 76% in 2008, this is about (92.68%) percent decrease. However, in comparing the five year's average it shows that every year the usage rate decrease and our goals to increase to 85% in 2009.

For seat belt usage rate, the survey shows (90%) restraint also decrease of about (.98%). As of November of 2008 the CNMI Department of Public Safety conducted (18) child restraint and seat belt Checkpoints and (2) Courtesy Inspection.

Police Traffic Services

Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	5 yrs Avg	2008	% Change 2007 vs. 2008	% Change 5yr avg vs. 2008
Total Traffic Crashes Reported	2124	2561	2533	3246	3828	3325	3772	2615	57	1630	-.62%	-0.035%
Total Traffic Fatalities	4	1	4	8	9	13	5	4	7.8	9	+0.44%	+0.87%

As we did mentioned in the past year's, again, the shortage of manpower (Police Officer's) the needs to increase Police Officer's on the streets is in demand to expose or to deter and enforce traffic violations since there is an increase of registered vehicle's and driver's on the street especially on Saipan.

We continue to works closely with Patrol and Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) to continue enforce traffic violations, to assist on public information and education program so that the driver's or motorists can be more educated on traffic safety in the CNMI. Also, the need of Officer's training on traffic related matters needs to continue in order for the Officer's to update their knowledge in dealing with traffic related matters. The large number of traffic crashes involved different ethnic groups residing in the CNMI and tourists from other countries.

CNMI Highway Safety Programs *Performance Goals & Objectives*

Alcohol and Other Drugs Countermeasures

Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	5 Yrs Avg	2008	% Change 2007 vs. 2008	% Change 5yr avg vs. 2008
DUI Arrest	494	596	475	375	337	414	396	283	61	164	-.58%	-.37%
DUI Fatalities	2	0	1	5	7	6	1	1	4	5	+0.2%	+0.8%

As mentioned, the Department of Public Safety demand to increase manpower is long over due. This depleted was through retirement and resignation of law enforcement officer's. Presently, planned to increase DUI enforcement officer's is in place to cover the entire island of about 61,000 population on the island of Saipan which is all the fatalities occur on Saipan.

The Department of Public Safety on Saipan, Tinian and Rota continue to put efforts with its limited resources to enforce DUI related violations and utilized some of the funding on DUI education by printing educational materials that were distributed during the checkpoint and display. The plan is to add additional 8ft X 8ft signboards at different location on Saipan, Tinian and Rota. The signboard will be use for our annual campaign on highway safety. As of November 2008, the CNMI Department of Public Safety conducted (26) Sobriety Checkpoint.

We continue to work closely with the media especially with radio station's both am/fm in broadcasting our highway safety messages hourly and during hourly traffic report to remind the listeners about the danger of drinking and driving to include seat belt and Emergency Medical Services safety tips. We will update or produce new T.V. commercial on DUI to alternate the old DUI commercial that were played during the mobilization period, fourth of July celebration and during December 3D month campaign.

Performance and Corrective Measures:

Occupant Protection:

- Continue to support and put more attention on highway safety programs with the acknowledgment of the Commissioner of Public Safety and the Resident Directors of Tinian and Rota.
- Continue our enforcement efforts on Occupant Protection programs
- Continue to provide education and awareness on seat belt through local newspapers, magazines and produce NEW 25/30 seconds seat belt T.V commercial.
- Continue to conduct Car Seat/Seat Belt Checkpoint, and conduct Courtesy Inspection.
- Continue to provide incentives (Promotional items) during annual awareness week.
- Continue to provide public awareness for driver's or motorists on seat belt information on 8ft X 8ft vinyl signboard posted along the major intersection's on Saipan, Tinian and Rota.

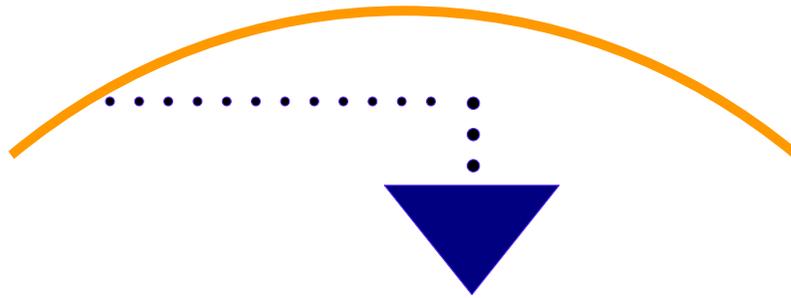
Police Traffic Services:

- Continue to work together with the Department of Public Works in addressing problem highways and the Bureau of Motor Vehicles since there is a new law in place for driver education
- Continue our enforcement efforts, enforcing traffic violation, work on our pedestrian problems and address those problems through the traffic engineering at the Department of Public Works.
- Continue to work closely with other government agencies and private businesses on our education on traffic safety at schools, community meetings and through local annual events.
- Continue our Laser Speed enforcement, Selective Traffic Law Enforcement (STLE), and to seek the support and approval of the supervisor or ranking Officer's from the department (DPS) to increase manpower in patrolling the streets to prevent, deter, and reduce traffic crashes injuries and/or fatalities.

Alcohol and Other Drugs Countermeasures (AL):

- Assess our current DUI arrests and fatalities that occur each year, need to look into putting more Police Officers on the street during evening hours and on weekends. To work hard in reducing the number of DUI arrests and to maintain or to zero out the fatality which occurs each year.
- Continue to enforce all DUI related violations, and to conduct Sobriety Checkpoints, and Highway Criminal Interdiction.
- Continue to request for additional manpower for Traffic/DUI Section to assist in enforcing traffic DUI violations.
- Continue to work closely with the media on our DUI education, and prevention messages on DUI.

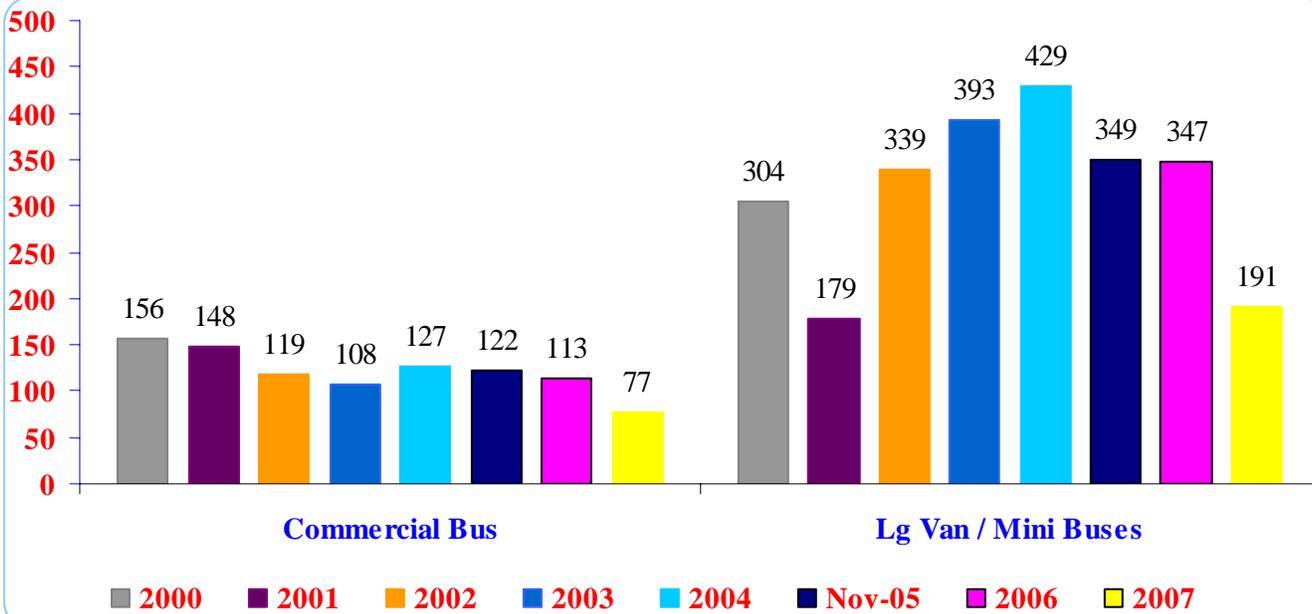
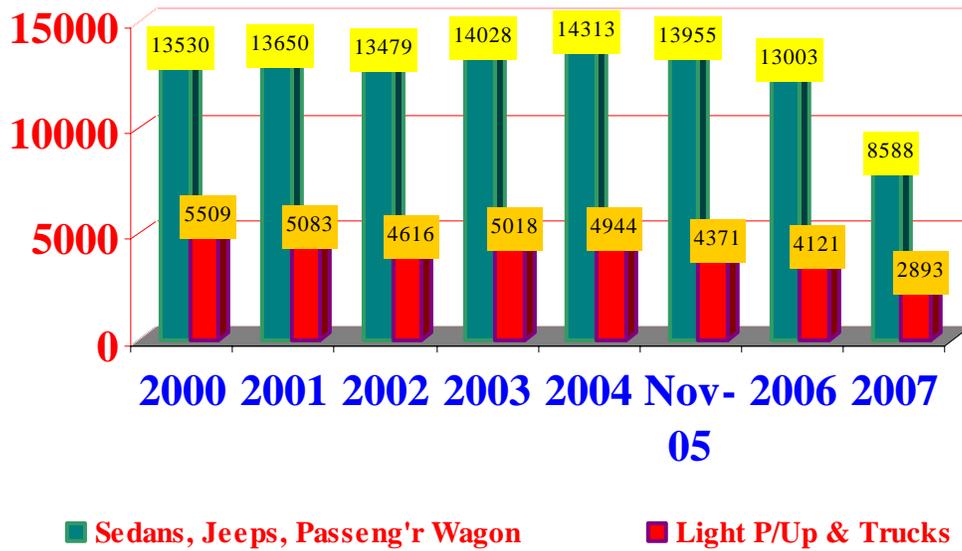
* Lastly, continue working with the CNMI Safe & Sober/Baby Pedro Foundation on all CNMI highway Safety programs necessities in preventing traffic/DUI fatality or serious injuries on our highways.



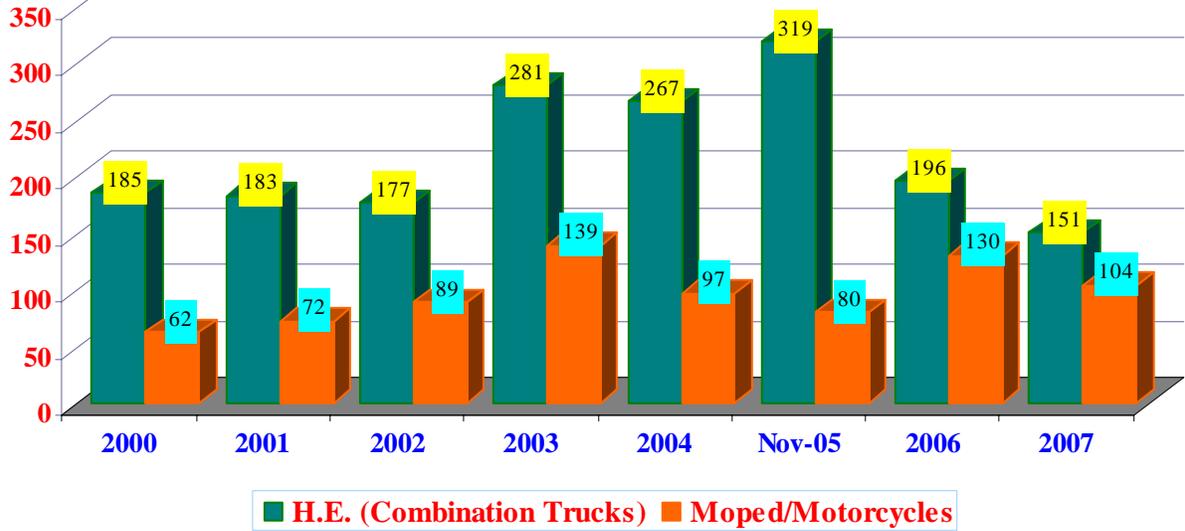
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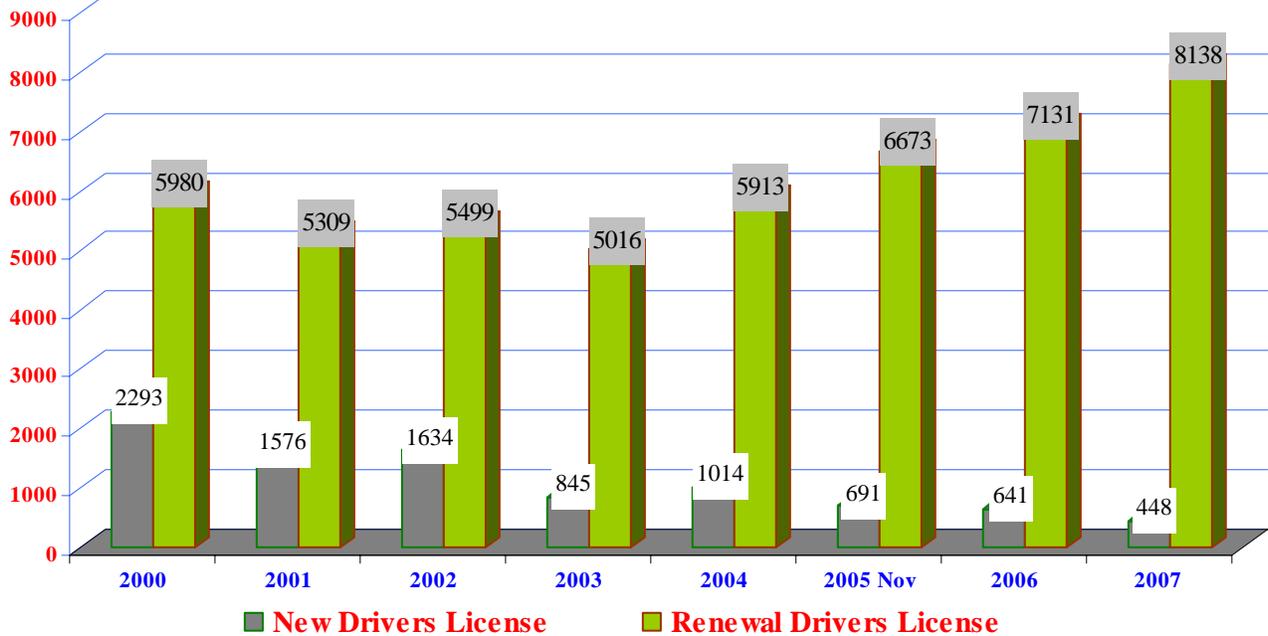
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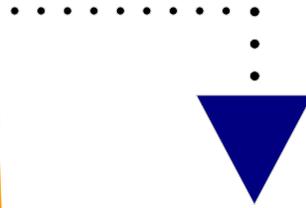


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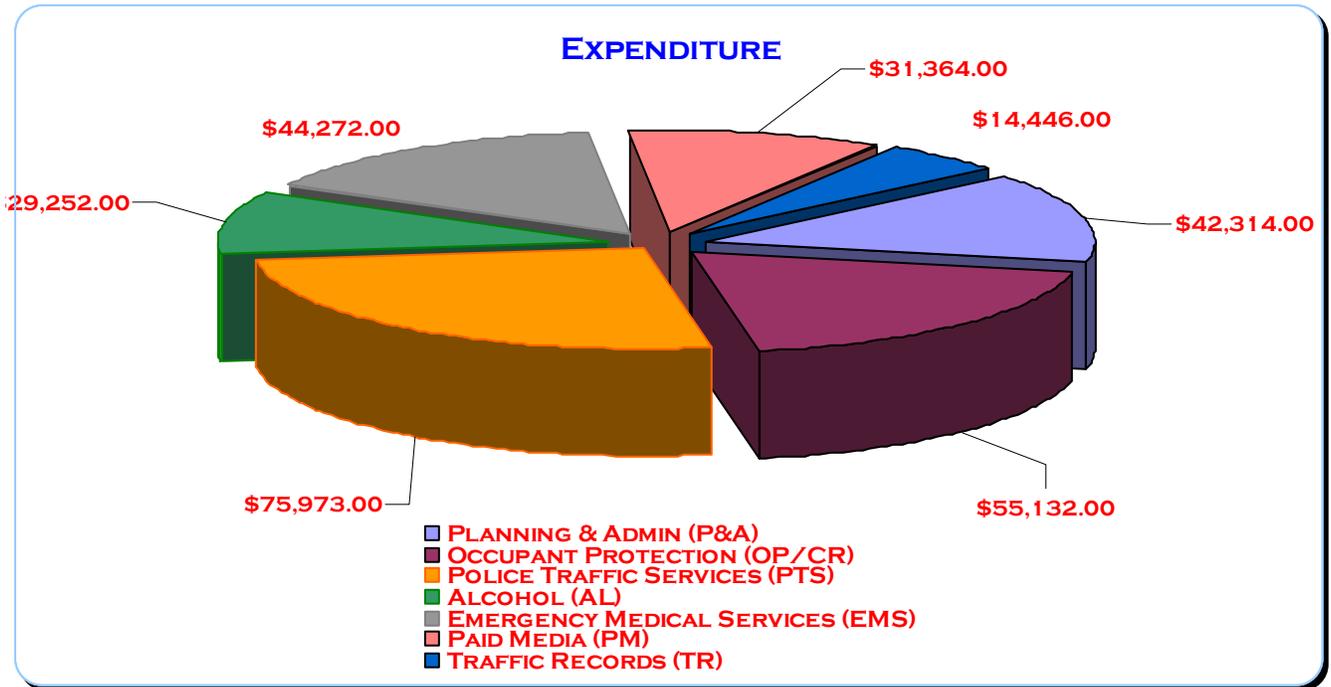
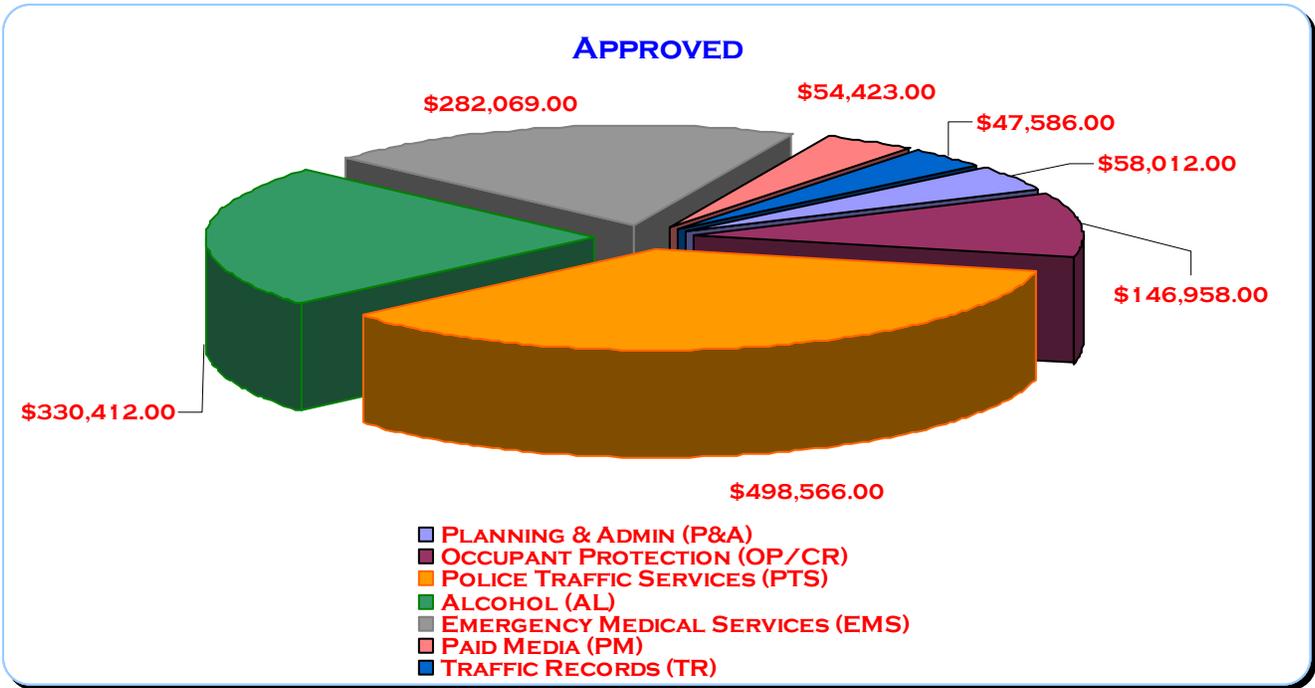
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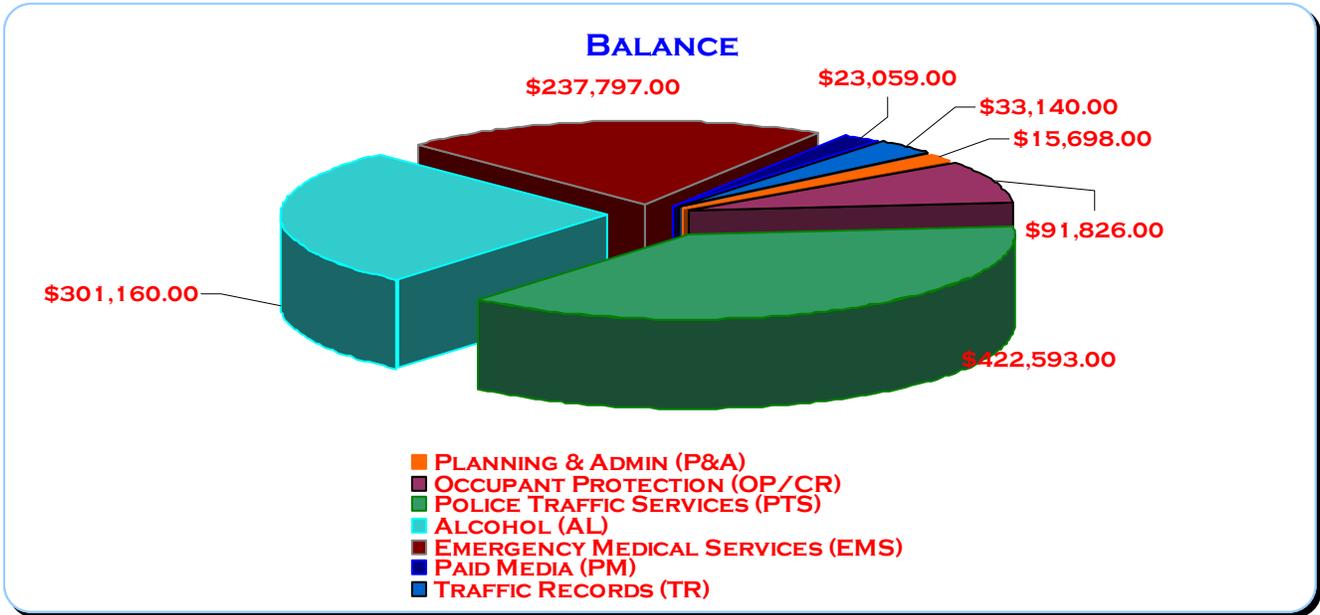
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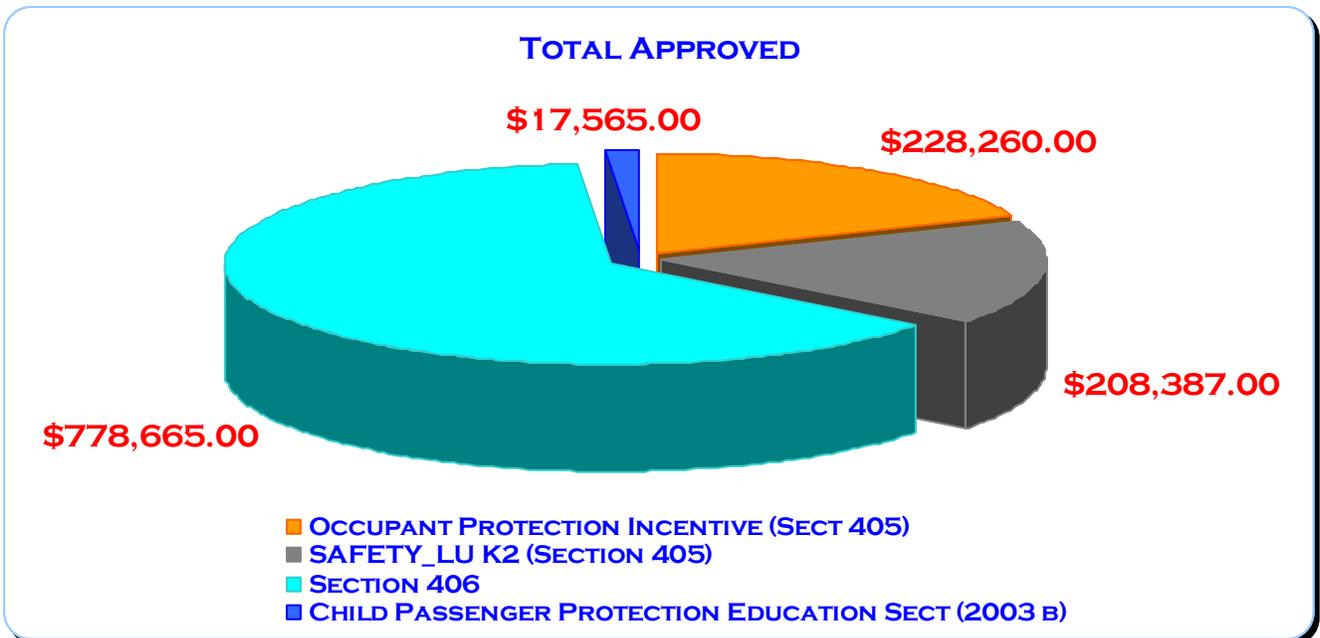
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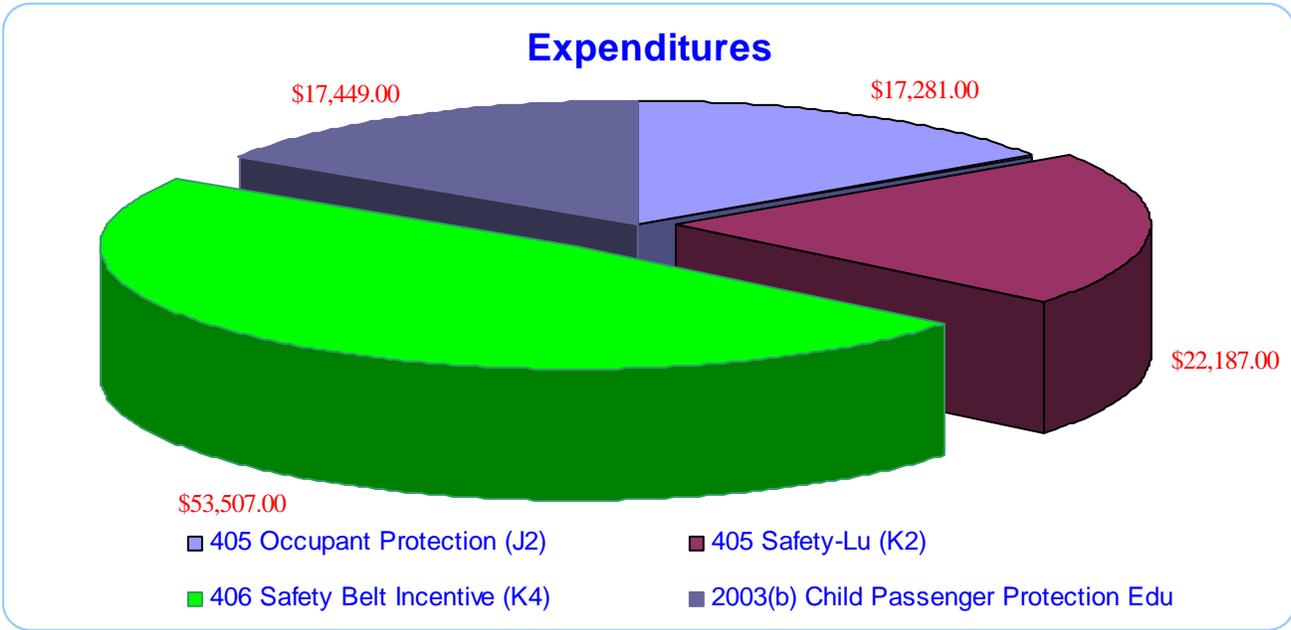
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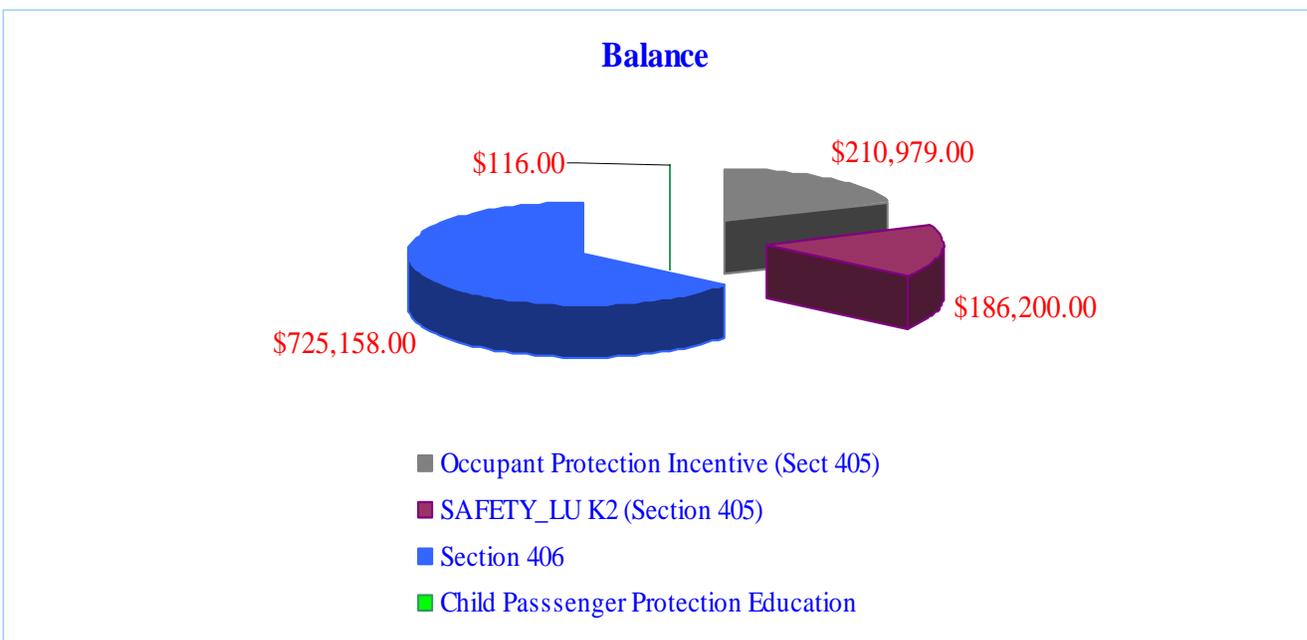
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Section 408 State Traffic Information System

