

Annual Report Submission Form

Highlights Report

The Department of Public Safety is consisted of four (4) divisions and mandated to enforce State, National and municipal ordinances by preventing the commission of crimes, conservation laws, serve court processes, incarcerate and rehabilitate prisoners, respond to emergencies (fire, medical emergencies, disasters) and coordinated search and rescue operations. The Department of Public Safety employed at total of 132 officers and none sworn officers of which 9 are female with 2 sworn officers. The breakdown of manpower is as outline below:

- The Directors Office employs 2 admin officers (AO & AAO) and a mechanic.
- The Division of Police & Security employs 77 Police officers including 2 office clerks.
- Division of Correction & Rehabilitation employs 20 Correction officers with 2 cook and 1 clerk
- The Division of Fish & Wildlife employs 8 Conservation officers
- The Division of Fire & Emergency Services employs 13 firefighters

Operation:

The Department of Public Safety, mainly the Division of Police & Security, Division of Correction and Rehabilitation and the Division of Fire & Emergency Services operates on a 24/7 rotational work schedule while the Division of Fish & Wildlife, on occasions, work night time to carry out special operations on the MPA.

The table below account for activities undertaken in FY21 for all divisions which includes Division of Fish & Wildlife:

For ease of reading, the activities were inserted in a table and outline/bullet form format.

Our Mission: Serve and Protect the people of Pohnpei

Vision: Well-trained, well-resourced agency providing and collaborating with the people of Pohnpei

POHNPEI STATE GOVERNMENT

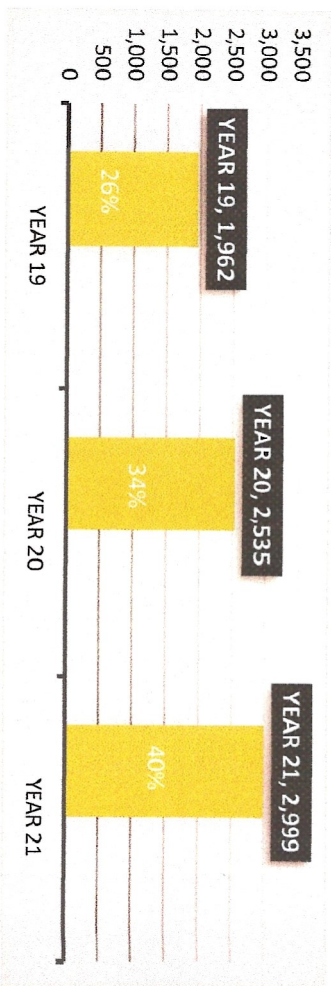
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

PERSONNEL		YEAR 19	YEAR 20	YEAR 21
Directors Office		3	3	3
Division of Police & Security		77	77	77
Division of Correction & Rehabilitation		23	23	23
Division of Fish & Wildlife		8	8	8
Division of Fire & Emergency Services		13	13	13
TOTAL		124	124	124

INTERNAL CASES		YEAR 19	YEAR 20	YEAR 21
MISCONDUCTS			0	0
POLICE TURN-OVER			0	7
INTERNAL CASES			0	1

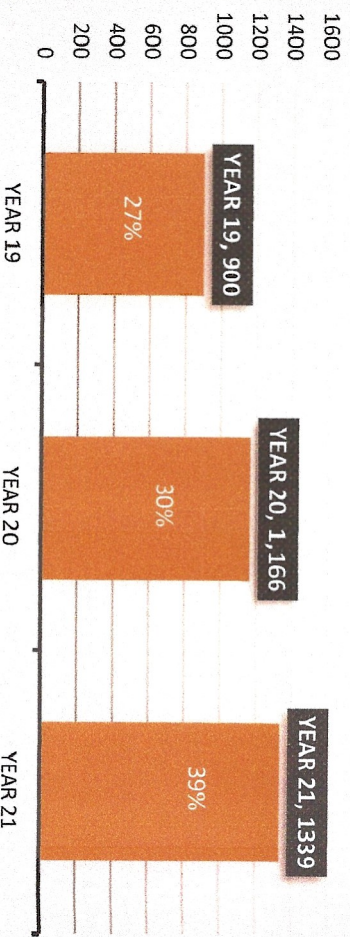
DIVISION OF POLICE AND SECURITY		YEAR 19	YEAR 20	YEAR 21
POLICE ANNUAL CRIME STATISTIC REPORT		1,877	2,395	730
CRIMINAL				
OFFENSES		236	178	78
MISDEMEANOR		1151	1084	436
TRAFFIC				
OFFENSES		67	49	2
MISDEMEANOR CITATION		423	1084	214
Vehicle registration				6,621

911 Emergency Dispatch		YEAR 19	YEAR 20	YEAR 21
EMERGENCY CALLS RECEIVED		1,962	2,535	2,999



DIVISION OF FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES		YEAR 19	YEAR 20	YEAR 21
FIRE ANNUAL RESPONSE STATISTICS REPORT		900	1,166	1,339
FIRE		17	30	21
EMERGENCY MEDICAL		870	1,116	1,303
NATURAL DISASTER		7	1	1
SEARCH AND RESCUE		12	19	14
Water transport (gallons)				18,600

FIRE ANNUAL RESPONSE STATISTICS REPORT



POLICE ANNUAL CRIME STATISTIC REPORT



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Division of Police and Security:

- We are pleased to be able to complete two (2) required Police Academies graduating 40 newly hired police officers from National Police, Pohnpei State, Kosrae State and selected municipal government.
- A Field Training Officers course was also delivered graduating 19 police officer III from Pohnpei State, National and Municipal Government.
- Each Police officer is given 3 sets of uniforms, a pair of duty boots with duty belts including needed accessories.
- Storage lockers were purchased allowing officers to store their uniforms and gears at the office.
- One of our major accomplishments is the creation of the traffic enforcement unit with the Traffic Section. With the Joint Law Enforcement Agreement with the FSM National Police, four (4) police motorcycles and two vehicles were purchased and turned over to the Traffic Section. This unit has improved our traffic management and traffic enforcement.
- Creating a Facebook account which allows us to engage with the people of Pohnpei.
- Crime statistics report shows a 43% decrease from the previous year and 22% from Year 2019.

2. Division of Correction & Rehabilitation:

- The DC&R front desk was renovated and allowing officers safety and better working space.
- The Division is operating on full staff.

3. Division of Fish and Wildlife

- Four (4) conservation officers attended and successfully completed the rescue diving course offered by Mr. Ken Omura. The Division collaborated with various communities CCO volunteers in enforcing conservation laws.

4. Division of Fire & Emergency Services:

- 6 firefighter's and 4 Fish and Wildlife Officers successfully completed the PADI Rescue Diving Course. Along with this course, is the purchase of an air fill station which allows the availability of breathing air for firefighters SCBA tanks and rescue divers SCUBA Tanks.
- The Government of Japan donated two 2,000 gallons water trucks. These two water trucks are very useful most especially for those communities with that do not have PUC water pipes or water supply available. Over 100 gallons of water was delivered since the handover of the water trucks.
- Kolonia Town Government donated an ambulance vehicle.


CHALLENGES:

1. The number of emergency calls increased by an average of 5% over the past 3 years
2. The number of emergency calls responded by the Division of Fire increased 3% in year 2020 and 9% in Year 2021.
3. The major challenge for all four divisions is Infrastructure (facility, emergency vehicles and equipment). All four divisions are in need of a facility/building that offers safety and adequate working space that will allow meetings/interviews to take place without any interruptions. An office space that supports their mandates. Currently, existing buildings offers no privacy and does not provide the suitable environment for officers to conduct meeting/interviews and complete the needed paper work.
4. The Division of Police & Security, more specifically the Patrol Section, need more office space to accommodate the need and safety required. The Patrol Section, armory and evidence and property building is easily accessible to the general public making it unsafe.
5. The jail house is in dire need of repair. It is leaking water into the prison cells, offices and hall way. Shower and water pipes are damaged to due to wear and tear and slabs/chunks of the concrete spalling have fallen from the ceiling on several occasions.
6. The Division of Fish & Wildlife needs funding to build its proposed office building in Dekehtik. The Division is temporarily house along with some offices at the old Peace Corp Office.
7. The Department needs at least two brand new fully equipped ambulance vehicles and a brand-new fire truck. While donation is always good, the goods are donated for a reason and in most cases, parts are impossible to find.

The two (2) existing fire trucks have lived their lives. One is made in 1984 and the second truck is manufactured in 2000. These are two different fire trucks with different mechanical parts. Finding parts is impossible.

8. One of major challenge is response time. Responding to calls (medical or crime) in Rohi, Kitti or Wapar, Madolenihmw and back takes approximately one and half hours.

Based on reports, most medical calls are coming from Kittu and it is our recommendation to, first, build a substation in Kittu that can house ambulance vehicles, fire truck and police vehicles and later in Palikir, Sokehs.

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