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MVA APPLAUDS RETURN OF DPS BIKE PATROL TO GARAPAN

Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI) – The recent reinstatement of the bike patrol by the Dept. of Public Safety (DPS) in the main tourist district of Garapan is being warmly welcomed by the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA).

The unit was introduced by DPS Commissioner Clement Bermudes on Friday (Aug. 4) in the company of MVA Acting Board Chairwoman Gloria Cavanagh, MVA Managing Director Christopher A. Concepcion, Office of the Attorney General prosecutor Chester Hinds, and other MVA, OAG and DPS officials and staff.

“On behalf of our visitors and our tourism industry stakeholders, we’d like to extend a big thank you to Commissioner Bermudes and his team at DPS for this positive step to increase its presence in the Garapan area,” said MVA Managing Director Christopher A. Concepcion. “We echo the department’s invitation for businesses and community members to remain engaged with officers as they work to help ensure safety and security for us all. Special thanks to Sargeant David Hosono and his team who will be managing the Garapan substation.”

DPS simultaneously reopened its sub-station located on Cactus Street in the former MIHA housing subdivision in Garapan. Concepcion added that following a meeting with DPS last month, the department has also increased patrols to popular tourist sites in Marpi.



The CNMI Dept. of Public Safety relaunches its bike patrol unit in the main tourist district of Garapan, Saipan, in The Marianas on Aug. 4, 2023.



The CNMI Dept. of Public Safety bike patrol unit patrols the main tourist district of Garapan, Saipan, in The Marianas in August 2023.

The Marianas is an archipelago of 14 islands - including Saipan, Tinian, and Rota - in the Western Pacific. The Marianas are home to indigenous Chamorro and Carolinian people, as well as over 20 different ethnicities from around the world who live and work in this harmonious tropical paradise. Ancient latte stone limestone monoliths, traditional nature-based ocean navigation not reliant on modern technology, and a culture seasoned by East and West influences are just a few of the experiences found in The Marianas, where pristine sea, sand, and skies are only a 3-4 hour flight from major Asian gateway cities. The Marianas is the first destination with a travel bubble agreement with South Korea, where Asiana Airlines, Jeju Air, and T'Way provide direct flights to Saipan from Seoul-Incheon. United Airlines flies three times a week from Tokyo, Japan, and daily from Guam. Interisland travel between Saipan, Tinian, and Rota is provided by Star Marianas Air. For more information on The Marianas, visit www.mymarianas.com, Facebook/VisitTheMarianas, or Instagram @themarianas.

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