

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR HAGÅTÑA, GUAM 96910 U.S.A.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2014-03

RELATIVE TO CREATING A CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT AN ISLANDWIDE CITIZEN CORPS PLAN

WHEREAS, Citizen Corps was established by the Federal Emergency Management Agency after the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, to provide citizens the opportunity to become an integral part in the security of their nation and assist first responders in time of emergencies and disaster; and

WHEREAS, The mission of Citizen Corps "is to harness the power of every individual through education, training, and volunteer service to make communities safer, stronger, and better prepared to respond to the threats of terrorism, crime, public health issues, and disasters of all kinds"; and

WHEREAS, The mission of Citizen Corps is fulfilled by Citizen Corps Council on the national, state, and tribal Citizen Corps Councils, which will convene members of law enforcement,; and

WHEREAS, Guam's public safety agencies are faced with obstacles everyday and would benefit from additional manpower; and

WHEREAS, Guam falls within "Typhoon Alley," and is at risk of tsunamis, flooding, earthquakes, and man-made disasters; and

WHEREAS, Natural disasters and other catastrophic events impede Guam's emergency response resources, communications, transportation, and utilities; and



WHEREAS, Guam needs to establish a Citizen Corps Council to advocate and strengthen Citizen Corps programs to assist in times of man-made and natural disasters to provide support to first responders by answering the call in these times of crisis; and

WHEREAS, A Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), a partner of Citizen Corps, is active in Guam, and provides education and training citizens about disaster preparedness for potential disasters; and

WHEREAS, Guam Code Annotated, Title 10, Chapter 72A requires that the Guam Fire department establish a Community Firefighter Reserve Program that has not yet been fulfilled; and

NOW, THEREFORE I, RAYMOND S. TENORIO, *I Maga'låhen Guahan, Akto,* Acting Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in by the Organic Act of Guam, do hereby ORDER:

- 1. A local Citizen Corps Council is hereby established and will be chaired and co-chaired by a member selected by the council.
- 2. The membership of the Citizen Corps Council shall include:
 - a. A representative from the Mayors Council of Guam
 - b. A representative from the Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority
 - c. A representative from Guam Homeland Security/Office of Civil Defense
 - d. The Special Assistant to the Guam Fire Department Chief
 - e. A representative from a medical organization that consists of physicians and nurses in Guam.
 - f. Two (2) representatives from the private sector or non-profit organizations whose operations deal with disaster relief and emergency management
- 3. The council will assist, promote, and strengthen the following Citizen Corps Programs: Community Emergency Response Team (CERT); Volunteer Police Services; Fire Corp; Medical Reserve Corps; and



Neighborhood Watch. Each program will have at least two (2) individuals responsible from the membership listed above.

- 4. The council will establish a plan to encourage community involvement—educating them on Citizen Corps programs—survey communities to address their needs by assessing their preparedness and knowledge of disaster plans, and to prepare them to respond and recovery throughout events that affect our island.
- 5. The council will work through Guam Homeland Security/Office of Civil Defense to ensure that the Citizen Corps program meets the requirement of Citizen Corps on the national level and also the needs of Guam.
- 6. Guam Homeland Security/Office of Civil Defense will provide Citizen Corps with Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) instructors, equipment, and a limited amount of funding for training volunteers.
- 7. The council will submit their plan to the Governor of Guam within sixty (60) days from the effective date of this Executive Order.
- 8. All Government of Guam Agencies are required to assist the Council on this endeavor if their help is sought to help establish this plan.
- 9. The council will do annual assessments and produce a report to be provided to Guam Homeland Security.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Hagåtña, Guam this 25th day of January, 2014.

RAYMOND S. TENORIO

I Maga'Låhen Guåhan, Akto Acting Governor of Guam