OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
HAGÅTÑA, GUAM 96910  
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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2014-10

RELATIVE TO RE-ESTABLISHING THE 
GUAM INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS WORKING GROUP

WHEREAS, the Government of Guam presently operates an island wide analog 800MHz wireless communications system which was installed in 1989 for voice communication and is presently used by approximately eighteen (18) GovGuam agencies, ten (10) Federal Agencies and Tumon Hotel Security with one thousand (1,000) subscribers; and

WHEREAS, September 11, 2001, heightened the importance of interoperable communications among emergency service agencies; and

WHEREAS, Presidential Policy Directive 8/PPD-8 and the National Preparedness Goal describe the Nation’s approach to preparing for the threats and hazards that pose the greatest risk to the security of Guam and the United States. National preparedness is the shared responsibility of the whole community, and there is an expectation on the public safety community to take a multi-path approach to network infrastructure use and development in which the land mobile radio system and 911 system remain the primary capabilities that emergency responders use to achieve mission critical voice communications in the foreseeable future, while the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network will augment how emergency responders communicate and share information; and

WHEREAS, the necessity of reliable communications and interoperability for first responders was demonstrated during the numerous typhoons that have affected the Island; and
WHEREAS, the residents of Guam will best be served by an interoperable communications working group whose mandate shall be, in part, to develop an interdisciplinary approach among all levels of government to provide reliable communications for the entire emergency response community within Guam; and

NOW THEREFORE I, RAYMOND S. TENORIO, I Maga’lăhen Guåhan para pa’go, Acting Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested by the Organic Act and laws of Guam do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: The Guam Interoperable Communications Working Group (hereafter ICWG) is hereby established within the Office of Technology.

SECTION 2: The ICWG will consist of a representative from the following departments and agencies:

Guam Homeland Security/Office of Civil Defense (GHS/OCD)
Office of Technology (OTech)
Guam Police Department (GPD)
Guam Fire Department (GFD)
Department of Customs & Quarantine (CQA)
Guam Memorial Hospital Authority (GMHA)
Port Authority of Guam (PAG)
Guam International Airport Authority (GIAA)
Guam Department of Education (DOE)
Guam Department of Public Works (DPW)
Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS)
Department of Military Affairs

An invitation to participate may also be extended to:
Joint Region Marianas
Office of the Attorney General
General Services Administration

SECTION 3: The duties of the ICWG shall include, but are not limited to, the following:
A. Advise the Chair, Co-Chair and Interoperable Communications Coordinator regarding the design, development, planning, construction, administration, and maintenance of the Guam Public Safety Communications System (hereafter system);

B. Assist the Chair, Co-Chair and Interoperable Communications Coordinator in the development of strategies and plans, and in securing funds for the operations and maintenance of both the system and enhanced 911 system; and

C. Advise the Chair, Co-Chair and Interoperable Communications Coordinator regarding the Public Broadband Safety Network.

SECTION 4: The ICWG Steering Committee shall consist of the following members: (1) the Governor’s Homeland Security Advisor; (2) the Chief Technology Officer; (3) the Interoperable Communications Coordinator, and because they are the primary subscribers and play an important role in emergency operations; (4) the Chief of the Guam Police Department, and the (5) Chief of the Guam Fire Department. The ICWG Steering Committee will develop strategies and policies to ensure that the ICWG’s objectives are met.

The Governor shall appoint a Chair and Co-Chair of the ICWG who shall also serve as Chair and Co-Chair of the ICWG Steering Committee. The Chair and Co-Chair shall oversee all meetings, oversee financial operations, and implement strategies in a cost-effective and time-efficient manner.

A. The ICWG Steering Committee shall select a rapporteur.

B. The Interoperable Communications Coordinator shall advise the ICWG Steering Committee on technical issues, best practices, and pertinent policies.

The ICWG Steering Committee may employ the necessary staff or procure the services of a firm or firms for the purposes of: (a) strategic planning; (b) grantsmanship, program implementation, program evaluation and compliance reporting; and (c) planning for the replacement, upgrade, maintenance, disposal of, or acquisition of a system. Any act to employ or procure on behalf of the ICWG shall be initiated through a majority vote of the ICWG Executive Committee.
SECTION 5: The ICWG may establish subcommittees to advise the ICWG on specific issues. The ICWG shall review the recommendations of the subcommittees.

SECTION 6: The ICWG shall meet, at a minimum, each quarter at the call of the Chair or Co-Chair. Additionally, the Chair or Co-Chair may call meetings whenever necessary.

SECTION 7: This Order is effective upon signature and shall continue in effect until amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the Governor of Guam, or otherwise terminated by operation of law.

SECTION 8: This Executive Order shall supersede Executive Order No. 2012-12 and Executive Order No. 2008-18.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Hagåtña, Guam on this 19th day of June, 2014.

RAYMOND S. TENORIO
I Maga'lahen Guåhan, para pa'go
Acting Governor of Guam