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May 15, 2012

HTC TUA'OLO M.E. FRUEAN  
Commissioner  
Department of Public Safety  
American Samoa Government  
Fagatogo, American Samoa 96799

Re: National Police Week – Police Memorial Day.

Dear Commissioner:

Every day police officers around the Country place themselves in harm's way with the unselfish service and commitment they make to keep our communities safe. Nationally, about 35 officers have lost their lives in the line of duty this year. Just recently, our local Police force lost one of its own with the tragic death of Lt. Lusila Brown, a dedicated veteran of our Department of Public Safety. Lt. Brown was just one of the many brave men and women of DPS who paid the ultimate price for law and order.

For this National Police Week, the American Samoa Bar Association (ASBA) recognizes the invaluable service that the men and women in our Police Force provide to American Samoa. It is no simple task protecting and serving one's community, so we truly appreciate the fact our "men and women in blue" are dedicated to their work despite the risks to their own lives. And since today, May 15<sup>th</sup>, is Police Memorial Day, the ASBA remembers our many fallen heroes over the years who sacrificed their lives in service not only to our Territory, but to our Country as well. To their families, we offer our support and prayers.

The ASBA wishes the Department of Public Safety and our men and women in uniform a successful Police Week, and recognize that American Samoa is a safer place because of them.

Fa'afetai tele lava. Malo le fai o le faiva.

MARCELLUS TALAIMALO UIAGALELEI  
President

cc: HTC Leaseiau V.T. Laumoli – Chief of Police