# New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department



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# The Department's Vision, Mission, Values and Goals



#### **Vision**

The Taxation and Revenue Department (the Department) will enhance the quality of life for all New Mexicans by effectively collecting and distributing funds to support schools and state and local government operations and by protecting public safety through effective administration of motor vehicle laws. The Department strives to be professional, fair, consistent and responsive to citizens and respected as an excellent state agency.

#### **Mission**

The Department will administer and enforce, with fairness warranting the public's confidence, New Mexico's taxation and revenue laws and motor vehicle code through a system that efficiently and securely delivers quality customer services.

#### **Values**

**Accountability:** Taking responsibility for our actions and performance.

**Professionalism:** Demonstrating competence, resourcefulness and the highest standards of conduct.

**Integrity:** Committing to honest and ethical behavior.

**Respect:** Honoring diversity, recognizing individual contributions and treating people with courtesy.

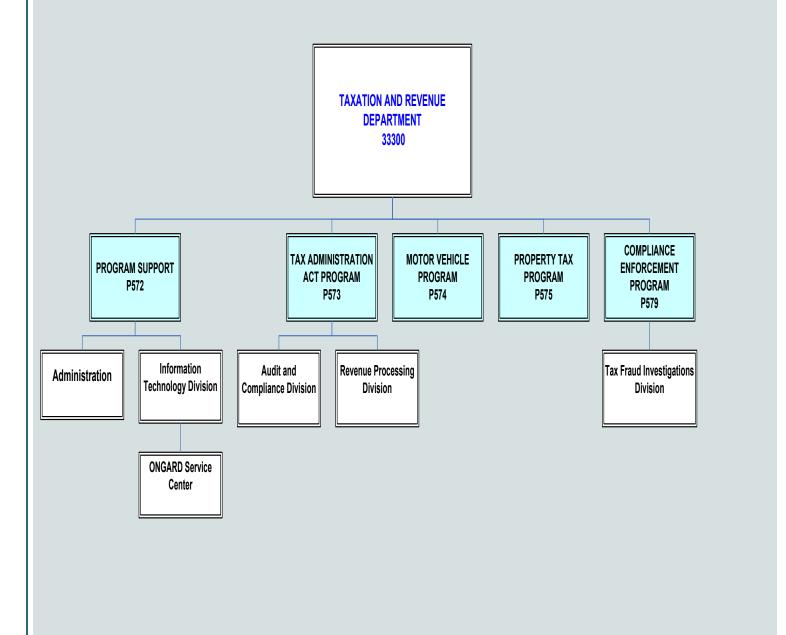
**Open Communication:** Interacting effectively, building cooperative relationships and encouraging creative ideas.

#### Goals

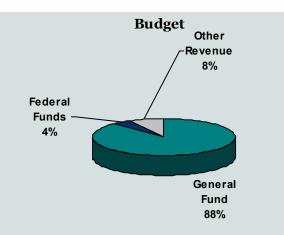
- Provide professional and effective service that meets the needs of all customers.
- Provide consistent and fair management practices that encourage employee development, productivity and integrity.
- Deliver high-quality information technology services that are reliable, accessible, secure and meet all internal and external needs.
- Deliver responsive, fair and efficient administration of tax and motor vehicle programs to fund public services.

## **AGENCY STRUCTURE**

# **Taxation and Revenue Department**



## TAX ADMINISTRATION ACT PROGRAM



**Budget:** \$35,225,800

FTE: 617.7

## **Description**

The Tax Administration Act (TAA) program consists of the Audit and Compliance Division (ACD) and the Revenue Processing Division (RPD). These divisions are responsible for returns processing, auditing, collections and taxpayer assistance functions.

## **Purpose**

The overall mission of the Tax Administration Act program is to collect tax and fee revenues for the State of New Mexico and its political subdivisions through the fair, impartial and consistent application of the New Mexico tax laws by implementing effective and timely collection, deposit and auditing activities.

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## COMPLIANCE ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

## **Description**

The Compliance Enforcement Program conducts investigations of persons suspected of criminal tax violations to determine if prosecution is warranted. In the investigative process, the division works to obtain sufficient evidence from financial records, witnesses and other sources in order to sustain convictions through the New Mexico judicial system.

## **Purpose**

The mission of the Tax Fraud Investigations Division is to support the overall TRD mission by enforcing the criminal statutes relative to the Tax Administration Act and other related financial crimes, as they impact state taxes, in order to identify and prosecute fraud, while encouraging and achieving voluntary compliance with tax laws.

## **Budget**



**Budget: \$2,496,500** 

FTE: 36

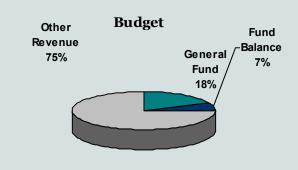
## PROPERTY TAX PROGRAM

## **Description**

The Property Tax Program includes the Property Tax Division (PTD) which encompasses three separate bureaus: The State Assessed Properties Bureau (SAPB) processes property tax returns for New Mexico's 550 multi-county property tax accounts, which constitute approximately 10% of New Mexico's property tax base. The Appraisal Bureau provides technical assistance to New Mexico's 33 counties pertaining to valuation of multifamily, commercial, special use properties and personal property. The Delinquent Property Tax Bureau receives county property tax accounts for collection after two years of non-payment.

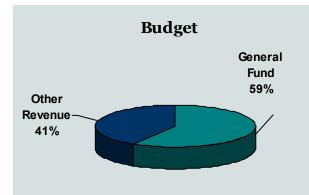


The mission of the Property Tax program is to administer the Property Tax Code in a professional and efficient manner ensuring fair and equitable valuation of all property classes in the state.



**Budget: \$3,486,500** 

FTE: 49



**Budget: \$25,702,700** 

FTE: 384

## **Description**

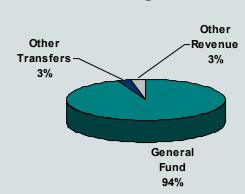
The duties of the Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) are to license commercial and non-commercial drivers; register, title, and license commercial and non-commercial vehicles and boats; license auto dealers and title service companies and contract with private partners to provide selected MVD services. MVD is responsible for assuring compliance with the Motor Vehicle Code (Chapter 66, NMSA 1978).

#### **Purpose**

The mission of MVD is to coordinate and administer the New Mexico Motor Vehicle Code and to provide Motor Vehicle Division customers with quality products and services to enhance safe and efficient motor vehicle operations.

## **PROGRAM SUPPORT**





**Budget: \$22,966,600** 

FTE: 229

## Description

Program Support provides TRD with: top management direction and support; tax policy advice; development and collaboration; taxpayer customer service; and administrative support services. The operating units in this program include the Office of the Secretary, Administrative Services Division, Information Technology Division, and the Oil, Natural Gas Administration and Revenue Database (ONGARD) Service Center.

## **Purpose**

Program Support strives to assure the TRD meets its vision, mission and objectives by providing department management and guidance; sound tax policy and accurate information; administrative and fiscal management support; and taxpayer customer service. This program ensures TRD meets statutory, regulatory and internal administrative requirements by performing its tasks in an effective, efficient and positive fashion.

## QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE AT A GLANCE

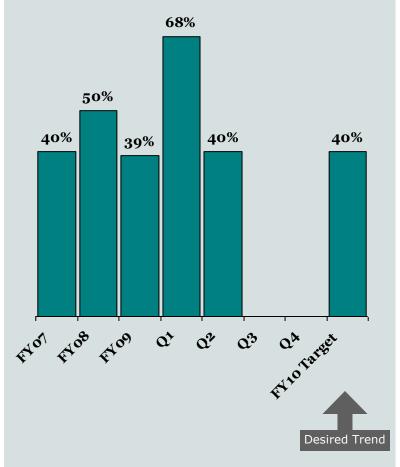
	Key Measure	FYo8 Actual	FY09 Actual	FY10 Target
P573	Collections as a percent of collectable audit assessments	50%	39%	40%
	generated in the current fiscal year Collections as a percent of collectable outstanding balances from the end of the prior fiscal year	20.8%	21.9%	20%
P579	Successful tax fraud prosecutions as a percent of total cases prosecuted	100%	100%	100%
P574	Average call center wait time to reach an agent, in minutes	4.52	1.92	3.45
	Percent of registered vehicles with liability insurance	90%	90.5%	91%
	Average wait time in q-matic equipped offices, in minutes	14	16.8	14
P575	Percent of counties in compliance with sales ratio standard of eighty- five percent assessed value to market value	N/A	91%	90%
P572	Percent of driving-while- intoxicated drivers license revocations rescinded due to failure to hold hearings within ninety days	1%	.43%	<1%

## TAX ADMINISTRATION ACT PROGRAM

#### PERFORMANCE MEASURE

Collections as a percent of collectible audit assessments generated in the current fiscal year

FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10
Results	Results	Results	Target
40%	50%	39%	40%



#### **DATA SOURCE:**

Cost recovery report and monthly statistical reports; data reported is cumulative.

#### STRATEGIC GOAL:

Maintain audit collections of audits assessed at a constant 40% in the year of assessment.

#### **OBJECTIVE:**

This will measure the Department's effectiveness in generating audit assessments that are collectible. The percentage reflects strictly the amount of field audit assessments generated this fiscal year that were also paid in this fiscal year. Tape match assessments or limited scope audits are not included in this measure. Beginning in FY08, TRD is tracking all audit assessments generated in GenTax, previously only CRS, CIT and PIT were tracked.

#### **ACTION PLAN:**

Continue to assess collectible audits and immediately start collection action when the account becomes delinquent (31 days).

#### **EXPLANATION:**

Second quarter cumulative assessments totaled \$33.94M; \$16.30M is less than 60 days old and \$5.4M is in protest leaving a collectible balance of \$12.20M. Collection cannot be enforced until after 60 days or on protested amounts. Of the collectible balance, \$4.89M has been collected resulting in a 40% recovery rate for the second quarter.

#### **CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN:**

Target on track for cumulative result.

## TAX ADMINISTRATION ACT PROGRAM

#### STRATEGIC GOAL:

Maintain collections as a percent of outstanding balance from 10% in FY05 to a sustained 20%.

#### **OBJECTIVE:**

This is a cumulative measurement, goal is to collect 20% of the \$414.5M by 6/30/10. This will measure how well TRD collectors are working with taxpayers to collect taxes that are due and to reduce the accounts receivable balance.

#### **ACTION PLAN:**

Continue to increase dialer hours (taxpayer contacts), to re-evaluate collection strategies, and to focus on a balance between old outstanding assessments and new assessments. Concentrate on new assessments which are more collectible in the early stages. Outsource the collection of certain receivables to outside collection agencies. Collectible balances exclude accounts past the statutes of limitations, protested accounts and accounts in bankruptcy.

#### **EXPLANATION:**

Collections toward the fiscal year beginning accounts receivable balance of \$414.5M are \$48.1M or 11.6%. The beginning accounts receivable balance has been reduced by an additional \$42.6M as a result of amended returns, abatements, deactivations and reversals. The total reduction through the 2nd quarter in the fiscal year beginning accounts receivable is \$90.7M or 21.9% with a balance of \$323.8M. This total reduction is 81.5% of what was reduced through the same time period in FY09.

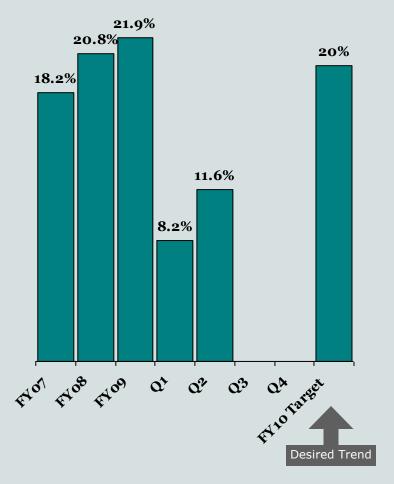
#### **CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN:**

TRD is in the process of routing a greater number of accounts to the private collection agencies to boost collections on difficult accounts. The call center has streamlined the process by establishing a GenTax work list that "pools" accounts for potential bank and levy action. This process will continue to increase the volume of approved levies.

#### PERFORMANCE MEASURE

Collections as a percent of collectible outstanding balances from the end of the prior fiscal year

FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10 Target
18.2%	20.8%	21.9%	20%



#### **DATA SOURCE:**

GenTax "Prior Year Receivables FY09 Summary" DataMart. Payments divided by fiscal year ending (FYE) receivables equals the collections percentage. FYE receivables minus total reductions equals the total amount outstanding.

## COMPLIANCE ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

#### STRATEGIC GOAL:

Maintain a 100% success rate of total cases prosecuted.

#### **OBJECTIVE:**

Identify, investigate, and support prosecution of tax fraud — both to collect the specific monies due and to act as a deterrent to others who might consider fraud. Successful prosecutions (and the ensuing publicity) are key measures of success.

#### **ACTION PLAN:**

Support the overall mission of the Taxation and Revenue Department by enforcing the criminal statutes relative to the Tax Administration Act and other related financial crimes, as they impact state taxes, in order to encourage and achieve voluntary compliance with the state tax laws.

#### **EXPLANATION:**

There were two successfully prosecuted cases this quarter.

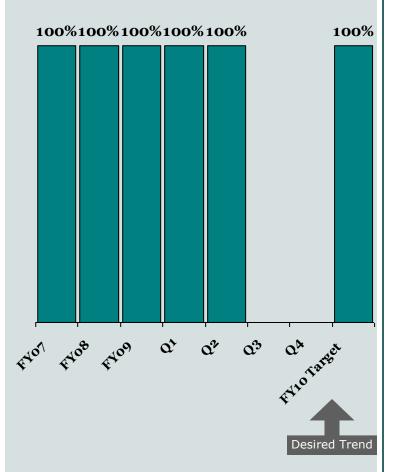
#### **CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN:**

Target met. Seven cases were referred in FY2009 that have not yet been indicted. The cases will be included when the judicial system process is complete on each individual case. The completion time can not be reasonably determined and should not be a basis for future prosecutions.

#### PERFORMANCE MEASURE

Successful Tax Fraud prosecutions as a percent of total cases prosecuted

FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10 Target
100%	100%	100%	100%



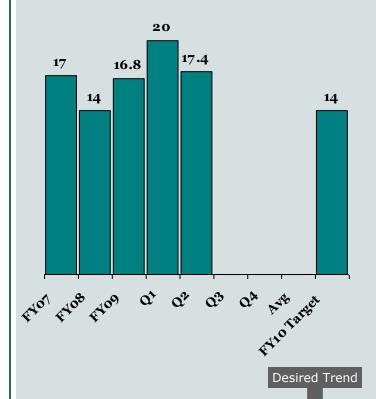
#### **DATA SOURCE:**

Guilty pleas proceedings on file with State District Courts.

#### PERFORMANCE MEASURE

Average wait time in Q-Matic equipped offices, in minutes

FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10 Target
17	14	16.8	14



#### **DATA SOURCE:**

Data is collected using the Q-Matic software located in: Alamogordo, Belen, Carlsbad, Clovis, Cottonwood, Espanola, Farmington, Gallup, Grants, Las Cruces, Las Vegas, Los Alamos, Los Lunas, Metro, Montgomery Plaza, Moriarty, Portales, Raton, Rio Bravo, Roswell, Ruidoso, Sandia vista, Santa Fe, Silver City, Socorro, T or C and Tucumcari. (Note: the Q-matic equipment in the Taos office has not been replaced since the fire in that office destroyed the equipment.)

#### **STRATEGIC GOAL:**

Provide quality customer services that are consistent, efficient, timely, accurate and confidential.

#### **OBJECTIVE:**

The twenty-seven offices equipped with an automated system for measuring wait-time account for the majority of state field transactions.

#### **ACTION PLAN:**

Collect wait time data on a weekly basis and analyze data to identify offices that are and that are not meeting the target. Data is reported on a weekly basis and used to identify and address underperformance.

#### **EXPLANATION:**

November and December are traditionally the two slowest months of the year. Reduction in wait time is likely the direct result of fewer transactions. Total transactions were 90,724 in Q1 and 57,998 in Q2. Additionally, MVD implemented several customer service enhancements, as a pilot, in 13 field offices that have begun to show results: fast track lanes for the simplest MVD transactions; courtesy lanes for customers with disabilities and/or who are over age 75; and substitute clerks who allow us to maintain specific staffing levels during lunch and when employees are out on extended leave.

#### **Corrective Action Plan:**

MVD continues to improve its processes as follows:

- Implementing an appointment process, express lines, and substitute clerk program for peak periods.
- Implement 3rd party testing for skills tests to increase and simplify online services.
- Improve automated call center functions (IVR) to expand options and improve capabilities.
- Implement a secret shopper quality control program .
- Increase and improve training of field office managers and agents and filling vacancies if approved.

MVD's focus is on the quality of work and completing tasks error free.

#### STRATEGIC GOAL:

Reduce the number of uninsured motorist in New Mexico

#### **OBJECTIVE:**

The purpose of the program is to enforce the Mandatory Financial Responsibility Act (66-5-201 through 66-5-239 NMSA) by monitoring all registered vehicles to be in compliance with the minimum liability insurance requirements.

#### **ACTION PLAN:**

- Create process-flow diagram for tracking of first and second letter notification results.
- Create process description for use in initial and recurring training.
- Continue mailing of first notification letter and revocation letter.
- Determine system "level-off" percentage.
- Analyze system to determine how to increase the insured rate above the "level-off" percentage.
- Implement improvement actions and re-evaluate.

#### **EXPLANATION:**

The insured rate for the second quarter ranges from a high of 91.12% to a low of 90.48% with an average of 90.83%. As in the first quarter of FY 2010, the weekly insured rate never dropped below 90%, still well above the national average of around 85.4%.

#### **Corrective Action Plan:**

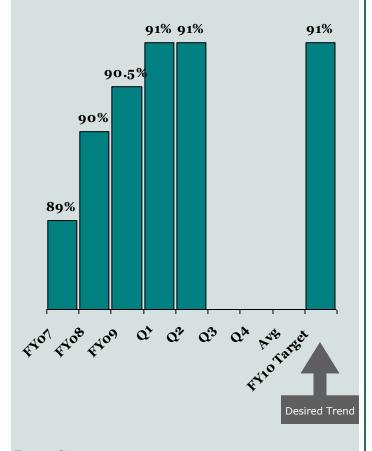
Target met.

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#### PERFORMANCE MEASURE

Percent of registered vehicles with liability insurance

FY07	FYo8	FY09	FY10 Target
89%	90%	90.5%	91%



#### DATA SOURCE:

Three data sources will be used

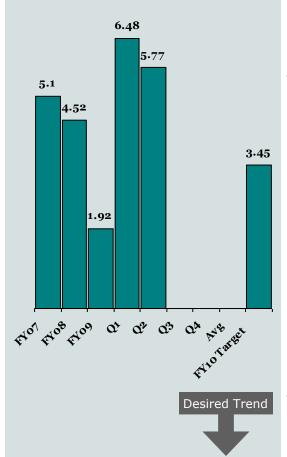
- a. MVD's vehicle database
- b. Individual insurance company's vehicle databases
- c. Insurance Identification Database

ITD maintains the MVD vehicle database 3rd-party contractor receives individual insurance company vehicle insurance information (minimum monthly) and compares these databases against the MVD vehicle database.

#### PERFORMANCE MEASURE

Average call center wait time to reach an agent, in minutes

FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10 Target
5.1	4.52	1.92	3.45



#### **DATA SOURCE:**

Call Center wait-time data is retrieved from the IVR system.

#### STRATEGIC GOAL:

Provide quality customer services that are consistent, efficient, timely, accurate and confidential.

#### **OBJECTIVE:**

Respond to incoming calls in the Motor Vehicle Division Call Center in a timely manner.

#### **ACTION PLAN:**

- Create a process description for use in initial and recurring training.
- Rewrite IVR system script to reduce need to talk to call center person.
- Analyze data to identify possible improvement actions to include process improvement and staffing adjustments.
- Implement improvement actions and reevaluate.

#### **EXPLANATION:**

60,289 calls answered by clerks. XC5's, which are pending suspension notices sent to New Mexico drivers who have unresolved citations in other states, are no longer the leading call driver. Foreign Nationals looking for licenses and vehicle owners looking to track down registrations have surpassed other calls. The clerks are dealing with a variety of issues that are more difficult to resolve. The 5.77 result is the average time it took in the second quarter to reach a clerk once chosen from the IVR system. Overall length of time per call increased by 11 seconds from last quarter of 3:19 to 3:30. This is a direct result of customer issues that must be researched or handled by another section of the division for resolution. In the past, call time variance typically was 3-5 seconds, quarter to quarter. Average calls per clerk are trending downwards as call time lengthens.

#### **CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN:**

MVD is working on filling a clerk position, which is projected to answer 2,000 calls a month. MVD will have completed the XC5 error correction process enabling notification levels to resume their normal levels resulting in fewer calls generated. For the foreign national ID status calls, MVD will work with the Tax Fraud Investigations Division to create an automated process to notify the customer via US mail with reasons MVD did not issue an ID and the steps the customer can take to resolve the issue. This letter will provide contact information and proper documentation needed. By proactively providing the customer with the information to resolve their situation, the Division expects to see a decrease in the number of calls to the Call Center.

## PROPERTY TAX PROGRAM

#### STRATEGIC GOAL:

Improve Sales Ratio Study to include measures of presales assessment and assessor performance.

#### **OBJECTIVE:**

The State Assessed Property Bureau (SAPB) values the property of 450 to 600 companies doing business in multiple counties. The property value of these entities constitutes approximately 11% of the assessed property value in New Mexico. While the number of appraisals/valuations is just an activity measure, it provides some helpful perspective on workings of the Property Tax Division.

#### **ACTION PLAN:**

Each year the Property Tax Division's Appraisal Bureau collects sales data from all thirty-three counties. The Division compares the sales data to current assessments reported by the County Assessor's Offices. This study is completed toward the end of July in each calendar year. The FY10 result reflects the 2009 reassessment of sales (Sales Ratio Study) that occurred in calendar year 2008.

#### **EXPLANATION:**

This is an annual study. The FY10 results were completed in July of 2009.

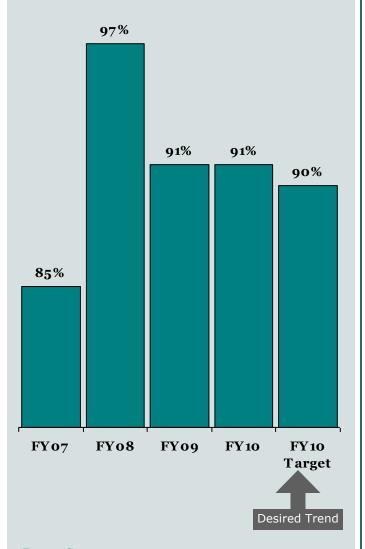
#### **CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN:**

Target met.

#### PERFORMANCE MEASURE

Percent of counties in compliance with sales ratio standard of eighty-five percent assessed value to market value

FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY10 Target
85%	97%	91%	91%	90%



#### **DATA SOURCE:**

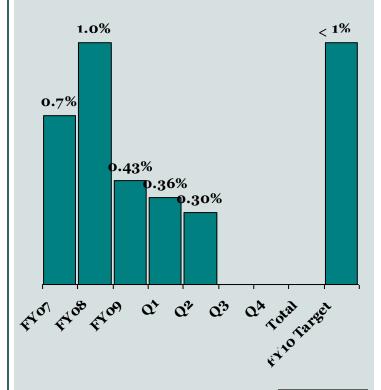
Sales and assessments are reported by the County Assessors. This is an annual study. The FY10 results were completed in July of 2009.

## PROGRAM SUPPORT

#### PERFORMANCE MEASURE

Percent of DWI driver's license revocations rescinded due to failure to hold hearings within ninety days

FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10 Target
0.7%	1.0%	0.43%	<1.0%





#### **DATA SOURCE:**

The Hearing Bureau uses data retrieved from the MVD database. The Chief Hearing Officer also researches the Hearing Bureau's database for decisions that are rescinded based on the code listed by the hearing officers.

#### STRATEGIC GOAL:

To ensure that hearings are held within the ninety days to prevent DWI offenders from keeping their licenses due to failure to hold hearings within the ninety day period because of administrative errors.

#### **OBJECTIVE:**

Under the Implied Consent Act, drivers are entitled to a hearing within 90 days to contest the suspension of their license. If the hearing is not held within this timeframe, the driver's license is no longer suspended.

#### **ACTION PLAN:**

The Hearing Bureau continues to review its procedures for scheduling cases to provide both timely notice to the drivers and law enforcement officers and to set the hearings on a date that allows cases to be reset when there are errors with the notice or hearings canceled because of snow days.

#### **EXPLANATION:**

A total of 1,336 cases were scheduled in the second quarter; 4 of the cases were rescinded due to the following errors:

lack of current or incorrect information, miscommunications and inclement weather.

#### **Corrective Action Plan:**

Target on track for cumulative result.

